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## Featured articles and news

### Constructing Excellence



Constructing Excellence to merge with BRE.

### Unusual building of the week

Despite proving controversial and over-budget, the Scottish Parliament Building has won much praise for its innovative design.



### Twisting buildings

New study reveals the tallest 'twisters' in the world.



### Augmented reality in construction

What is it, how does it work, and will it deliver on its promise for construction?



### Delivering the value of planning

RTPI report warns that budget cuts and continual changes in planning policy have stripped planners of their powers and resources.



### Hong Kong shophouses

Shophouses have left a legacy of distinctive buildings that continue to resonate with Hongkongers.



### Schedule of rates



In its simplest form a schedule of rates is just a list, but a Schedule of Rates Term Contract can be much more complex. So what does it include and what are the pros and cons?

## Around the web

### BBC, 23 Aug

Housebuilder Persimmon reports profits up 29% amidst 'robust' post-Brexit demand.

### RICS, 23 Aug

How can we improve commercial performance in UK infrastructure programmes?

### Construction Manager, 23 Aug

With no women in this year's shortlist for Construction Manager of the Year, what can the industry do about the gender issue?

### Dezeen, 22 Aug

Photographer captures the intriguing architecture of North Korea.

### BRE Buzz, 22 Aug

BRE's Home Quality Mark team wins Green Apple Award for being 'green champions'.

### Construction Manager, 22 Aug

Review of structurally defective Edinburgh schools could impact the rest of the UK.

### CLAD, 22 Aug

Architect Richard Rogers says "we must defend our public spaces."

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