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# Celebrating 20 years of BUILDOFFSITE

Set up in 2004 as the voice of the industry, BUILDOFFSITE has sought to promote, support and increase the adoption of offsite and pre-manufactured solutions for the built environment.

*“To be the trusted independent voice of the construction industry with respect to offsite and pre-manufacturing, and to provide all relevant support to our members and other stakeholders.”*

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Networking | Events

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Site visits | Advice & Guidance

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Influencing

# BUILD OFFSITE members



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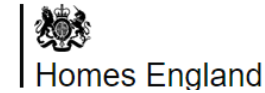
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Heathrow

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Innovate UK

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LRQA



# BUILDOFFSITE guidance 2022 – 2024

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## Achieving sustainable resilience in new precast concrete structures

*Taking precast concrete to a new level*

A collaborative research report from Buildoffsite and CIRIA

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## Offsite construction – concept design and delivery

A collaborative research report from Buildoffsite and CIRIA

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## The management of IP specifically relating to MMC/offsite

CIRIA and BOS guidance 'The management of intellectual property (IP) specifically relating to MMC/offsite' which will be published later this year.



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Client Group proposal approved for 2023 – 2024

Performance specifications guidance

# Upcoming BUILDOFFSITE events

**2-4 October**

Structural Timber Awards  
2024

**13 November**

DfMA for net zero carbon

**20-21 November**

London Build Expo

**28 November**

BOPAS Forum

**4 December\***

BOS Christmas members'  
meeting

**Spring 2025\***

Using performance  
specifications to facilitate  
the adoption of MMC –  
new BOS/CIRIA guidance

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**FRANCE, country of cement !**



**This is the cheapest way of building ! Before crisis 1 000€ / m<sup>2</sup>**

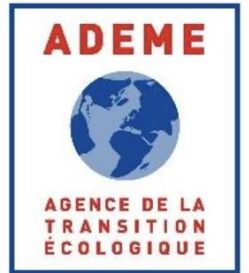
# Building crisis in France



In France, between august 2021 and dec 2024

- 40% reduction sales old property
- 50% reduction sales new property
- 30% increase in the price of new property
- rise in mortgage rates

# Public authorities recognise off-site construction as a major tool for decarbonisation



***"I am a great believer  
in off-site  
construction as it  
reduces costs".***

FRANCE 2030

VILLE DURABLE ET BÂTIMENTS INNOVANTS

APPEL A PROJETS POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DE LA  
CONSTRUCTION ET RENOVATION HORS SITE (CRHOS)

# 2024 : Creation of the Offsite association



Transform the way construction is done in France in order to reveal, increase, disseminate and equitably share values and pride between all those involved in the act of building. To do this, we need to **create the conditions for the development of a powerful French off-site industry, with deep roots in the local area**, by increasing demand, removing obstacles of all kinds and decompartmentalising the value chain.



**Major land developers**

# Very High ambitions !



- % Offsite
- Carbon footprint
- Local production

**We want 80% of our buildings  
using Off-site**

## Evaluation grid

	OBJECTIF	CRITÈRES	3 NIVEAUX D'AMBITION		
			1 - STANDARD	2 - PERFORMANT	3 - EXEMPLAIRE
% Offsite	Recours à la préfabrication	Une part minimale du coût travaux dédiée à la fourniture de produits hors-site et à leur transport puis montage sur chantier, rapporté au coût travaux hors VRD, EV, INFRA, ALEAS	* Part du coût travaux dédiée au hors-site selon usage du bâtiment	* Part du coût travaux dédiée au hors-site selon usage du bâtiment	* Part du coût travaux dédiée au hors-site selon usage du bâtiment
CO2	Impact carbone exemplaire	Un indicateur IC construction conforme aux seuils RE2025 ou RE2028 pour les bâtiments soumis à la réglementation	IC construction - seuil RE2025	IC construction - seuil RE2028	IC construction - seuil RE2028
Local	Soutien aux filières locales	Une distance moyenne maîtrisée entre site de chantier et site industriel, inférieure ou égale à :	≤ 600 km	≤ 450 km	≤ 300 km

\*Part du coût travaux dédiée à la construction hors-site selon l'usage du bâtiment :

USAGE DU BÂTIMENT	3 NIVEAUX D'AMBITION		
	1 - STANDARD	2 - PERFORMANT	3 - EXEMPLAIRE
<b>Industrie</b> - bâtiment d'activités (logistique, entrepôt, atelier, industrie, artisanat)	35%	50%	65%
<b>Tertiaire</b> - bureaux	30%	50%	70%
<b>Tertiaire</b> - équipements publics	20%	40%	60%
<b>Hébergement</b> - résidence gérée, hôtellerie	30%	45%	60%
<b>Logement collectif</b>	20%	35%	50%
<b>Logement individuel</b>	30%	45%	60%

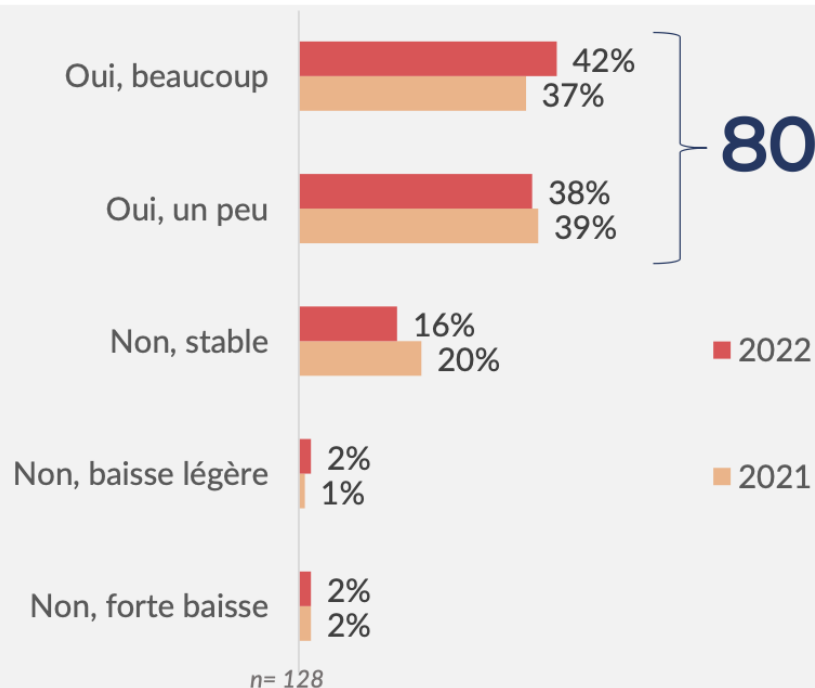
% Offsite

## An exemplary housing project means :

- Net zero carbon
- Using 50% elements offsite
- Prefabricated less than 300 km

# In France demand for offsite is exploding!

Q: Pensez-vous que la part de construction hors-site est amenée à augmenter dans votre carnet de commande ?



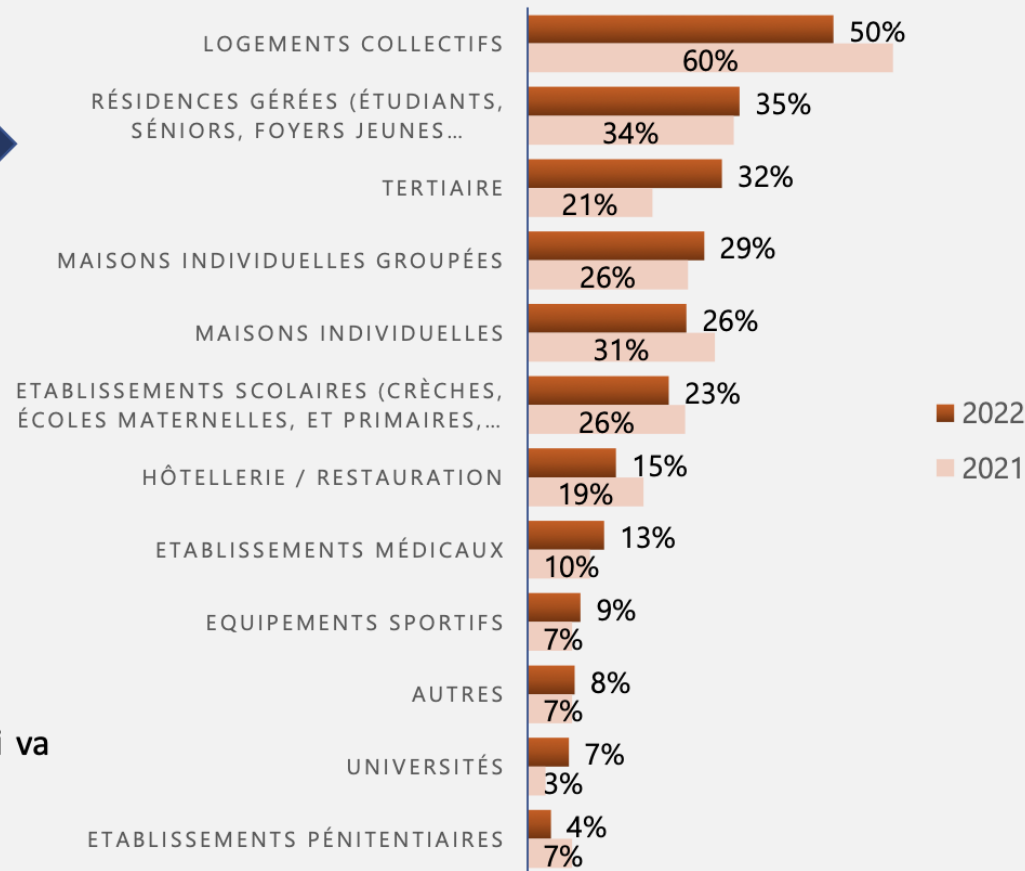
80%



Les users sont **très optimistes** quant l'évolution du marché: 80% pensent que celui-ci va continuer à se développer.

