

The next regional attractions?

Applecross Properties

Housebuilder
Glasgow and Edinburgh
Turnover: £46m
Staff: 80

Herbert T Forrest

Social housing and local
authority refurbishment
North-west
Turnover: £40m
Staff: 300

Thomas Vale

Construction, civil
engineering, affordable
housing
Midlands
Turnover: £160m
Staff: 535

SPI

Social housing
refurbishment
Midlands, west England
and Wales
Turnover: £35m
Staff: 481

Midas

Construction, affordable
housing
South-west and south Wales
Turnover: £203m
Staff: 800-1,000



Strata Homes

Housebuilder
North and Midlands
Turnover: £81m
Staff: 156

Clugston

Construction, civil
engineering, property
development and FM
North and Midlands
Turnover: £130m
Staff: 610

Borras Construction

Contractor
South-east and South
Midlands
Turnover: £50m
Staff: 223

Osborne

Construction, civil
engineering, homes and
property services
London and South-east
Turnover: £251m
Staff: 1,000

Erith Contractors

Demolition contractor
Kent
Turnover: £42m
Staff: 200

The list of top regional targets in 2008 was compiled with the assistance of City analysts and the National Federation of Builders (a 2,000-strong umbrella body of which 95% of the members are regional contractors). It is also based on award nominations. The two overriding criteria were a healthy balance sheet and good local reputation.