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### **Modular construction 'better suited for tight budgets'**

The relative cheapness of modular and prefabricated construction techniques has been highlighted in an interview with a hotel expert.

Allan Sugg, spokesman for EC Harris, told Cnplus.co.uk that prefabricated buildings are a big help to the hotel sector due to the determination to minimise costs and a growing green agenda.

"We are already seeing sustainability and better use of energy in buildings," he said of his industry's attempts to become more eco-friendly.

"Prefabrication is important too. It has different ends of the scale and modular construction is more suited to the budget end of the market."

One modular hotel that has received a large amount of publicity recently is the new Travelodge in Uxbridge, which is scheduled for completion in June.

The eight-storey, 128-room accommodation is being made from shipping containers, which are modified offsite in China, according to Building.

Travelodge hopes this method of construction will save it £10 million every year.

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