Comme en 2021, les logements collectifs arrivent en 1<sup>er</sup> position (malgré une baisse).

Q: Quels secteurs en bénéficieront les premiers ?



## 80% of respondents want more off-site construction

# High pressure on timber building

Carbon footprint – Bio based construction

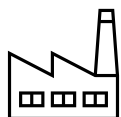
Olympic 2024 athletes' village

The goal was 80% Timber !



# The offer is developing

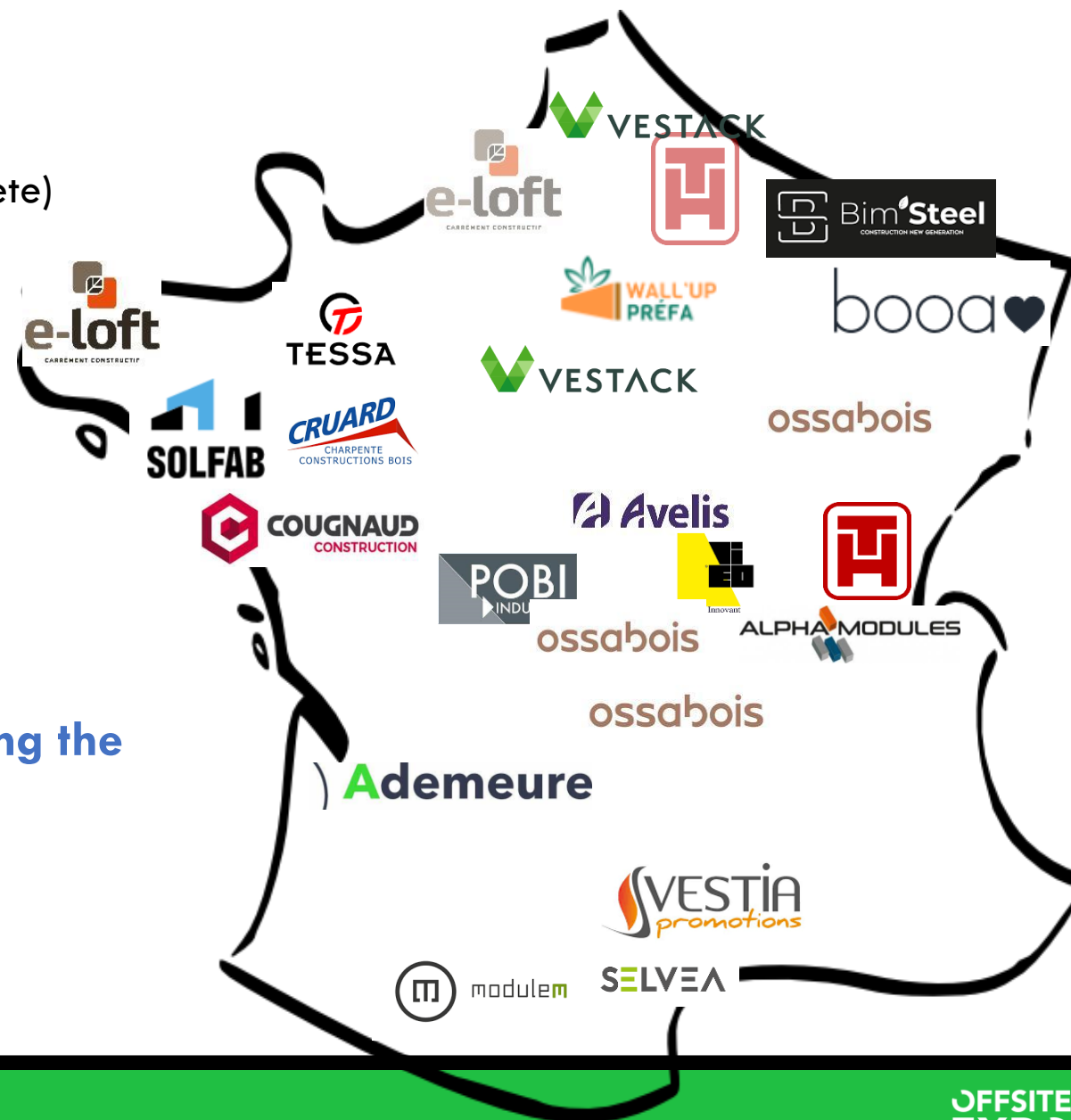
- A large number of 2D industrial players (wood, steel, concrete)
- A development of 3D players (wood, steel, concrete)
- New industrial players
- Networking of the territory with the creation of factories in progress
- Possibility of rapid creation of new factories to adapt to demand (2 years maximum)



