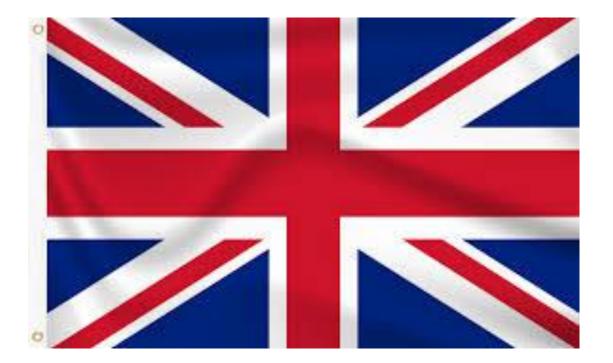
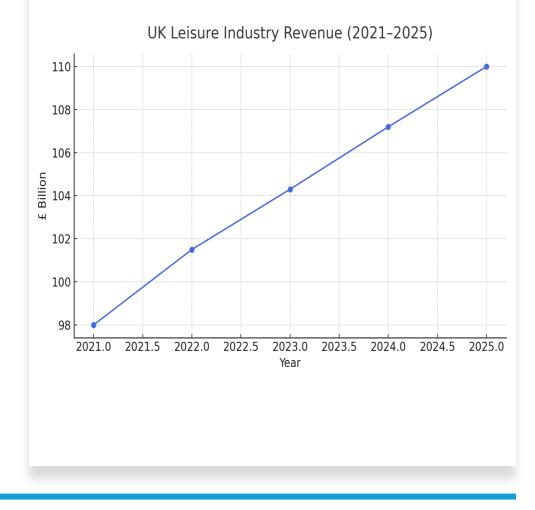
Market Overview-Leisure Industry

In 2025, the UK leisure sector is navigating a complex landscape shaped by evolving consumer preferences, economic pressures, and technological advancements. While challenges persist, opportunities arise for businesses that can adapt to the changing demands of consumers seeking value, sustainability, and unique experiences.



Economic Contributions & Employment

The UK leisure industry remains a significant contributor to the national economy, encompassing sectors such as hospitality, fitness, and entertainment. Despite a 10% decline in net leisure spending in Q4 2024, yearon-year figures indicate resilience, with consumers prioritizing experiences over goods. The sector supports millions of jobs, though rising operational costs and staffing challenges continue to impact profitability.



Current Trends & Challenges

Experience-Driven Consumption:

Consumers are increasingly seeking memorable experiences, leading to a rise in demand for immersive dining, live events, and personalized leisure activities.

Health and Wellness Focus:

The fitness industry is experiencing growth, with mental health benefits becoming a key motivator for participation, particularly among younger demographics.

Sustainability and Localism:

There is a growing emphasis on sustainable practices and locally sourced offerings, influencing consumer choices and business operations.

Operational Pressures:

Businesses face challenges from increased costs related to staffing, energy, and compliance, necessitating strategic adaptations to maintain viability.

Source: <u>UK Leisure Spending Trends</u>