

With construction one of the hardest hit sectors in the current downturn, 2009 promises to be a very tough year for many m&e companies. EMC's analysis of leading contractors' past financial performance may offer a pointer as to who will emerge from the recession in the best shape. Construction forecaster Martin Hewes reels off the numbers

Top 30 companies 2006/07

Company	Year end	Sector	Turnover £000	
			2007	2006
1. NG Bailey	Feb 07	M&E, FM	466,721	491,902
2. Dalkia	Dec 07	M&E, energy management	428,311	385,014
3. Emcor Group ^a	Dec 06	M&E, FM	378,699	415,304
4. Skanska Rashleigh Weatherfoil	Dec 07	M&E, FM	325,468	261,162
5. Balfour Kilpatrick	Dec 07	M&E	316,100	279,800
6. Southern Electric Contracting	Mar 07	M&E, FM	306,151	283,456
7. Haden Young ^b	Dec 06	M&E	288,999	196,588
8. Mitie Engineering Services ^c	Mar 07	M&E, FM	281,600	256,100
9. Crown House	Mar 07	M&E	211,873	176,571
10. Lorne Stewart	Dec 07	M&E, FM	206,079	225,428
11. T Clarke	Dec 07	M&E	193,845	186,334
12. Interserve Specialist Services ^d	Dec 07	M&E, security, soft FM	190,200	134,700
13. Imtech Technical Services	Dec 07	M&E, FM	179,051	109,474
14. GSH ^e	Jul 07	FM, BM, engineering services, energy management	157,401	135,756
15. Integral UK ^f	Dec 07	FM	147,531	134,435
16. Staveley Engineering Services ^g	May 07	M&E, FM	146,522	149,506
17. Inviron	Dec 07	M&E, FM, marine services	119,750	109,107
18. Briggs & Forrester	Oct 07	M&E, FM	114,333	91,281
19. Forth Holdings	Aug 07	M&E, FM, data services	104,006	122,143
20. Gratte Brothers ^h	Mar 07	M&E, FM	102,664	96,772
21. Michael J Lonsdale	Mar 07	M&E, environmental services	99,985	58,867
22. Shepherd Engineering Services	Jun 07	M&E, FM	88,849	91,382
23. Dodd Group	Mar 07	M&E, FM, property services	75,881	62,485
24. EIC	Dec 07	M&E	72,828	74,797
25. Thermal Transfer ⁱ	Dec 07	M&E, air-conditioning, clean rooms	67,015	76,375
26. Mears ^j	Dec 07	M&E	61,181	49,069
27. Environmental Property Services	Mar 07	FM, M&E	59,624	56,361
28. Norstead M&E Engineering ^k	Dec 07	M&E	51,394	33,474
29. Nomenca	Dec 07	M&E in civil engineering market	45,312	36,361
30. Derry Building Services	Aug 07	M&E	40,849	43,016
Sector total			5,328,222	4,823,019
Annual growth			10.5%	

Notes: Data from companies' reports and accounts. Firms are selected according to stated operations, namely those that report they provide mechanical and electrical services to the construction industry. Both new work (installation) and maintenance (facilities management, etc) operators are included. The list is an indicative, not definitive, measure of the top 30 mechanical and electrical companies operating in the UK. 2006 data less than 12 months has been adjusted to 12 months. Data compiled by Hewes & Associates in August 2008 (www.hewes-associates.com)

Major companies excluded because they do not yet have 2007 data or have insufficient data

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Planned Maintenance Engineering	Dec 06	FM, M&E	na	195,971
Elyo	Dec 06	Energy management, mechanical and electrical services	na	120,391
Spie Matthew Hall	Dec 07	M&E, FM	339,453	na

