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Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“Despite the continuing upheaval caused by COVID-19, financial wellbeing and financial confidence both hit new index highs in April 2021, while planned financial activity for the next three months approached pre-pandemic levels in May, driven by increased interest in leisure and hospitality.

While there are growing signs of polarisation and ...

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COVID-19 - Retail and E-commerce: A Year On - UK

“The COVID-19 pandemic has been a seismic event in the history of modern UK retail. Overnight, consumer behaviour shifted and retailers of all sizes were forced to react to the new environment the pandemic had brought. Some excelled in this new environment, while for some it meant the end of ...

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Seasonal Shopping (Autumn/Winter) - UK

“The pandemic did not deter celebrations for the autumn/winter seasonal events with spending resilient across all events – albeit significantly down on the year before. Uncertainty ahead of a new term eclipsed Back-to-School spending with some parents focusing on supporting remote learning. Despite Halloween trick-or-treating being banned, shoppers found ...

UK Retail Rankings - UK

“The 2021 Retail Rankings paints a picture of the retail sector that went into lockdown. It helps to put into context the businesses which have failed, such as Debenhams, Arcadia and Aurora. Their share of retail sales was relatively low (they rank at 30 or under in the Ranking), but ...