

December 2021

Electric and Hybrid Cars - UK

“Set against the backdrop of an automotive sector that has been struggling from falling demand, the performance of the electric and hybrid sector has been spectacular. Growing awareness of the benefits these vehicles offer is now being matched by improvements in model range. With impending bans on petrol and diesel ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“Rising inflation and concerns about stock shortages have shaken consumers’ sense of financial wellbeing and confidence for the coming year. It is important to place the falls seen on these measures in October in context, however: the vast majority of consumers remain fairly upbeat.

November 2021

Car Aftermarket - UK

“Helped by a need to keep vehicles on the road, the car aftermarket suffered only minimal impact from the COVID-19 pandemic. Going forward it faces both opportunities and challenges as a stagnating, and ageing, car parc faces change with the rise of hybrid and electric vehicles.”

– Neil Mason ...

September 2021

Vehicle Recovery - UK

“Despite a difficult period for the automotive sector during the COVID-19 pandemic, expenditure on vehicle recovery services has remained largely unaffected. Seen by many as an essential part of car ownership, the sector is forecast to return to growth in 2021. Looking ahead, the pace of the UK’s economic recovery ...

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 ...

June 2021

Car Finance - UK

“It has been a very challenging time for the car finance market over the past 12 months, with a sharp decline in car sales and Brexit uncertainty dampening confidence. However, with the lifting of COVID-related restrictions, showrooms reopening, a new EU trade deal and consumer interest in electric vehicles at ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“Despite the continuing upheaval caused by COVID-19, financial wellbeing and financial confidence both hit new index highs in April 2021, while planned financial activity for the next three months approached pre-pandemic levels in May, driven by increased interest in leisure and hospitality.

While there are growing signs of polarisation and ...

May 2021

Motor Insurance - UK

“Adapting to the FCA’s new pricing regulations will be a focus for providers in 2021. The new rules will heighten uncertainty for a period in terms of customer retention and pricing. This will prompt insurers to adjust their strategies as the new rules are implemented and create opportunities for brands ...

March 2021

Car Purchasing Process - UK

“Demand for cars, both new and used, has been in decline following sales peaking in 2016. Dropping to around 10 million units in 2019, the sector was further affected by the COVID-19 pandemic during 2020 with a further fall. Looking ahead, sales will recover although as they do the market ...

Consumers and the Economic Outlook - UK

“GDP grew by 1.0% in the final quarter of the year as the economy bounced back more strongly than in expected in December, following the dip in November caused by the second lockdown of England and other lockdowns and restrictions in various parts of the country. Despite this slight ...

February 2021

Car Review - UK

“The UK car market is currently passing through a difficult period. Falling sales since 2016 have been impacted further since 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. The result has been difficulties for both new and used sectors. Yet the car market continues to offer opportunities. Demand for hybrid and battery vehicles ...