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Contract Catering - UK

“Despite facing a series of headwinds the contract catering industry has continued to grow in 2019. Increased labour costs and falling business investment have held the sector back, but robust consumer spending and growth in the leisure economy have offered some reprieve. The sector’s unique position as a service provider ...

The Leisure Outlook - UK

“Consumers have begun preparing for Christmas by adding to savings and reducing spend on nights out. While participation in some leisure activities is expected to take a hit, indoor venues look set to at least maintain trading levels as the winter cold settles in. Pubs hope to boost pre-Christmas trade ...

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Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“Brexit has been delayed again. The public faces a Christmas general election. And the economy narrowly avoided a recession in September. It is no wonder, then, that consumer confidence has taken a hit. However, financial well-being is holding up and the vast majority of people think they’ll be OK in ...

Eating Out Review - UK

“Growth in the eating-out market is being driven by affluent diners who are spending more on quality dining experiences as well as the convenience of quick meals through the home delivery channel. However, the market lacks budget-friendly options for price-conscious consumers, which has resulted in some worse-off consumers exiting the ...

Coffee Shops - UK

“As coffee is now an expected product in foodservice outlets, eateries with accessibly priced hot drinks, alongside a strong food offering, have an advantage over specialist coffee shops. Reviewing price strategies are an obvious starting point for coffee shops to fight back, as people are now spreading their budget across ...

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Pizza and Italian Restaurants - UK

“The rising costs of operating sit-down venues will be unsustainable for some pizza and Italian restaurants in the long run. Instead of adding more restaurant sites, operators will focus on two areas: enhancing the dining experiences at their flagship stores and expanding their delivery catchment areas through third-party delivery companies ...