

## The UK's top 50 Contractor activity recovers to pre-coronavirus levels

RJ McLeod took this month's top spot after being appointed the main contractor for the £500 million Viking Wind Farm in the Shetland Isles, Scotland. This large development will consist of 150 wind turbines and work also includes the construction of substations, quarries and 62 miles of access road.

The runners up spot this month is ISG with five awards totalling £221 million. The main contribution to this total will see them build another Amazon distribution centre in Dartford with completion expected to be in April 2022.

The latest edition of the Top 50 League Tables published by industry analysts [Barbour ABI](#), highlights the number and value of construction contracts awarded during July. This month shows that the combined value of contracts awarded to the Top 50 was just under £4 billion with a total of 165 projects.

Rank	Contractors	Value of projects (£m)	No. of projects
1	<span>NEW</span> RJ McLeod (Contractors) Limited	500	1
2	<span>▲</span> ISG	221	5
3	<span>NEW</span> McAleer & Rushe Limited	186	2
4	<span>NEW</span> Gear Construction	180	1
5	<span>NEW</span> Bouygues Group	174	3
6	<span>NEW</span> Lendlease Limited	170	1
7	<span>NEW</span> Colmore Tang Construction Limited	150	1
8	<span>NEW</span> Vinci Construction	133	4
9	<span>▼</span> VolkerWessels UK	128	3
10	<span>NEW</span> Winvic Construction Limited	127	3
11	<span>NEW</span> John Graham Construction Limited	127	5
12	<span>NEW</span> Bowmer & Kirkland Limited	127	8
13	<span>▲</span> Galliford Try Construction	99	5
14	<span>▲</span> Kier Construction Limited-Building UK	95	8
15	<span>NEW</span> Multiplex Construction Europe Limited	92	4
16	<span>▲</span> Balfour Beatty Group Limited	88	5
17	<span>▼</span> Morgan Sindall Plc	87	13
18	<span>▼</span> Willmott Dixon Construction Limited	87	8
19	<span>▼</span> BAM Construction	83	7
20	<span>NEW</span> SEP Construction Services	71	2
21	<span>NEW</span> McLaughlin & Harvey	65	2
22	<span>▼</span> TSL Projects	65	2
23	<span>NEW</span> Robertson Group Limited	52	8
24	<span>NEW</span> NKT (UK) Limited	50	1
25	<span>NEW</span> Midas Group Limited	46	2

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26	<span>NEW</span> Buckingham Group Contracting Limited	43	1
27	<span>NEW</span> Network Scaffolding Contractors Limited	40	1
28	<span>NEW</span> Rose Builders	40	1
29	<span>NEW</span> Helix Group	35	1
30	<span>NEW</span> Countryside Properties (UK) Limited	34	1
31	<span>NEW</span> Goldbeck Construction Limited	34	2
32	<span>▼</span> Wates Construction Limited	33	4
33	<span>▼</span> Interserve Plc	31	10
34	<span>NEW</span> Beck Interiors Limited	30	1
35	<span>NEW</span> Ogilvie Construction Limited	30	1
36	<span>NEW</span> Midas Group Limited	30	4
37	<span>NEW</span> BAM Nuttall Limited	29	2
38	<span>NEW</span> Canadian Solar Projects UK	27	1
39	<span>NEW</span> Lafarge Aggregates Limited	27	1
40	<span>NEW</span> RG Carter Limited	26	6
41	<span>NEW</span> Exyte Hargreaves Limited	25	1
42	<span>NEW</span> MCI Developments	25	1
43	<span>NEW</span> Bower Fuller	25	1
44	<span>NEW</span> Esh Group	25	2
45	<span>NEW</span> Neilcott Construction Limited	25	6
46	<span>NEW</span> Caddick Construction Limited	23	3
47	<span>NEW</span> AmeySRM	23	1
48	<span>NEW</span> Blenheim House Construction	22	1
49	<span>NEW</span> Engie Regeneration Limited	22	4
50	<span>NEW</span> Alun Griffiths Contractors Limited	21	4

For July, Morgan Sindall were the busiest contractor with a total of 13 projects at a combined value of £87 million. Morgan Sindall currently sit in fifth place overall in the 12-month rolling league table, with a total of 128 projects valued at just over £1.2 billion.

Tom Hall, Chief Economist at Barbour ABI & AMA Research said, "Top 50 contract awards recovered strongly in July to more usual levels of £3.9 billion compared to 2019 average of 3.2 billion and January to March 2020 average of £3.9 billion. However, there was likely to be a bow wave of projects now being green-lighted after lockdown & furlough. given the uncertainty over the recovery in the wider economy the future planning pipeline is also currently uncertain"

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