

### December 2008

#### Toy Retailing - UK

Toy retailing revolves around selling a fun product in a highly competitive marketplace. The stores should be vibrant and exciting, but the majority of the market are competing on price and becoming increasingly commoditised.

### November 2008

#### Food Retailing - UK

Food retailing is by far the largest retail sector accounting for almost half of all retail sales. It is also the most concentrated in Europe, if not the world, with just four major players dominating the sector and taking the lion's share of main supermarket shopping trips.

### October 2008

#### Pet Food and Pet Care Retailing - UK

The humanisation of pets has been a growing trend and there is no sign that this is abating. It continues to influence all aspects of the pet food and petcare market from packaging developments to new services and accessories. Looking to the human world provides major indications as to where ...

#### Fashion Accessories Retailing - UK

The total adult fashion accessories market, as defined by this report, was worth just over £1 billion in 2007 – a 37% increase on 2003 and up by 7% on 2006. Growth has been largely driven by women's handbags, and women's accessories accounted for 70% of the sector's sales in ...

### September 2008

#### Garden Products Retailing - UK

Green is certainly the new black when it comes to the leading garden products retailers. There may appear to be natural synergies between gardening and the environmental movement, but for consumers this has to be delivered in a credible manner. In a sense the consumer is making their own moves ...

#### Clothing Retailing - UK

The UK clothing market has been dominated by price for much of the last ten years, as cheaper sourcing from the Far East has facilitated the growth of value retailers and increased competition in the marketplace.

### August 2008

#### Car Retailing - UK

This report addresses the car retail market in the UK, discussing current trends and issues in the market and future prospects, last examined by Mintel in its report *Car Retailing – UK, Retail Intelligence, August 2006*.

### July 2008

#### Womenswear Retailing - UK

**Classics are back as British women are becoming tired of fast fashion**

#### Furniture Retailing - UK

The UK housing market has slowed dramatically and with house prices and the number of transactions forecast to fall this year, this must be bad news for furniture retailers. Already in 2008 there have been a number of casualties, including Sleep Depot and New Heights, and most recently Ilva and ...

### June 2008

#### Airport Retailing - UK

The value of airport retail sales is growing more slowly than the spending of both inbound and outbound air travellers – it is in effect losing share. We believe that this is because most airports have boring retail provision with little to stimulate travellers to spend. With some lessons from ...

### May 2008

#### Footwear Retailing - UK

As far as specialist shoe retailers are concerned, here is a market being attacked on all fronts. Low barriers to entry have seen a rapid rise in competitors that outshine in terms of both price and styling. So, where to next for the specialist shoe retailer? Are they doomed to ...

#### Electrical Retailing - UK

This report concentrates on 'electrical specialists' such as Currys and Comet.

### April 2008

#### Health Food Retailing - UK

There is little doubt that health food and VMS (Vitamins, Minerals and Supplements) are mainstream products, widely available in supermarkets and chemists. Distribution via websites and home shopping is also broadening. So, in this competitive climate Health Food Retailhealth food retail specialists have begun to carve out specialised niches. Holland ...

#### Underwear Retailing - UK

In 2006, underwear sales grew by 2.3% and the year after by 2.2%, reaching an estimated £3.3 billion in 2007. However, within this, women's underwear increased by 2.6% in 2007.

## March 2008

### Retail Review - UK

Mintel's annual review of all major retailers and retail categories highlights performance trends within and between categories. Its key objective is to assess retailers' responses to the prevailing market conditions as the industry faces another difficult year.

## February 2008

### Opticians - UK

The UK retail market for opticians is mature, with stiff competition. Most major chains are reaching saturation, with few opportunities for expansion into new towns, and competitive conditions are squeezing margins. Despite this, in the two years since Mintel last reported on this market, sales have still managed to grow ...

## January 2008

### Childrenswear Retailing - UK

The market has been living under the shadow of unfavorable demographic trends for some time now but it does not appear to be denting consumers' ability to spend. There is more choice and fashionability in the market ensuring it remains highly competitive in pricing terms.

### Music and DVD Retailing - UK

Retailers selling music and video face huge challenges, ranging from rapid price deflation to a new generation of consumers who often download music (and sometimes films) for free.

### DIY Retailing - UK

The expansionary phase of the late 1990s and early 2000s appears to be over, as does the boom in consumer interest in DIY fuelled by the media. There are few opportunities to open new out-of-town DIY sheds and people don't seem to be doing as much DIY as they used ...