COVID-19: UK AND EUROPE OVERVIEW

THE IMPACT ON THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR ACROSS THE WORLD

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Our rolling global survey provides a regular overview of the developing impact of COVID-19 on the built environment across the world.

This snapshot features a summary of the responses this month from 12 locations across the RLB UK and Europe network. We have focused on three areas that affect the construction industry and our clients: the key sectors performing best across the continent, the impact on productivity and the impact on tender prices.

The survey respondents provided their views on a series of structured questions designed to elicit detailed and comparable responses to show the differing and evolving impact of the pandemic.

"Working primarily in the data centre market, high demand has driven the need for construction to continue"
Amsterdam, The Netherlands

IMPACT ON SECTORS

Consistent best performing sectors:

Data centres

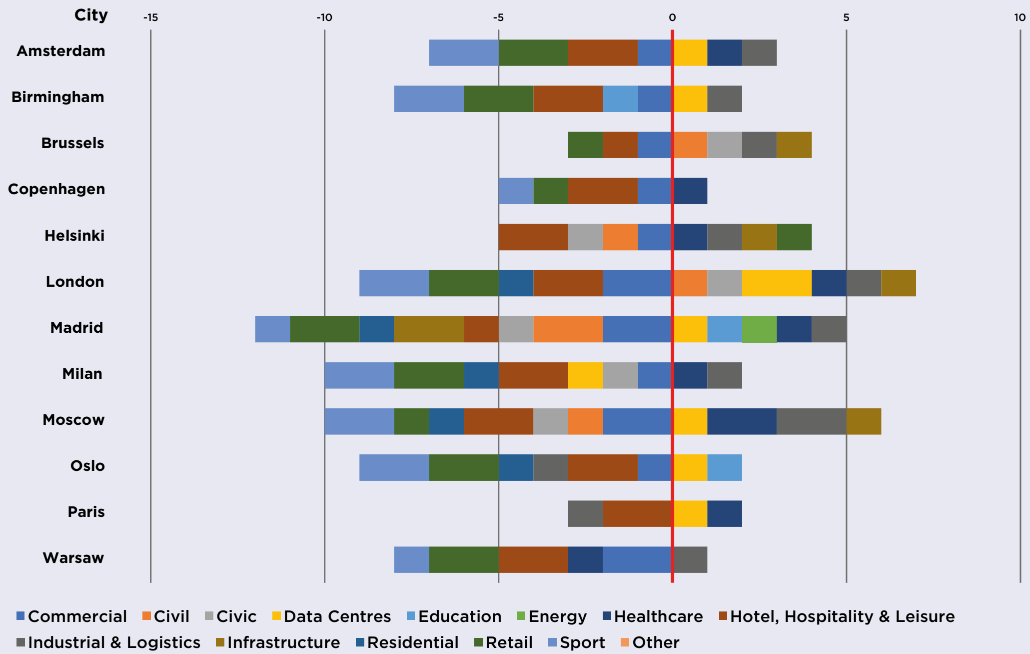
Healthcare

Industrial & Logistics

COVID-19 has probably singlehandedly accelerated digitalisation within most industries across the world, so it comes as no surprise that the **data centre** market remains buoyant. The sector has utilised its developing technology to adapt and be one of the most resilient sectors in the built environment.

The main focus for **healthcare** estate managers across the UK and Europe will be on keeping healthcare provisions as flexible as possible allowing public and private healthcare estates to be as resilient to a second outbreak and future plan concurrently.

The rapid growth of online grocery shopping, as well as wider acceptance of e-commerce, has sustained the demand for logistics space and the hardiness of the **industrial & logistics** sector is strengthened by its ability to support multiple facets of consumer spending, leading to fewer long-term uncertainties.



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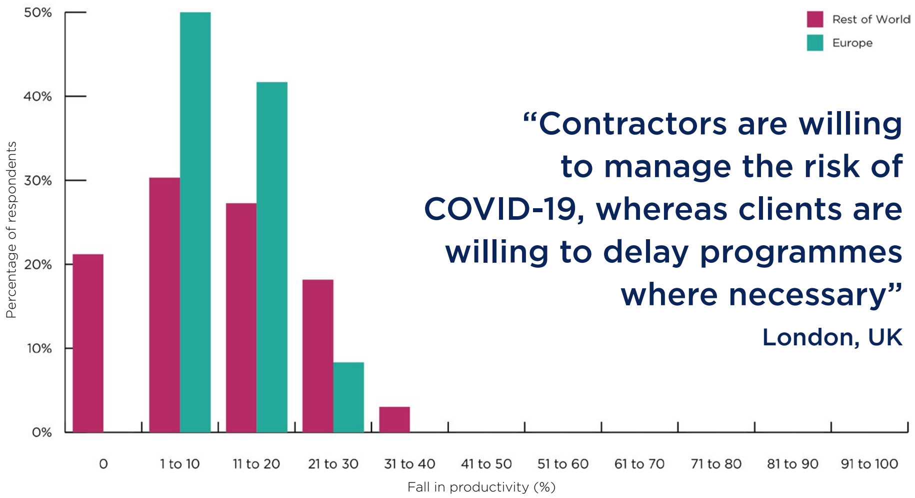
IMPACT ON PRODUCTIVITY

92% of our respondents claim the fall of productivity in Europe is less than **20%**

In the rest of the world, 79% of our respondents claimed the same. In contrast, there are some cities that reported zero loss in productivity, including Waikoloa in Hawaii, and Durban in South Africa, as well as Beijing, Chengdu and Macau in China and Christchurch and Wellington in New Zealand.

Despite second and third waves of the virus sweeping countries across the world, in Europe construction is seen as a major economic indicator in driving economies' growth and governments have supported construction sites to remain open where possible.



"Contractors are willing to manage the risk of COVID-19, whereas clients are willing to delay programmes where necessary"

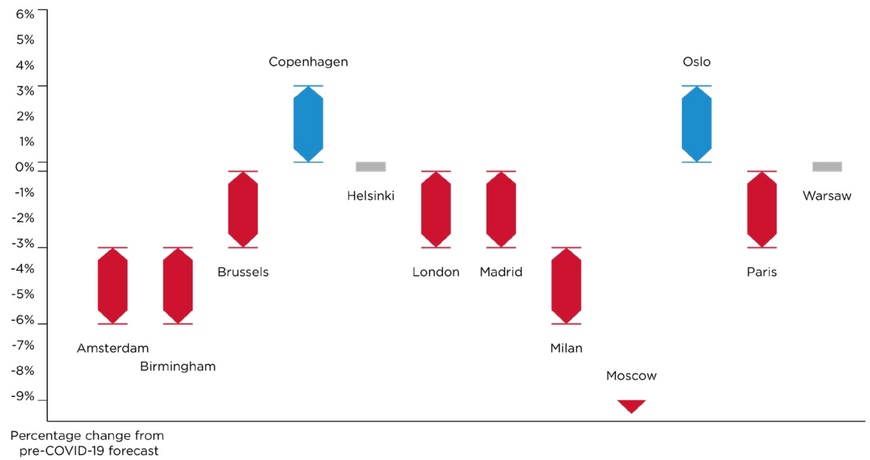
London, UK

IMPACT ON TENDER PRICES

The consolidation of responses show +/- 3% in relation to forecasts made at the end of last year.

This shows a similar percentage as in the rest of the world, with 9% of cities across the world reporting an increase of 3-6%.

Interestingly, where previous surveys indicated that the pandemic would dramatically affect tender prices, both plus and minus, this survey shows a consolidation of opinions.



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