Future trends for the construction industry

Who did we talk to?
A wide range of construction companies to reflect many different viewpoints across the industry.

Of those who responded,
- 48% manufacturers
- 38% main contractors
- 23% sub contractors

Remainder were specifiers, local authorities, architects or renewable energy.

View of the industry over the last 12 months
- 36% growing
- 8.54% shrinking
- 28.16% staying the same

View of the industry for the next five years
- 83.02% growing
- 2.52% shrinking
- 14.47% staying the same

Types of business

Business size split:
Of those who responded,
- 36% less than 50 employees
- 39% between 50 and 250 employees
- 24% over 250 employees

Of those who are in manufacturing,
- 60% + manufactured in the UK only
- 34% were UK and overseas
- 3% overseas only

Biggest priorities in order to achieve growth in the next 12 months
- 70% access to new markets
- 52.5% access to finance
- 35% remaining compliant
- 17.5% meeting new legislation
- 0% boosting sales to existing customers

Threats to business
- 8 changing legislation and standards
- 6 rising material costs
- 4 lack of financial support
- 4 energy efficiency
- 2 sourcing products that use less energy
- 2 concerns over economic recovery
- 2 rising material costs
- 2 skills shortage

Rising stars for future products/services
- Innovative energy efficiency
- Renewable Energy
- Low cost / fast build
- BIM
- 3D printing
- Energy efficient products
- New products
- Structural framework
- Data
- Engineering
- Prefab homes & Offsite construction
- Solar energy
- High security
- Data capture
- Drive-in racking
- Safety
- Apps
- Cut red tape
- Data capture
- CDM

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