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Build UK Launches New Membership Category

Build UK is delighted to reveal a new Professional Services membership category with Arup, Cast Consultancy and Rider Levett Bucknall UK Ltd (RLB) as the first three members to join.

Professional Services membership will bring consultants, architects and designers into discussions, continue the drive for change and move the industry on to the next level. The new membership category has been introduced following feedback from Build UK members on the desire for consultants to be part of the joined up conversation. Professional Services are often the first point of advice for clients and are integral to the delivery of construction projects.

The three new Professional Services members are leaders in their field and recognise the role of the whole supply chain in changing ways of working to deliver better outcomes.

Arup is an independent firm of designers, planners, engineers, consultants and technical specialists working across every aspect of today's built environment.

Geoff Hunt, Chief Operating Officer UKMEA, Arup said:

"We're delighted to be contributing to an agenda which is all about industry collaboration across the full spectrum of the supply chain. Ultimately, working better together will support better productivity to the benefit of all those in our industry and, moreover, the UK economy."

Cast Consultancy is a new Real Estate & Construction Consultancy focused on the UK residential development & investment market.

Keith Brooks, Chairman at Cast, said:

"As a company that is passionate about innovation and collaboration, we are delighted to join Build UK in the Professional Services membership category. This is a great opportunity for Cast to help lead the change agenda in the construction industry. Having all the major stakeholders together at the same table gives Build UK a strong, unified voice to push for transformation in the current construction delivery model. We are excited to work with Build UK and its partners to drive tangible change in the sector."

RLB is a leading independent construction, property and management consultant, providing advice focused on the cost, quality and sustainability of the built environment.

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Andrew Reynolds, UK and Global Board Director at RLB, said:

"We are very pleased to be supporting Build UK in the launch of its Professional Services Membership Category alongside Arup and Cast. Collaborating with industry colleagues is a vital part of being a catalyst for change in the built environment and we look forward to other consultants and professional advisors becoming members."

Suzannah Nichol MBE, Build UK Chief Executive said:

"A consistent message from Build UK members has been that consultants and professional advisors are key to transforming construction. Our new membership category enables those organisations that want to get involved to join us, and we are very much looking forward to working with our new members."

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Notes to Editors

- Build UK is the leading representative organisation for the UK construction industry. By bringing together Clients, Main Contractors, Trade Associations representing over 11,500 Specialist Contractors and other organisations committed to industry collaboration, Build UK represents in excess of 40% of UK construction – www.BuildUK.org.
- 2. To find out more about Build UK's priorities, see the **Build UK website**.
- 3. To find out more about Arup, see the Arup website.
- 4. To find out more about Cast, see the <u>Cast website</u>.
- 5. To find out more about Rider Levett Bucknall UK Ltd (RLB), see the RLB website.