



October 2016

Current Accounts - Ireland

“The conclusion at first glance is that the Irish current account market emerged relatively unscathed from the financial crisis and subsequent recession – current account ownership is almost universal among both NI and RoI consumers. However, despite the return of economic growth, the number of active current accounts in RoI ...

August 2016

Payment Methods: Online vs. Offline - Ireland

“Compared to less than a decade ago when cash was the preferred method of payment among Irish consumers, the Irish payments industry has changed dramatically. Non-cash methods of payment have become increasingly popular - most notably debit cards, which have now far surpassed credit cards as consumers' favourite form of plastic ...

June 2016

Car Insurance - Ireland

“Having benefited from several years of intense price competition among car insurance providers, consumers both in NI and RoI are being confronted now with a harsh new reality: significant increases in motor insurance premiums over the past couple of years, with further (albeit less severe) increases almost inevitable in the ...

March 2016

Mortgages - Ireland

“Although the Irish mortgage market has re-established itself following the turmoil of the post-financial crisis and recession years, the value of outstanding mortgage lending is – perhaps surprisingly – in subtle decline. Although mortgage lending is increasing, it nonetheless trails the prevailing level of repayments.”

Brian O'Connor, Senior Consumer Analyst



February 2016

Savings - Ireland

“After a prolonged period of time in which consumers’ motivation to save far exceeded their financial capacity to save, consumers now finally have far greater capacity to start saving or add to existing savings. This is particularly true of RoI consumers, who felt the effects of the recession far more ...