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We interviewed CEO Andrew Carpenter about the rising popularity of timber, Grenfell, the future of 'plyscrapers', and more.

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Jeremy Corbyn pledges to tackle high rents, gentrification, and social cleansing.



Certificate of non completion

An introduction to certificates of non completion - what they are and when they should be issued.



Floating track slabs

The challenge of pumping heavyweight concrete at Crossrail.



An introduction to retrofitting

Retrofitting traditional buildings requires an understanding of how they differ from modern construction.



Gardens Trust

Dealing with more than 1,700 consultations was just one of last year's tasks for the Gardens Trust.



Non-domestic construction

A draft BREEAM manual for non-domestic new construction has been published for comment.



Low carbon electricity

How close are we to providing subsidy-free low carbon electricity?



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With the passing of its famous resident Hugh Hefner, we look at the history of the iconic Playboy Mansion.

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FMB give CITB one last chance.

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CIAT, 21 Sept

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