**French industry is capable of producing the current volume**

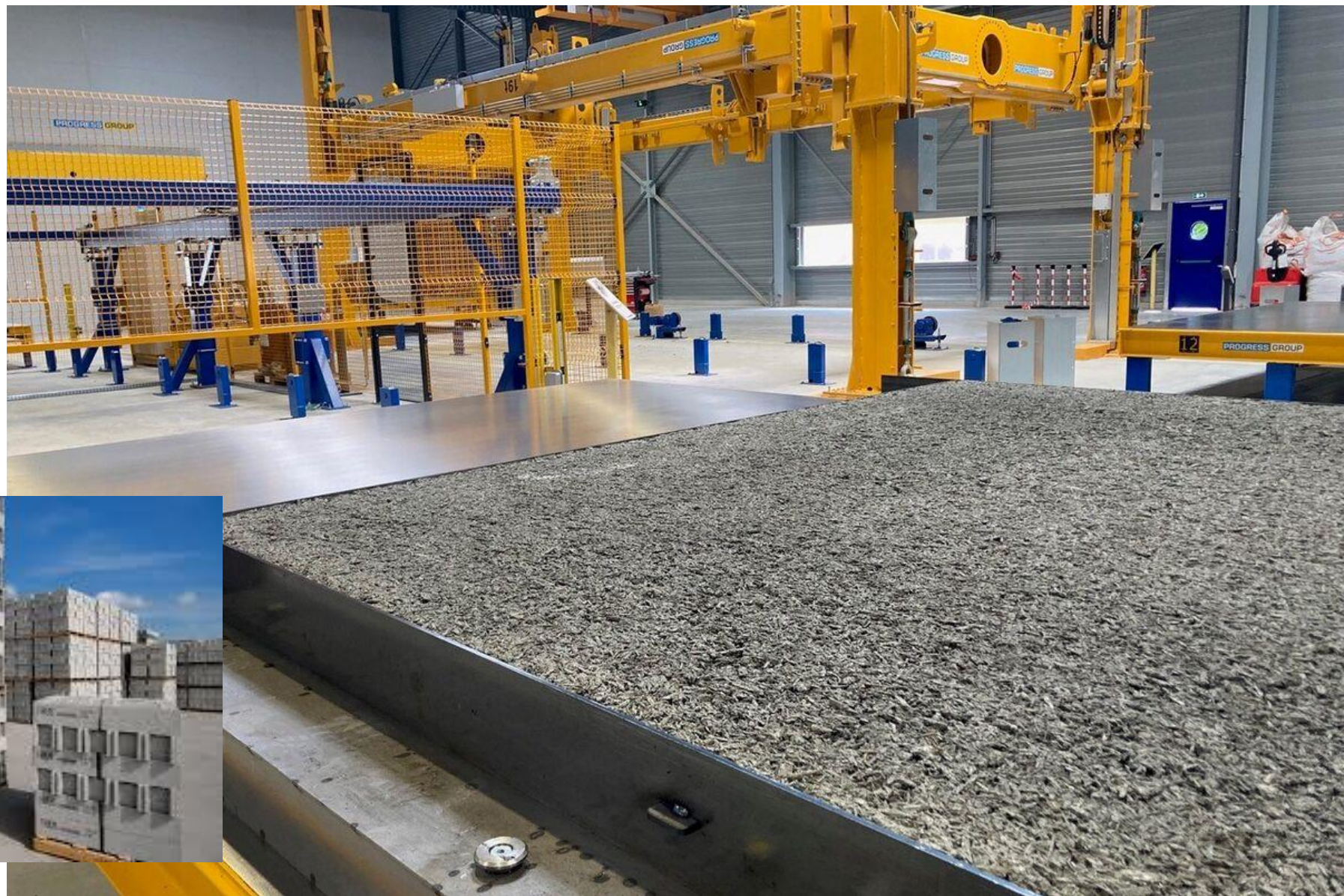


**Emerging players who can meet your future needs**



# Concrete :

- 500 companies
- 20 000 employees
- 3,3 M€ turnover



# Timber construction

- 2 000 companies
- 30 000 employees
- 1 M€ turnover



# Modular construction



La construction modulaire et hors site,  
PLUS QUE VOUS L'IMAGINEZ

- 250 companies
- 10 000 employees
- 1 M€ turnover
- 40% renting



# MEP

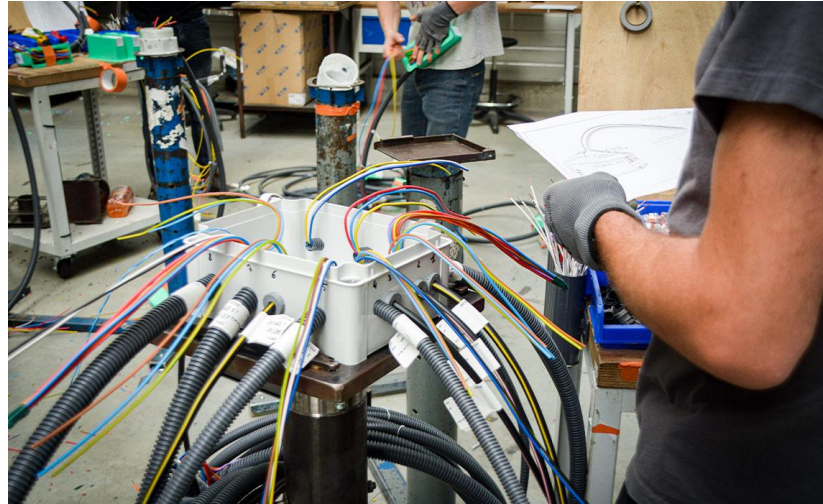


**Bathroom pods**  
**20 000 pods / year**

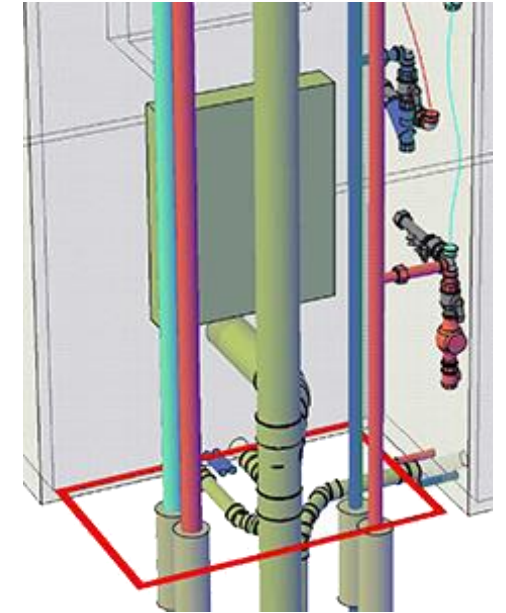


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**Electric systems**  
**50 % / family houses**



**Plumbing systems**  
**Emerging market**



# Retrofit !



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- Start in 2019
- 6 000 renovation in 5 years
- 10,000 renovations planned

**A fast-growing market**

**We want Offsite !**



**But most of the developers go to Offsite the same way than traditional**

# You have to understand the difference between prefabrication and industrialisation !

PARTIE 1

## Pré-fabrication

- The project management team designs the project
- Launches a consultation
- **The building is a pure prototype**
- The industrialist is considered a building company
- The factory is not a factory, but a building activity under a roof.

➡ **It is a building approach**



Ok for specific's elements

## Industrialisation

- Manufacturers develop components
- Offer them on the market
- The architect designs his project from the components
- He uses the DfMA (Design for Manufacture & Assembly)
- The manufacturer can set up real efficient production flows

➡ **It's a product approach**



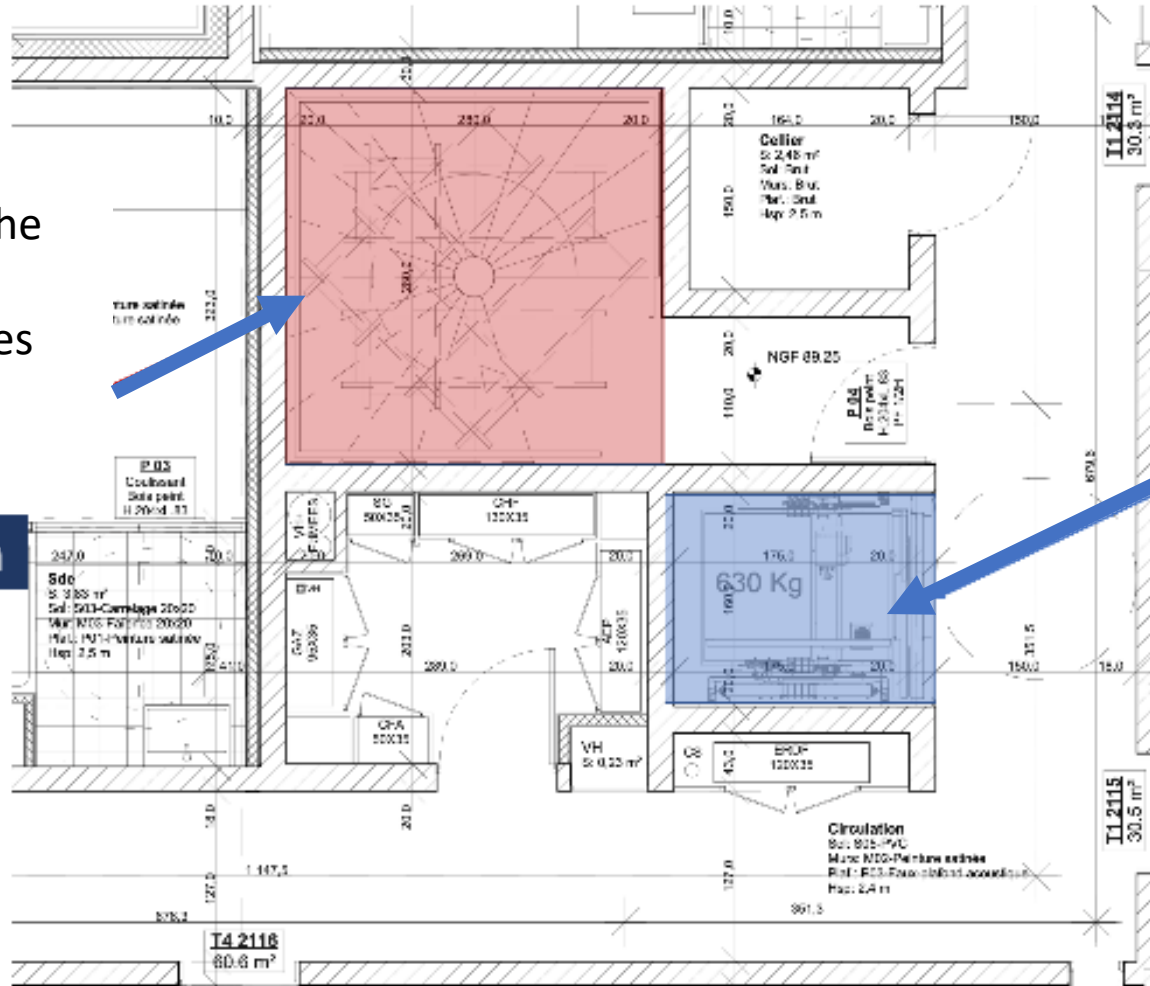
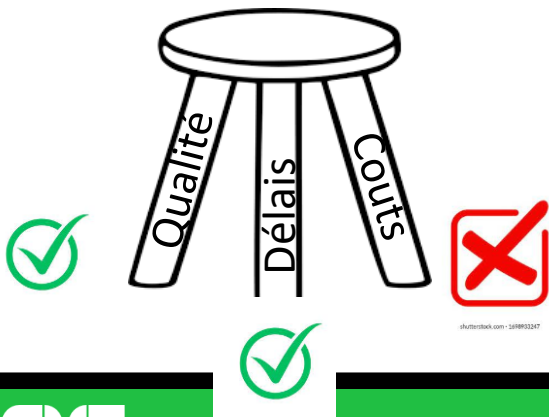
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# Both approaches are possible

## But the real gains come with industrialisation...

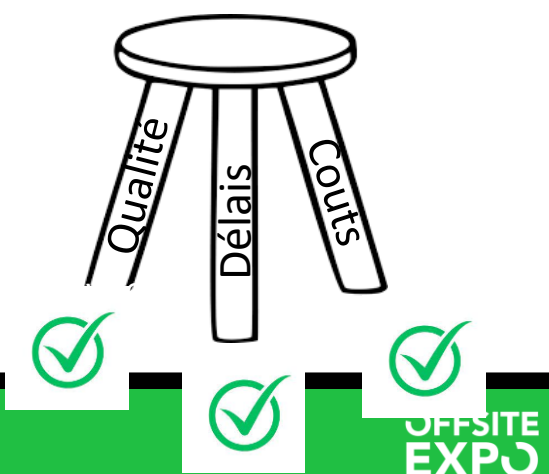
- The architect designs the stairwell,
- the manufacturer makes the staircase that goes inside !

**Pré-fabrication**



The architect uses the industrial data to design the lift shaft.

