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Offsite manufacturer announces ambitious growth plans

A Billingham timber frame construction firm has pledged to transform itself into a £5 million business over a period of three years.

On the back of 30 per cent predicted growth within the timber frame construction sector, Datum believes it is well placed to grow on the back of increasing interest in the industry, reports the Northern Echo.

Established in 2001, the company currently employs ten staff and generated a turnover of £500,000 during its first six months.

"Timber-framed housing construction has many advantages over more traditional masonry methods in that it is very quick to build, can be erected in all weathers and [has a smaller carbon footprint], said Simon Bliss, one of firm's founders.

Indeed, Datum has already secured advanced orders in the north-east worth £2 million.

In 2006, the firm won an award for Best North East Manufacturer.

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