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“The contract catering industry has maintained growth over the past year despite reduced margins. Margins were reduced as input costs grew significantly; a result of high inflation disproportionately driving food prices and heightened expenditure on labour forces tied to ongoing increases in the National Living Wage.”

– **Marco Amasanti, B2B Analyst**

This report looks at the following areas:

- How has the market performed over the past year given the air of uncertainty triggered by the EU referendum?
- What have been the drivers of growth over this period?
- How has the structure of the contract catering market changed in recent years?
- What does the future of the contract catering market look like?

For the purposes of this Report, contract catering is defined as the part of the foodservice industry that supplies meals to third-party organisations. This encompasses a wide variety of businesses and institutions.

This report concentrates on the following main sections of contract catering:

Business and Industry:

company staff catering, including government and agency locations.

Local Authorities:

local government.

Education:

including both state education, such as schools, colleges and universities, and independent schools.

Healthcare:

including NHS and trust hospitals, private hospitals, and private nursing homes.

Defence:

MOD and armed services.

Remote sites:

including oil rigs, training centres, and construction sites.

Retail catering:

including catering for the public in high-street retail outlets.

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Hospital Caterers Association

The Association of Catering Excellence (ACEGB)

The Nationwide Caterers Association (NCASS)

Trade Magazines

Catering Insight

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