**Industrialisation**

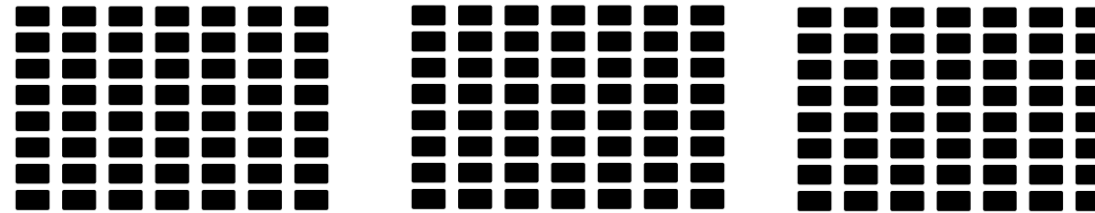


# INDUSTRIALISATION, is the real change

1 - REPETITION



2 - VOLUME



3 - **STANDARDISATION & continuous improvement !**

**LEAN** : Management & Manufacturing

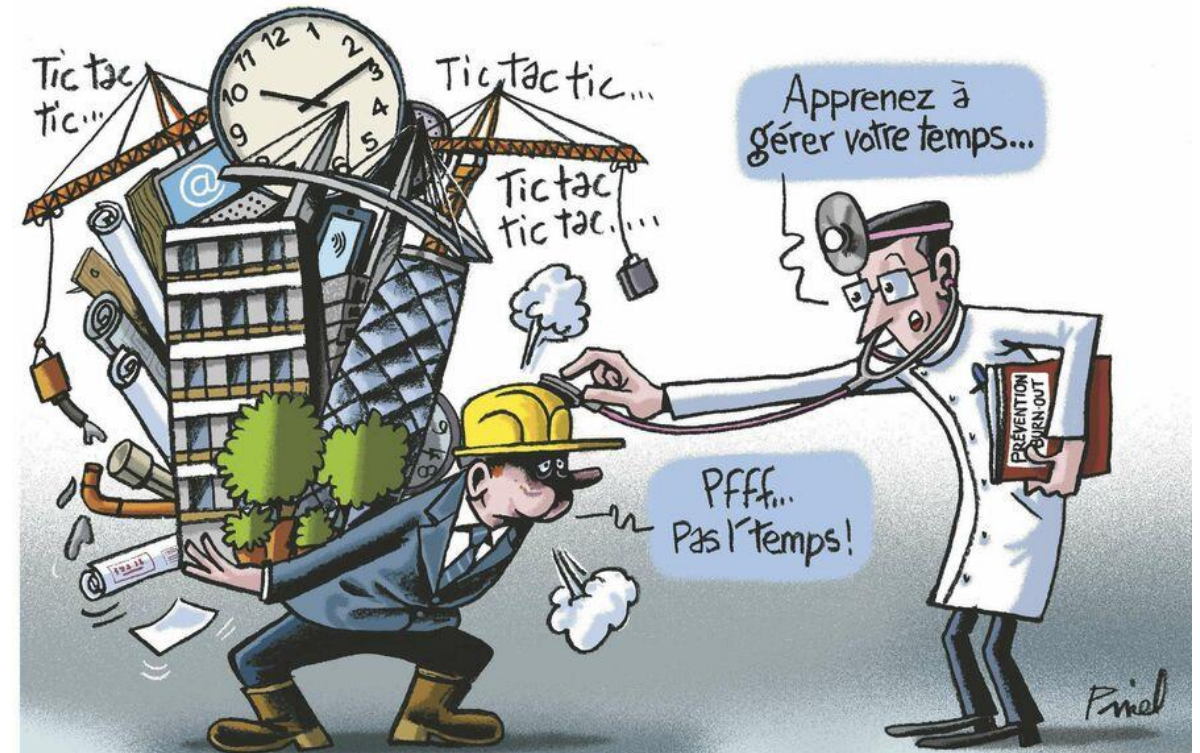
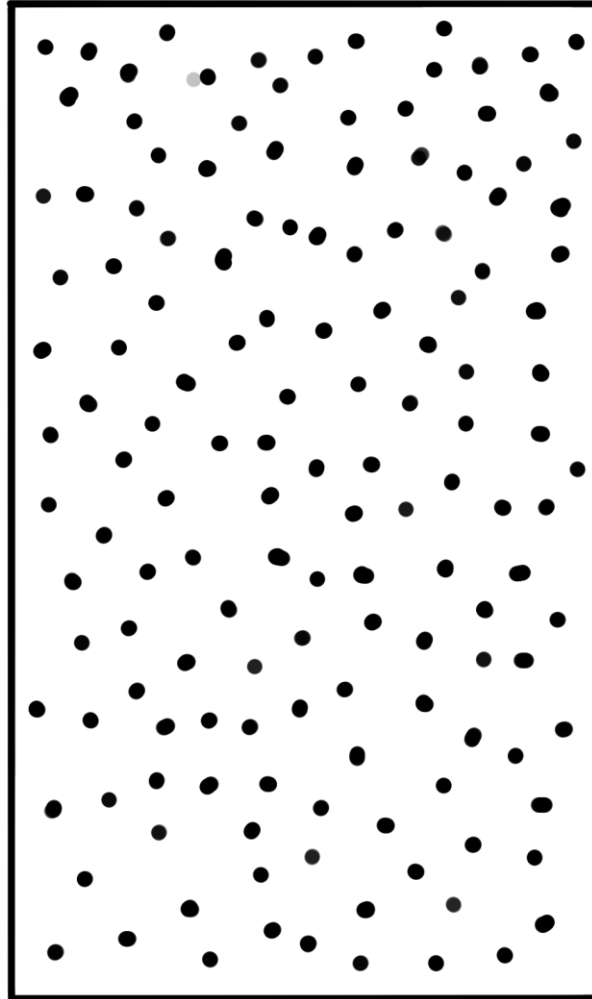
**DfMA** : Design for Manufacture & Assembly

**Industrialisation is a response to mass needs**



# COMPLEX WORKSITES, UNDER PRESSURE!

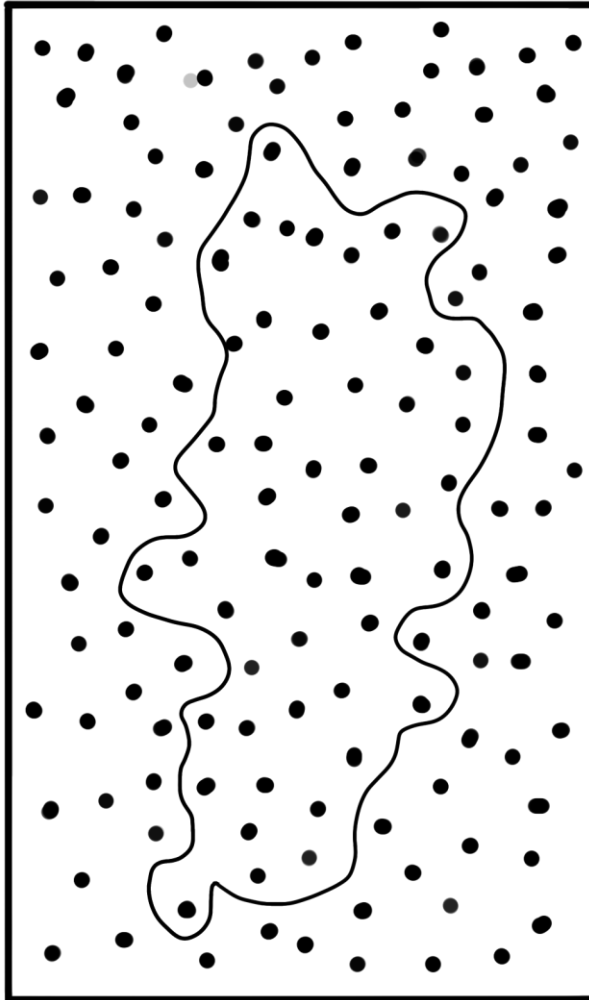
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materials, tools  
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# COMPLEX WORKSITES, UNDER PRESSURE!

Complex repetitive parts

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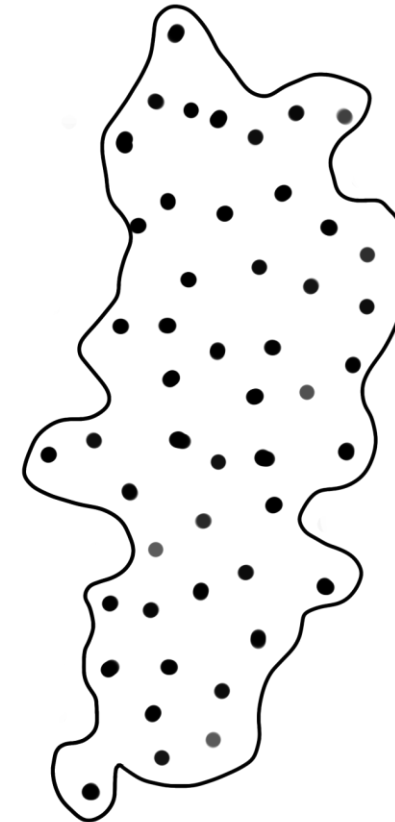
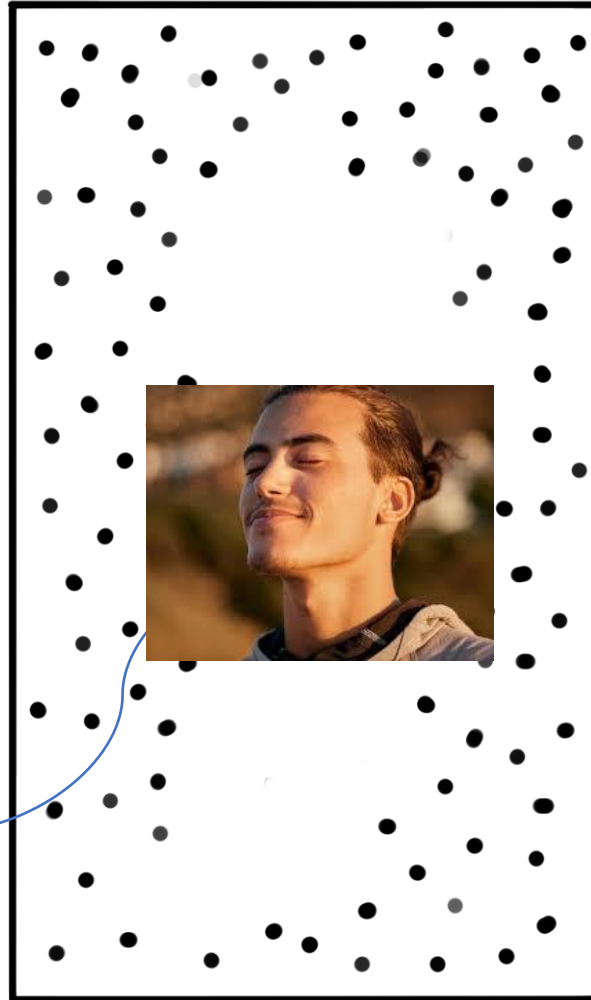


