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Commercial Glazing Market Report – UK 2011-2015 Analysis

New AMA report Reviews the UK commercial glazing market

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Market conditions remain tough in 2011, however there are some areas of optimism in the commercial glazing market and, in particular, the office sector is expected to improve over the medium term – especially in London as 2011 has seen some announcements regarding major schemes in response to a perceived shortage of premium office space by 2014-15. In addition, certain segments within the retail and hotel sectors look set to do well in the medium term.”

A brief summary of the report is included on the following page.

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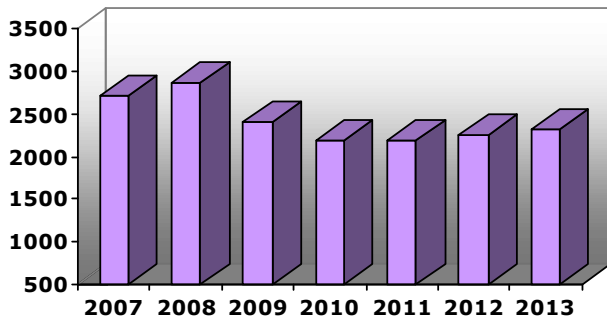
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UK Commercial Glazing Market and Forecasts
2007 – 2013 (£ billion at installed prices)



Following several years of strong growth, it is estimated that the UK market for commercial glazing systems increased to around **£2.9 billion at installed prices** in 2008, but then declined substantially to an estimated **£2.2bn** by 2010. Following the onset of the financial crisis in 2008, construction activity and related commercial glazing work reduced sharply in the office, retail and high rise housing sectors in particular.

In 2009/10, the market was to some extent supported by public sector spending, particularly in the education sector. However, from 2011 the coalition government has severely curtailed spending in this sector, and this will see construction work in the schools sector significantly reduce over the next 4 years at least.

New orders for office and retail sectors, and in the residential sector, in particular have been low. Bright spots in this market are to be found in the retail grocery sector and in the development of budget hotels. In addition, there is, in 2011, still some impetus in the leisure market from building work related to the Olympics.

In terms of product sectors, the largest segment by value is **commercial windows**, worth in the region of **£1.2bn** in 2010. **Curtain walling** and **ground floor treatments** are estimated at around **£400m** and **£450m** respectively in 2010. The smallest sector is **roof glazing**, estimated to be worth some **£165m** in 2010.

As a result of the downturn, the commercial glazing market has seen some restructuring and this is likely to continue over the next 3-4 years as market conditions remain particularly competitive.

Whilst there is some degree of optimism in 2011 for the commercial glazing market, a return to the levels of growth seen in the mid-2000s is unlikely in the short-medium term. Prospects are for muted growth in line with a slow and steady improvement in the general economy and construction in particular.

The severe spending cuts made by the coalition government will affect the new build and RMI markets across the public sector. In particular, the schools building programme will reduce significantly with the Building Schools for the Future programme already running down. Other areas of public spending which will see reduced funding for new and RMI construction include health and leisure.

However, there are some areas of optimism in the commercial glazing market and, in particular, the office sector is expected to improve over the medium term – especially in London as 2011 has seen some announcements regarding major schemes in response to a perceived shortage of premium office space by 2014-15. In addition, certain segments within the retail and hotel sectors look set to do well in the medium term.

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