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## **YORKON LAUNCHES NEW WEB RESOURCE FOR ARCHITECTS AND CONTRACTORS**

**Award-winning off-site specialist and Portakabin subsidiary, Yorkon, has launched a new web resource for architects and contractors to encourage greater design flexibility and architectural variety in modular construction.**

The new Design section on the website, [www.yorkon.info](http://www.yorkon.info), features:

- A comprehensive project portfolio to show examples of Yorkon modular buildings, demonstrating the design possibilities, internally and externally, of the Yorkon steel-framed off-site building system
- A testimonials section with comments from architects and building users about modular building design and use
- Sections on roofing, cladding and glazing to show the diversity of design options now available
- A downloadable interactive design tool to help architects and contractors work with off-site construction, and produce faster and more accurate project drawings.

The demand for off-site construction from architects and contractors, as well as from building end users in both public and private sectors, continues to increase year on year. The approach offers a faster, higher quality and more sustainable alternative to traditional site-based building methods, and greater assurance of delivery on time and on budget.

It can also deliver buildings to inspire and stimulate, and the freedom to create internal spaces that are comfortable, attractive and encourage productivity – from offices and airports to hospitals, supermarkets, schools, colleges and nurseries.

Yorkon now offers an even wider range of design options for modular buildings, including:

- A pre-installed high performance concrete floor for heavy loads, high traffic areas and projects where specialist floor finishes are required

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- Claddings such as ceramic or terracotta tiles; cedar, render, brick and metal rainscreen panels
- Glazing, from full height curtain walling and feature entrances to punched hole and ribbon window configurations
- Roofing such as ETFE and glazed atria; pitched, barrel vaulted and standard roofs with fascia and canopy details
- Sustainability features can include light wells and sun pipes to increase natural light; biomass boilers, ground source heat pumps, rainwater harvesting, and passive ventilation systems to maintain a high quality internal environment whilst minimising energy consumption and carbon emissions.

The Yorkon off-site building system can provide clear internal spans of up to 12m for space planning flexibility, buildings up to six storeys high, and a variety of floor to soffit heights.

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#### Editor's Notes

1. The advantages of off-site construction include:
  - programme times reduced by up to 50 per cent for earlier completion and a faster return on investment
  - reduced risk and management resources for the main contractor
  - consistent delivery on time and on budget
  - reduced disruption – safer, quieter and cleaner construction
  - more sustainable construction and less material wastage
  - improved thermal efficiency for lower running costs and reduced carbon emissions
  - fewer vehicle movements to site
  - improved quality control and reduced future maintenance
  - buildings can be expanded without decanting
  - greater cost control.
2. If you wish to publish a telephone number for further information, the number for Yorkon is **01904 610990**. Please do not print the agency's number.