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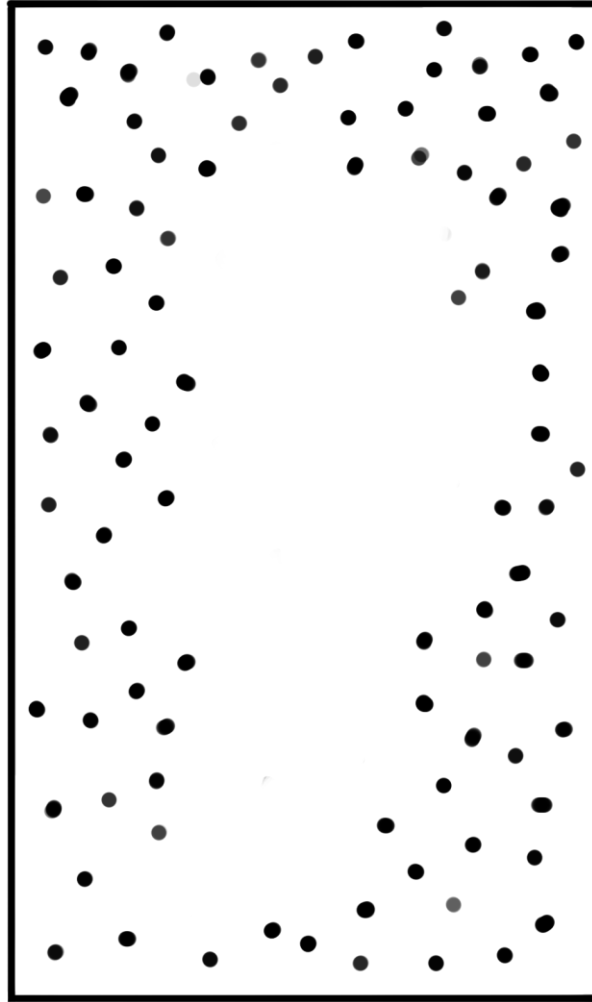
Less tasks,  
materials and  
human resource  
requirements

A breath of fresh air  
for the construction  
industry



## DES CHANTIERS COMPLEXES

**Reduction**  
of tasks,  
materials and  
human resource  
requirements

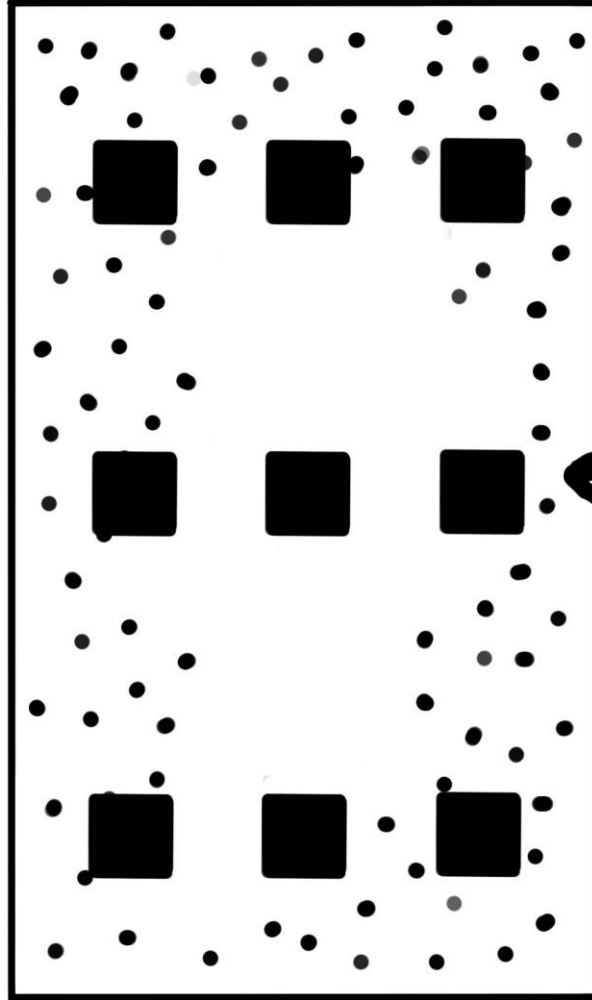


Complex repetitive parts



## SIMPLIFIED CONSTRUCTION for everyone

**Reduction**  
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human resource  
requirements

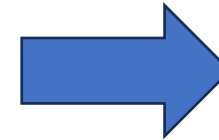
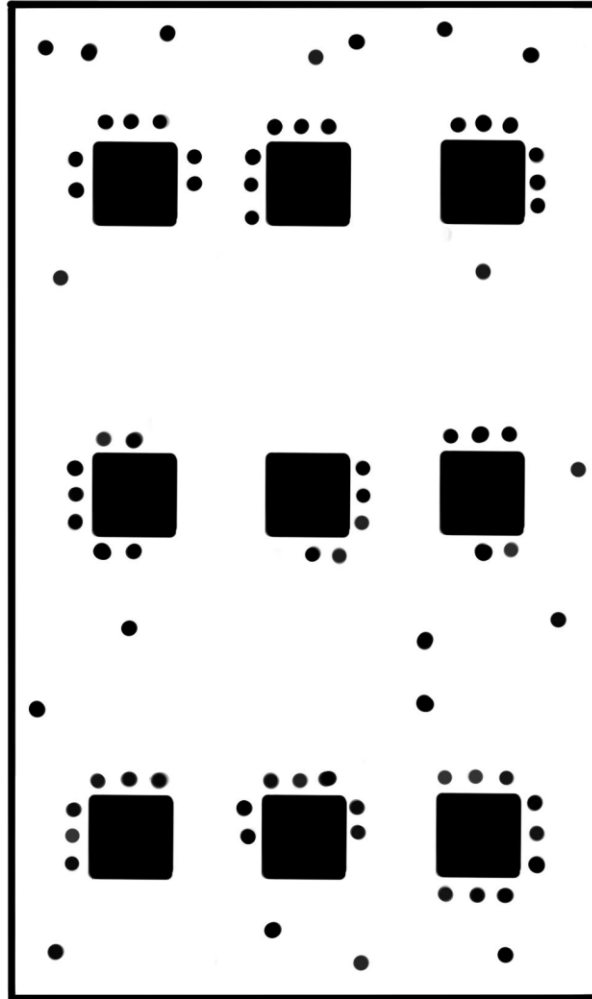


Integration of elements

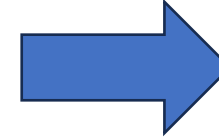


# FASTER, SAFER SITE REORGANISATION

Reorganisation  
tasks, materials  
and human  
resource  
requirements



Gains from factory-made products



Gains through better site organisation

## Everyone wins!

- The community
- The investor
- The project owner
- The operator
- The project manager
- Building companies
- The end user

# The keys success :

- **Awareness is needed from all the actors !**
- **Think prefabrication rather than construction !**
  - From the first stroke of the pen, and encourage collaborative working
- **Don't pit construction against industry**
  - Learn how to meet specific needs from efficiently produced factory components.
- **Don't forget the learning curve!**
  - Educate, support and train !

