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Commercial Interior and Fit-Out Market UK 2010-2014

AMA report reviews the UK commercial interior refurbishment and fit-out market and considers future developments

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

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Editors Note:

Attached is a summary of the report. Please use brief extracts if you wish, **but we would request that references to company market shares are not published without our prior permission.**

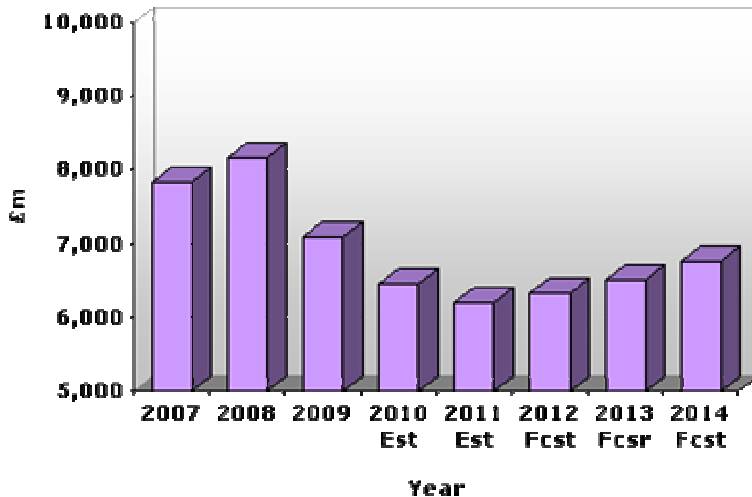
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Contractors Output – Fit-Out and Interior Refurbishment at current prices (£m).



The interior fit-out and refurbishment market, as defined in this report, is estimated to be worth approximately £7 billion in 2009, having experienced significant decline in the last 2 years, as shown in the chart left:

Up to 2008, market performance had been very buoyant for the sector, with growth in most key application areas. Offices, retail, leisure and the public sector all experienced growth in new build and refurbishment as companies and organisations upgraded existing facilities in a buoyant economy.

However, performance has been very difficult in most end use sectors in 2008-09, reflecting the general decline in construction output and RMI. Decline has been strongest in the private sector, with offices and retail both experiencing major downturns in new build which inevitably feeds into major fit-out and refurbishment projects. Offices and retail have traditionally accounted for more than 50% of the fit-out and refurbishment market, but this share has fallen over 2008-09.

Market recovery will be dependent on a number of factors including the extent of decline in public sector spending, the timing and speed of recovery in the private sector in key end use markets such as offices and retail, and the resulting effect on consumer confidence and spending.

Taking a wider perspective over the 2008-2012 period, the market will have experienced extremely volatile conditions with significant variations at sector level. Initially, the decline in 2008/09 was primarily driven by the downturn in the private sector, with the public sector remaining buoyant. However, performance in 2010 – and progressively into 2011/2012 – will see a reversal of this trend as the public sector experiences cutbacks with prospects in the fit-out market increasingly dependent on a recovery in the private sector.

As a result, overall forecasts for 2010-12 are difficult to make at this stage, but short term prospects will remain difficult. There have been some tentative signs of optimism in the private sector, but spending plans for the public sector will emerge slowly with the Emergency Budget in June to be followed by the Autumn Spending Review when more detailed departmental budgets are developed.

Individual company performances have already been very variable and will continue to do so over the next 3-4 years, reflecting specific areas/sectors of expertise.

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