



**May 2017**

**Schools, Universities and  
Hospitals - UK**

“Changes in the population bring different challenges to the schools, universities and hospitals sector, but these tend to be far less influential than government policy in determining construction activity. The sectors are so important politically that spending plans have been ring-fenced even in times of severe austerity. Public sector spending ...

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**Shopfitting - UK**

“There was belief prior to the recession that the increased frequency of store refurbishments in what remains an intensely competitive retail sector had broken the highly cyclical nature of the shopfitting sector. This proved overly optimistic as large retail chains delayed the roll out of refurbishment programmes in uncertain economic ...

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**Civil Engineering - UK**

“The major projects set to drive civil engineering construction output over the next five years include Crossrail, Hinkley Point C, Thames Tideway Tunnel, major road schemes, Network Rail’s modernisation programme, and, once fully approved, HS2. However, shortages in skilled labour and construction materials capacity will pose challenges to the industry ...

**Electrical Wholesale - UK**

“A buoyant new construction market and continued repair and maintenance demand were facilitating sales growth in the electrical wholesale market after considerable disruption during the recession. However, the commodity nature of many products, intense industry competition, and the fact that installations typically fall at the end of construction contracts all ...