**Manufacturing in a factory is not the most difficult thing,  
What is difficult is to put in place a culture and a project  
management that makes industrialisation possible!**



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# Around 70 per cent of new homes in Finland are prefabricated offsite

*Source: Finnish Association for Manufacturers of Prefabricated Houses*



# Finland – Drivers for Offsite Manufacturing



Extreme  
climate:

- Requirement for thermal efficiency
- The need to reduce work on site

Market:

- Private development drives factory-built quality, design flexibility and cost efficiency

# UK – Drivers for Offsite Manufacturing



Challenges in  
UK  
construction:

- Skills shortages
- Lack of productivity
- Poor quality

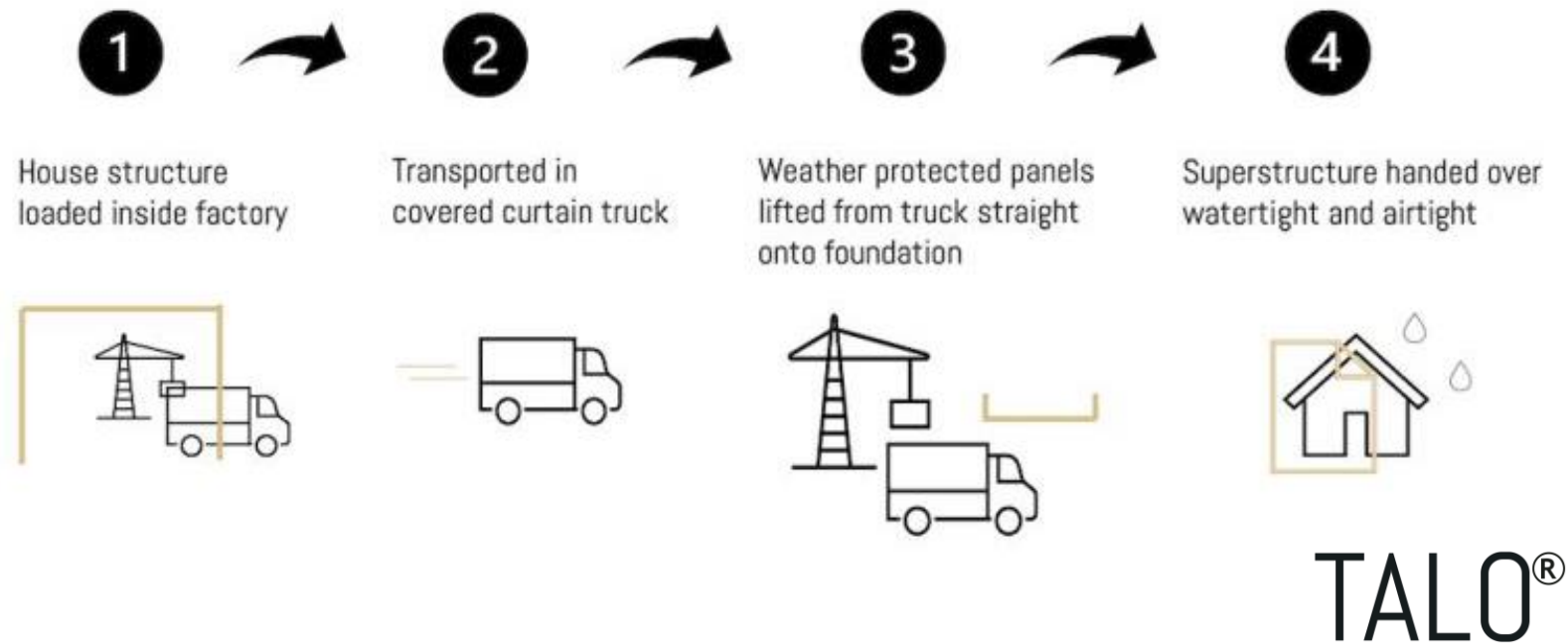
Rising  
demand for  
new homes:

- Housing crisis
- Affordable homes
- Increase energy efficiency

**Constraints:**

- Risk – large factories
- Design restrictions
- Lack of capacity
- Cost premium

# Finland – Dry Timber Processes from Forest to Site



# How are we addressing challenges facing UK construction?

## UK industry challenges

## TALO Solution – Finnish technology

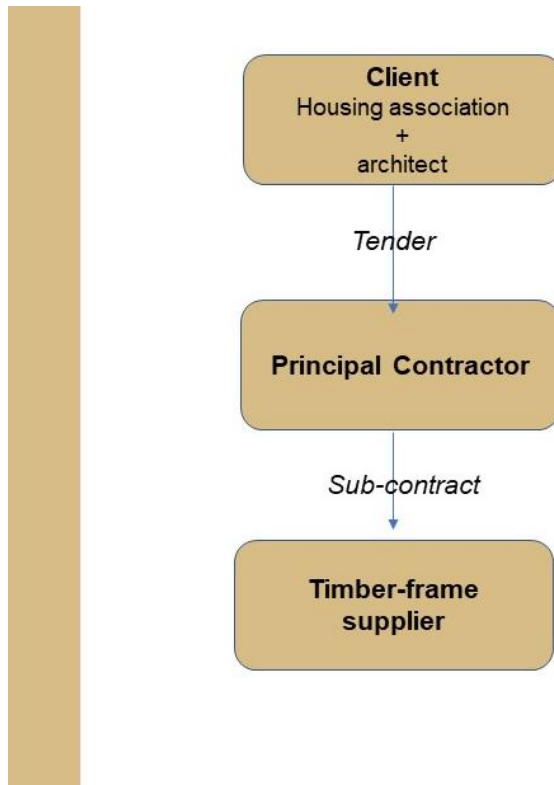
Design flexibility for different housing types / planning:	No restriction on design – from terraced to detached houses
Low productivity in UK construction, delays:	Advanced, proven offsite technology that has delivered 30,000 homes over 40 years in Finland and Norway
Drive to net zero, increased energy standards:	Exceeding Passivhaus energy standards and Future Homes Standards on every project
Lack of consistent quality:	Dry timber chain – forest, sawmill, factory, site – zero snagging
Cost sensitivity:	No cost premium
Skills shortages:	Use of offsite manufacturing means fewer trades on site; TALO Training Academies to upskill local workforce
Increasing legislation – Building Safety Act:	Exceeds fire regulations by 200%

# Regional Factory Model – Reduced Risk

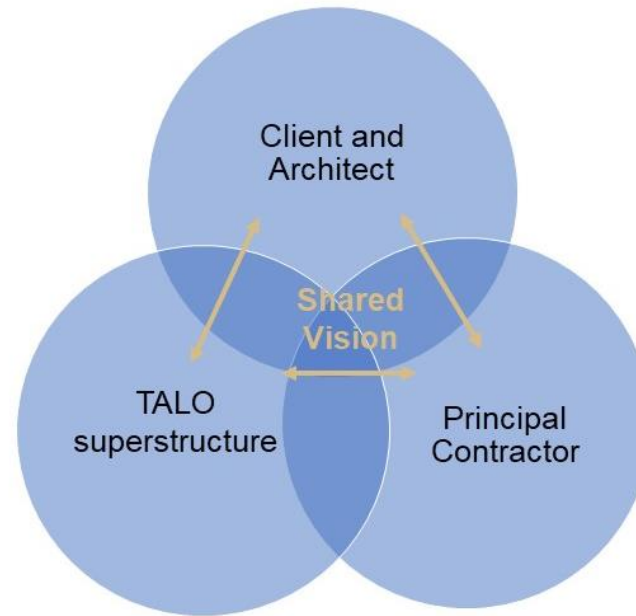


# Opportunity for Transformation – Use Partnership Model

UK – Housing procurement



Finland – Partnership model



TALO®

# Mission-driven Approach – Eradicate Fuel Poverty



**Proven offsite housebuilding technology**  
from Finland to build low rising housing:

- Zero energy housing
- *Exceed* Passivhaus energy standards
- Any tenure / house design
- *Reduced* build time
- *Higher* quality – zero snagging
- No cost premium

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D MID modular



since 2017 - CEO, Shareholder, DMDmodular

since 2024 - Board Member, Board of Directors,  
Modular Building Institute

Co-Chair of EU Council of MBI

13 years in the modular industry (playing different roles,  
collecting diverse experience, as architect, director of  
Product Development, manager in the production  
companies, manager, entrepreneur, etc.)

Leader of R&D Consortium DMD-M

PhD in Technical Science, Academic Teacher, Cracow  
University of Technology

DMDmodular was established in 2016. DMD's award-winning expertise, supported by proven technology and the backing of the shareholder, FORUM TFI S.A. [Closed Investment Fund], enables DMD to provide superior modular solutions for various sectors.

DMD's stable and credible supply chain is built on Poland's extensive experience in furniture, ceramics, doors, and windows production, making us the ideal business partner in the construction industry.

The **core business of DMD** is focused on:

- student housing (PBSA, camps, etc.)
- hospitality & leisure
- housing.

sectors: which require durability, quality & technical standards, time reduction and flexibility.

The company has provided facilities to Holland, Denmark, the UK, Slovakia, Poland and is currently exploring opportunities in other regions.

