

KEY AND METHODOLOGY

Recent corporate changes

3DReid The result of the merger between 3D Architects and Reid Architecture.

ARUP Acquired Rossmore Group in November 2006

Atkins Acquired Mantix Group, Boreas Consultants, Advantage Business Group, Poolman Harlow, MSL Engineering, Young & Butt

Baker Mallett Acquired RH Duns

Balfour Beatty Professional Services

Acquired NAP Partnership (UK) and Charter Builders (USA)

BGA Opened new London office

Bidwells Building Consultancy Structural engineering added as a new service

Carey Jones Formed subsidiary: Carey Jones Interiors

CNP Opened Cardiff office in early 2007

DBK Group Acquired Utility Cost Management, Branson Chester & Edwards, and Goyne Adams

EC Harris Set up joint ventures with: Sama Dubai, Cushman & Wakefield

Erinaceous Acquired and rebranded: Dearle & Henderson, Monaghans, Rose Project Services, Nolan Associates, Tom McNamara & Partners, Leach Rhodes Walker, and Francis Graves. It has also incorporated Dunlop Haywards building consultancy

Frankham Consultancy Group Acquired ISIS Architects & Surveyors

Fulcrum Consulting Made various changes to corporate structure

GBS Consulting Conversion to LLP status

Hannah-Reed Acquired JC Sturrock in April 2007

Hill International Acquired JR Knowles in September 2006

Hilson Moran Partnership Acquired Italian consulting engineer Milanoprogetti; opened new offices in UAE and India

Hyder Consulting (UK) Acquired RPA in April 2007

Intec Management New management structure at board level

Jones Lang LaSalle Acquired KHK Group in May 2007

Llewelyn Davies Yeang Since Ken Yeang joined in October 2005 the company has become involved in a range of signature and deep green projects

MDA Consulting Acquired small m&e

practice (t/o £200,000)

Mott MacDonald Acquired Pettit Engineering Group Holdings, now Mott MacDonald Pettit. Employment data includes Franklin & Andrews for 2007, not 2006.

Mouchel Parkman Acquired Hornagold & Hills, the Ewan Group and Traffic Support in November 2006. In August 2007 acquired HBS, a BPO specialist.

NPS Property Consultants Two joint venture companies formed in 2007: NPS London and NPS South West. These resulted in 185 staff transferring from London borough of Waltham Forest and Devon council to NPS

Project & Building Consultancy Significant growth in project management business

Purcell Miller Tritton Acquired Niall Phillips Architects in June 2007. Number of principals increased by three

Rider Levett Bucknall Global practice formed by Bucknall Austen with Rider Hunt and Levett & Bailey, who are leading property and construction consultants in Oceania/The Americas and Asia respectively.

Ridge & Partners Acquired the Davidson Partnership and Cook Denning Management

RPS Group Acquired Bucks Green in July 2006. The quoted figures for architecture and engineering for 2005 and 2006 include their total turnover before acquisition as well as after. Group turnover and staff figures exclude Burks Green before acquisition

RTKL - UK Acquired by Arcadis (based in Arnhem, Netherlands)

Ryder/RyderHKS Restructured the joint venture between Ryder and RyderHKS

Scott Brownrigg Merged with Canvas Creative in August 2006, in the process adding exposure to commercial interior design

Scott Wilson Acquired Cameron Taylor, DGP International, Ferguson McIlveen, DCL and McLay Collier

Sidell Gibson Architects Formed a joint venture working partnership with John Miller & Partners architects

SMC & Aukett Fitzroy Robinson Entered into a non binding heads of agreement relating to a proposed merger.

Stride Treglown Acquired Chapman

Robinson Architects

Synergy (Trading as CM Parker Browne) Merged with Cook & Butler and Andrew Turner & Co to form Synergy. All continue to trade under their recognised names

The Millbridge Group Merged with Norman Rourke Consulting in 2006

The Tooley and Foster Partnership The association with Team Design in France ended in 2006

UK Building Surveyors Converted to plc status in January 2007

Waterman Group Acquired Boreham Consulting Engineers in April 2007, and AHW Victoria in November 2006.

Whitbybird Merged with Nordic engineer Ramboll in August of this year. The new UK business will trade under the name Ramboll Whitbybird

White Young Green/Tweeds Acquired civil and structural engineer Adams Kara Taylor and project manager Trench Farrow

WSP Group WSP acquired a number of businesses during 2006, in Australia, Sweden, USA, Finland, South Africa, and United Arab Emirates

Methodology

More than 500 firms were contacted for this year's survey. They were sent a survey form asking for details of the number of chartered, non-chartered and technical staff they employ, domestic and worldwide fee incomes, and fees per employee.

Practices were also asked questions relating to: speed of invoice payment, staff recruitment, likely pay increases, margins, areas of work, staff salaries, the age of staff, IT spend, and overseas expansion plans. Apart from fee incomes per employee, the data in the league tables are taken directly from firms' replies.

The survey does not claim to be the definitive guide to consultants as it relies on firms completing and returning the annual survey form. For a variety of reasons, firms sometimes decide not to take part.

Next year's survey ...

Firms wishing to be included in next year's survey should contact Martin Hewes at hewesinfo@aol.com