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Leeds



APP Construction starts work this month on a purpose-built 12,000 sq. ft showroom for McLaren supercars. APP Construction director John White said: "We have a fantastic track record in the automotive sector working with marques, including Jaguar Land Rover, for some of the country's top retailers. Building Yorkshire's first permanent McLaren supercar showroom in our home town of Leeds is an exciting project and we're delighted

Corby



An ambitious young entrepreneur is seeking to take the market by storm with the erection of 47 kit homes on a site in Corby. Joseph Daniels 26years old from Essex already has 27 directorships under his belt, his businesses include E-Smart Home Systems, E-Airway Ltd, Omnia Group, Vaxis Ltd and Edge Systems

Group, to name but a few. Project Etopia wants to build homes from modular kits using structural insulated panels, to be made in a new factory set to open in Deeside in January. Project Etopia has bought a site at Prior Halls in Corby and plans to put up 47 eco-homes fitted with energy saving and storage technology. The homes incorporate Daikin mechanical ventilation, heat recovery, air purification and solar power as standard. Joseph Daniels plans to start groundwork this month, while construction for the 47 homes, comprised of 31 houses and 16 apartments, will begin in February. By constructing the exterior shell in a factory, costs are lowered. A four-bed house is expected to sell for between £320,000 and £350,000, while new brick and mortar builds in Priors Hall Park cost from £450,000 to £575,000. His target market is young Londoners prepared to put up with an expensive commute in exchange for a foot on the housing ladder.

Nottingham

Vita Group has chosen Morgan Sindall Construction & Infrastructure Work on the £24m student accommodation development, on Station Street in Nottingham, is now under way. The project is expected to complete in time for the new academic year in 2020. The 101,375 sq. ft Nottingham development, next to the city's train station, is designed by architect Fuse Studios. The building is split into three tiered towers of six, eight and ten storeys, each housing 319 apartments. Almost 6,000 sq ft has been designated as communal space. The project team also includes engineering and environmental firm BWB Consulting and mechanical and engineering specialist Drayton Beaumont Services.

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Wolverhampton

Graham wins Wolverhampton office job
Contractor Graham has won an office project at the Wolverhampton Interchange scheme for Ion Developments. [Glenn Howells Architects' design for i9 project](#) The 7-floor I9 office block project was secured with a £11.2m bid against five other firms with prices ranging up to £15.5m



It marks the next step in building a thriving commercial quarter at the heart of Wolverhampton Interchange and will be located next to the historic Chubb warehouse building on Railway Drive. Design by Birmingham architect Glen Howells, the building is a contemporary take on Wolverhampton's historic family of red brick Victorian buildings. M&E design is being handled by Hilson Moran Partners. It is set to house restaurants and a business lounge on the ground floor of the building as well as a rooftop amenity space, with views towards the city centre conservation area and Interchange

Marriott announces plan for 30 new European hotels



Marriott International plans to accelerate its European expansion by opening almost 30

new hotels by the end of 2020. Its Courtyard by Marriott brand has announced it expects to expand its European footprint of 63 hotels by almost 50% over the next two years. In addition to strengthening its portfolio in its established markets of Germany, France and the UK, Courtyard will open in seven other destinations including Armenia, Finland, and Iceland. It has also recently opened a new hotel in Paris and one in Hamburg is scheduled to open in spring 2019. Courtyard Paris Gare de Lyon is a 19-storey tower with 249 guest rooms and Courtyard Hamburg City will have 276 rooms and be equipped to host a range of business and conference events. The UK market already has seven Courtyard hotels and is slated to further expand its portfolio with the addition of five cities such as London, Glasgow and Oxford. Following the opening of Courtyard Paris Gare de Lyon, the footprint in France is expected to grow to 10 hotels with eight in Paris. The upcoming opening of Courtyard Munich Garching will be followed by a further three properties anticipated to open in Hamburg, Munich and Darmstadt.

Hull

Hull-based construction contractor Hobson & Porter has been awarded a £5.8m contract with the city's university. Hobson & Porter's contract is to build the Aura Innovation Centre (AIC) at Hessle's Bridgehead Business Park for the University of Hull. The AIC is a specialist facility with more than 2,500 m² gross internal floor area to support low carbon innovation, including offshore wind energy. It will have an engineering innovation workshop and computing facilities together with conference and office space.

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