Our aim is to provide volumetric modular solutions where technology, quality and aesthetics integrate together

1

based on own  
**PRODUCTS**



hotel rooms



student units



leisure modules

2

based on  
**PROJECTS**

individual projects: hotels,  
student housing, etc



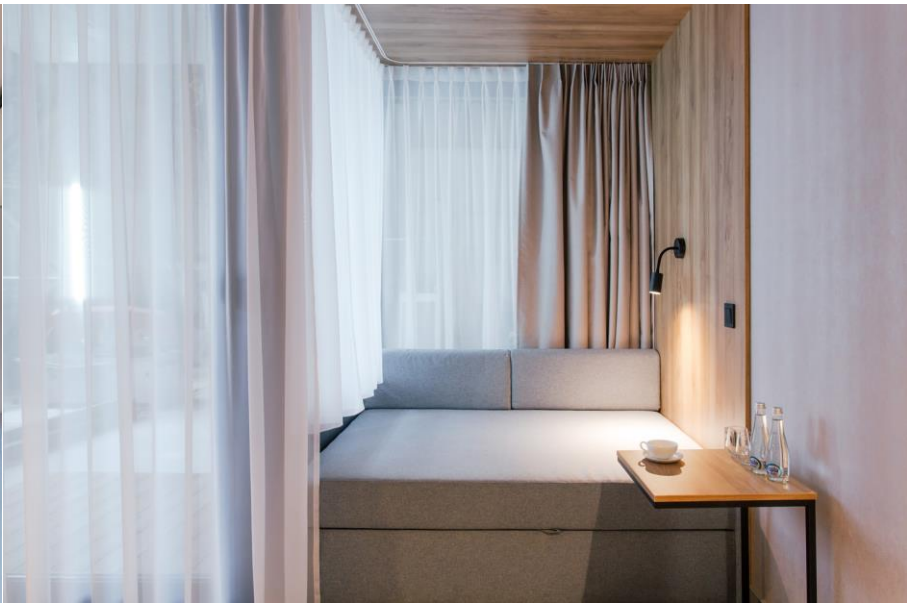
# Products houses & recreation

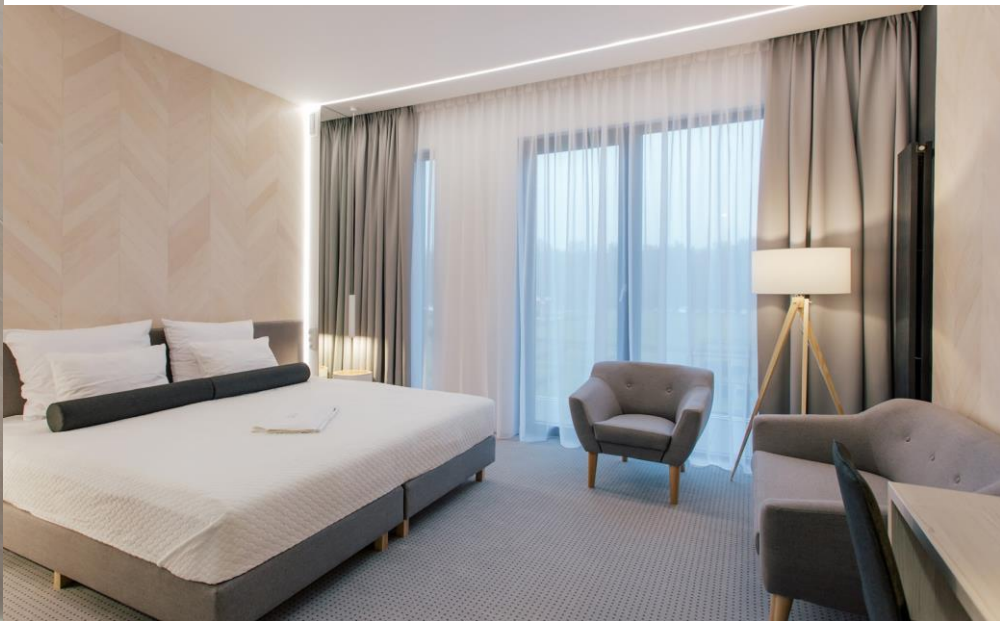
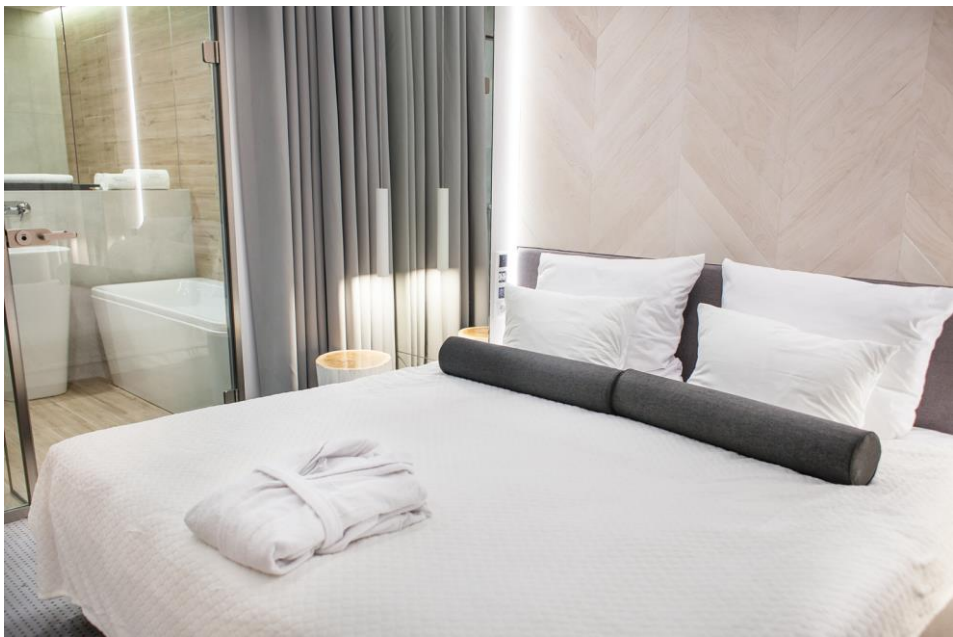




Projects  
housing, dormitories, hotels







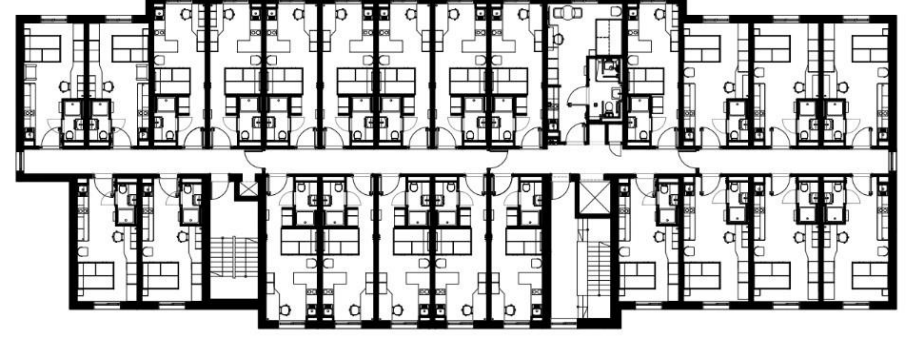


## International Case Studies

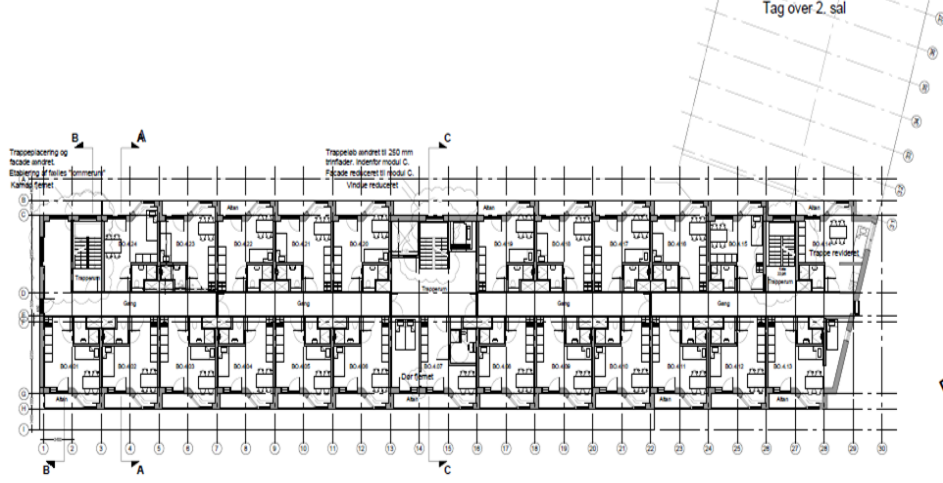
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Edinburgh | part 1  
144 modules | 148 apartments

