October 2021

Jewellery & Watches Retailing - UK

“As the jewellery and watches market rebounds from the harsh impact of COVID-19 on the sector, sales are estimated to recover gradually, but it will take several years to reach pre-pandemic levels. As consumers release pent-up demand for purchasing, there are opportunities for jewellery and watch retailers to encourage them ...

Food and Non-food Discounters - UK

“Despite concerns around their lack of ecommerce offering and potentially crowded stores, the discounters saw sales surge in pandemic-struck 2020. Looking ahead, the sector looks set to leave these turbulent 18 months behind with a spring in its step as continuing economic uncertainty makes their value-led proposition tempting for consumers ...

September 2021

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“The end of social distancing and the associated boost to retail, leisure and entertainment spend brought about an immediate rebound in economic activity, and GDP grew by 4.8% in Q2 2021. Consumers have also responded positively, with Mintel’s current financial wellbeing and financial confidence trackers reaching new record-highs in ...

August 2021

Online Retailing - UK

“The online channel has been one of the main benefactors of the pandemic, as consumers have naturally lent more on online retail for a broader variety of needs than ever before. While the market will naturally see some rebalancing over the next two years, we expect the extended period of ...

July 2021

Department Stores - UK

“Department stores have been rocked by COVID-19 and face increased competition from pureplays and fashion retailers expanding into new categories. They will need to respond by widening and elevating the in-store services they offer to encourage customers to visit stores, as well as making shopping easier by blending the in-store ...

Furniture Retailing - UK

“Furniture spending dropped sharply in mid-2020, driven by store closures, a sharp decline in the housing market and a reduced appetite for big-ticket purchases. This has quickly recovered, however, as the home gained from extended periods inside and redirected spending. Nonetheless, this disruption has sent shockwaves across the retailing landscape ...