

### December 2015

#### Consumers and the Economic Outlook: Quarterly Update - UK

"Mintel's key measures of consumer confidence show that people are still wary. Although the improvements in sentiment that accompanied the end of the income squeeze have been sustained, 2015 has been a year of consolidation, rather than one of soaring consumer spirits. Earlier in the year, the election added ...

#### Car Service, Maintenance and Repair - UK

"Car servicing, maintenance and repair is in part a victim of the success of the automotive sector in improving reliability and cutting the costs of motoring in recent years. Improvements in the quality of parts, the longer service intervals now specified for modern cars and the launch of inclusive/reduced ...

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#### Car Aftermarket - UK

"The parts replacement market has seen sluggish growth in recent years despite the fact that certain sectors such as tyres have seen prices boosted by rising raw material costs. A combination of factors ranging from increased reliability to the effects of lower prices and down-trading have come together to depress ...