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### Brighton

Midas Construction has also won the tender for a £10m Jaguar Land Rover showroom on Crowhurst Road in Brighton for dealer Harwoods. This facility, set to be complete by December 2019, has been designed by HNW Architects.



Of the Brighton project, southern divisional director Peter Whitmore said: “We are delighted to be working with Harwoods again, creating this new dealership for Brighton following the recent successful completion of their Edenbridge facility in Kent. Being awarded this second project is reflective of our vision to be leaders in customer service and continues our expansion across the south and southeast regions, by delivering repeat business for valued customers.”

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### Safe lifting next to railways

When operating mobile cranes next to railway lines make use of the new official safety guide prepared by the Construction Plant Hirers Association (CPHA) The good practice guide focuses on the risks of operating near rail

tracks. It includes topics such as: a hierarchy of risk elimination and reduction; requirements for crane configuration and setting up; and lift planning. It also includes sample documents such as a foundation pre-rigging inspection report form.



The 29-page document, *Good practice guide: Requirements for mobile cranes alongside railways controlled by Network Rail*, has been produced by the Construction Plant-hire Association’s (CPA) crane interest group in co-operation with Network Rail. It is based on the same principles as the previously published guidance on tower cranes alongside railways, and is free to download from the CPA website.

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### 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.

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## London

£4m national gallery refurbishment



Willmott Dixon Interiors has been contracted to refurbish parts of the National Gallery in London's Trafalgar Square. The £4m project includes the complete refurbishment of Room 32, the largest within the National Gallery, as well as refurbishing parts of the existing

basement and ground floor areas to provide new offices, meeting rooms and behind-the-scenes facilities. The original building was designed by William Wilkins in the 1830s. Willmott Dixon Interiors' project will be delivered in the extended part of the gallery designed by Edmund M Barry that was completed in 1876. The refurbishment works have been designed by architect Purcell and funded by Tetra Pak billionaire Hans Rausing. Willmott Dixon Interiors managing director Graham Shaw said: "We'll be able to use our track-record of transforming historic buildings, such as the Commonwealth Institute, for the benefit of the National Gallery. Our team are really looking forward to enhancing another London landmark so that it can be enjoyed by millions of people over the coming years."

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## Travis Perkins

Builders' merchant chain Travis Perkins has added 500 new JCB machines to its Tool Hire division through a purchase order worth more than £7m. Travis Perkins has bought a fleet of



JCB mini excavators and one-tonne High Tip site dumpers for its tool hire business. The company has now bought more than 2,700 JCB machines in the past decade. Supplied by JCB dealer Watling JCB, the new machines have been delivered across Travis Perkins' network of 660 branches.

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