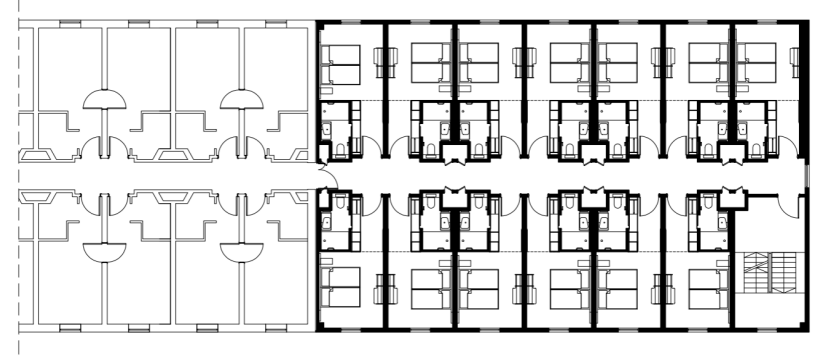
Edinburgh | part 2



Copenhagen  
84 modules | 75 apartments



England  
Hotel rooms



new building

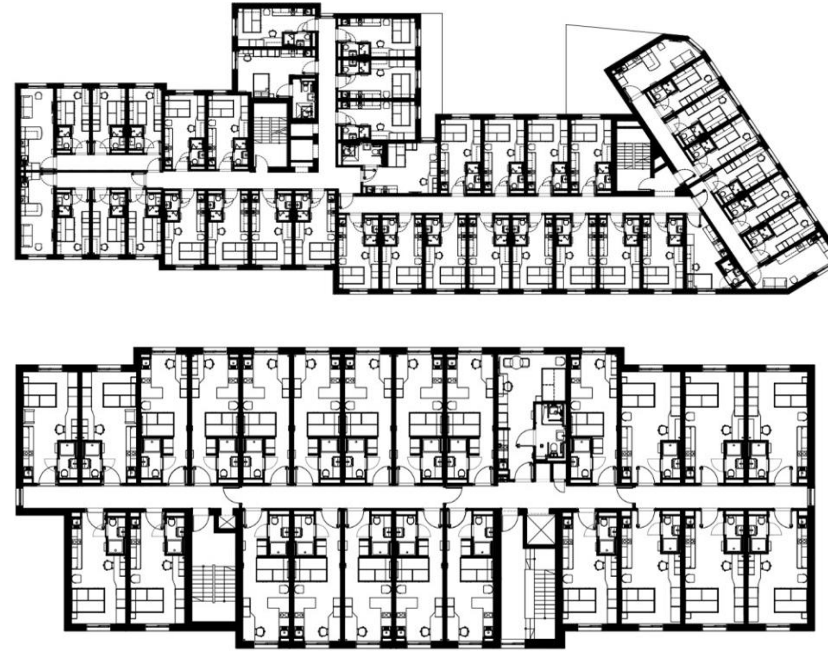
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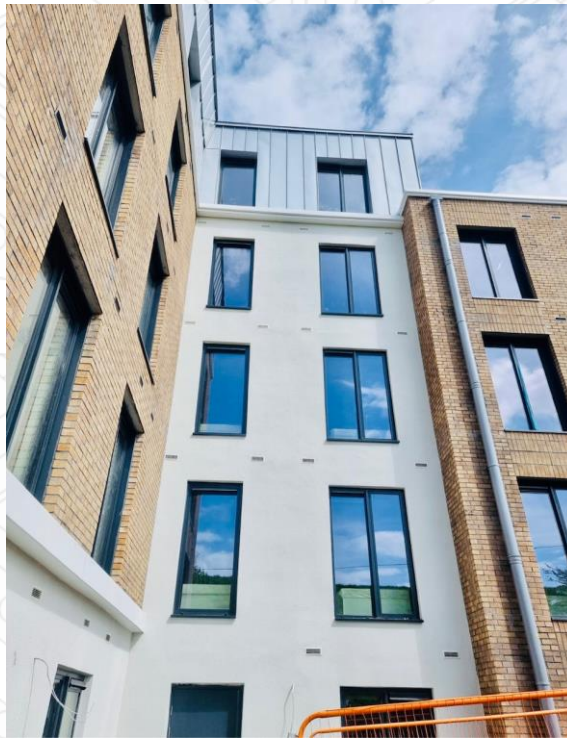
- Modules 144
- Rooms 148
- Floors 4
- Gross area 3 645 m<sup>2</sup>

### Building M2

- Modules 70
- Rooms 102
- Floors 4
- Gross area 2 706 m<sup>2</sup>

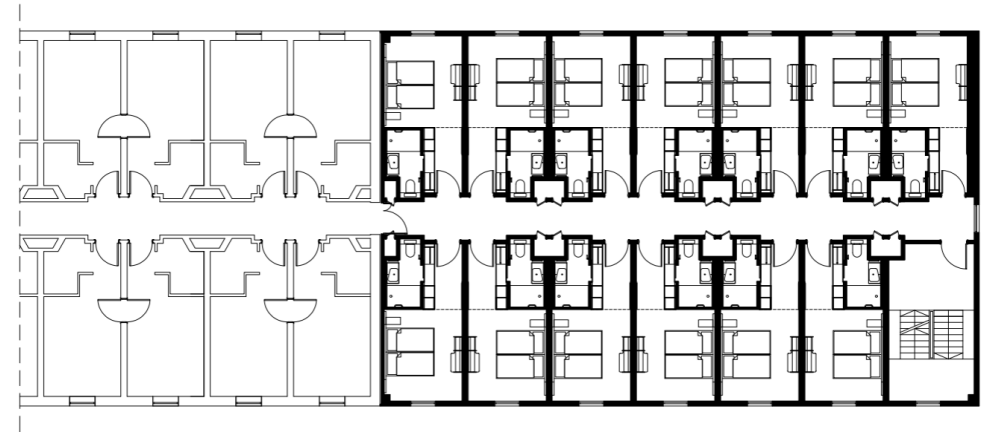






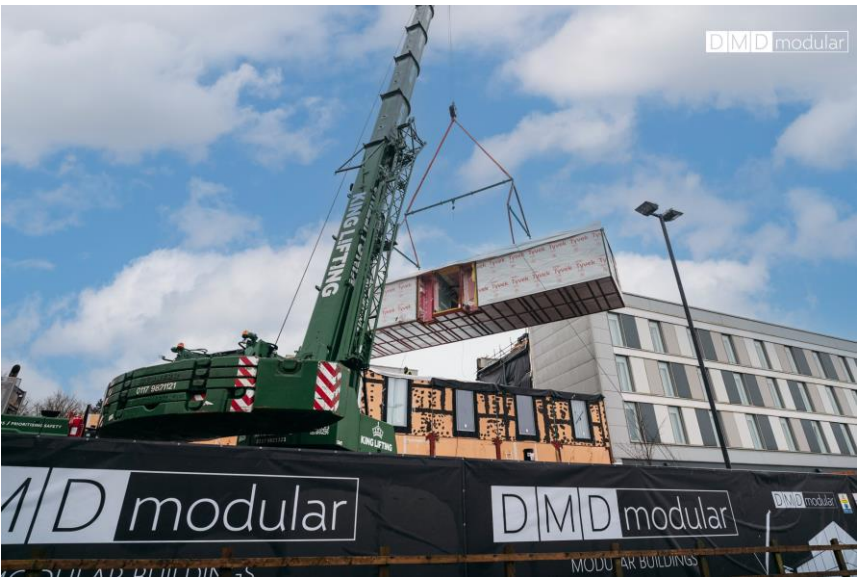
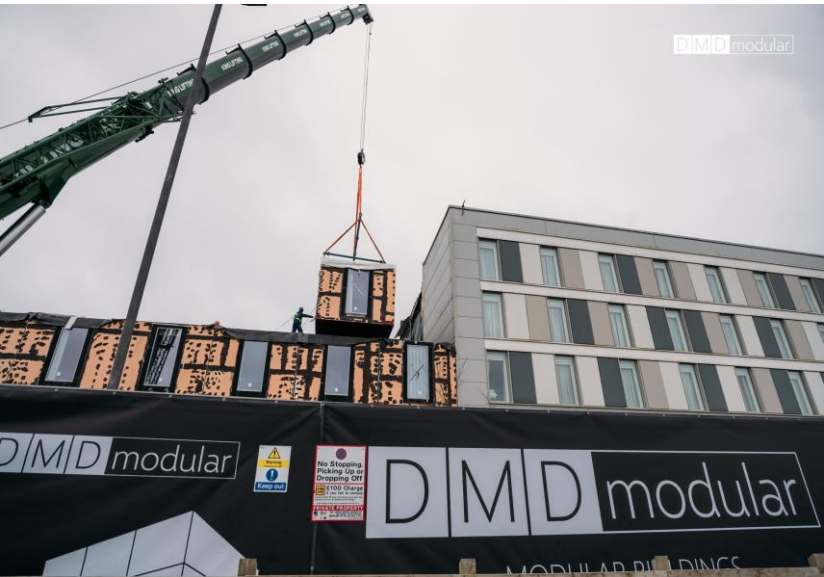


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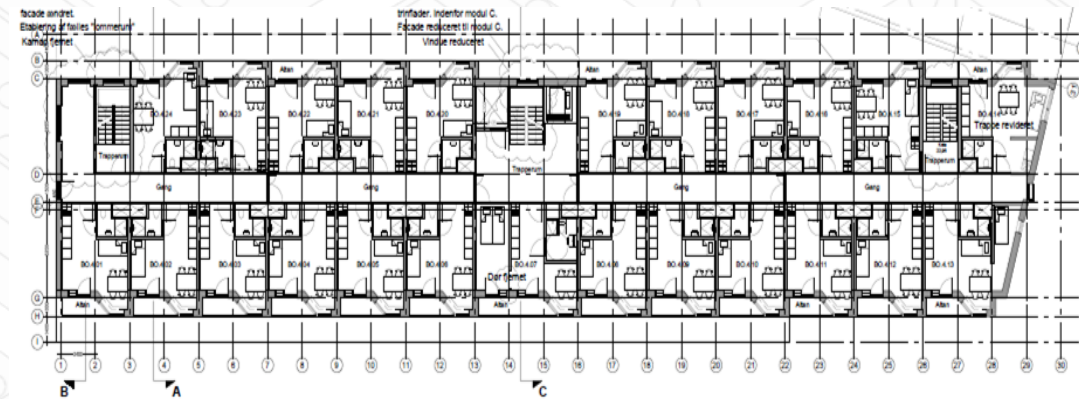
- New floors 4
- Standard of finishing turn key
- Modular gross area 1 555 m<sup>2</sup>
- Modules 30
- Rooms 50





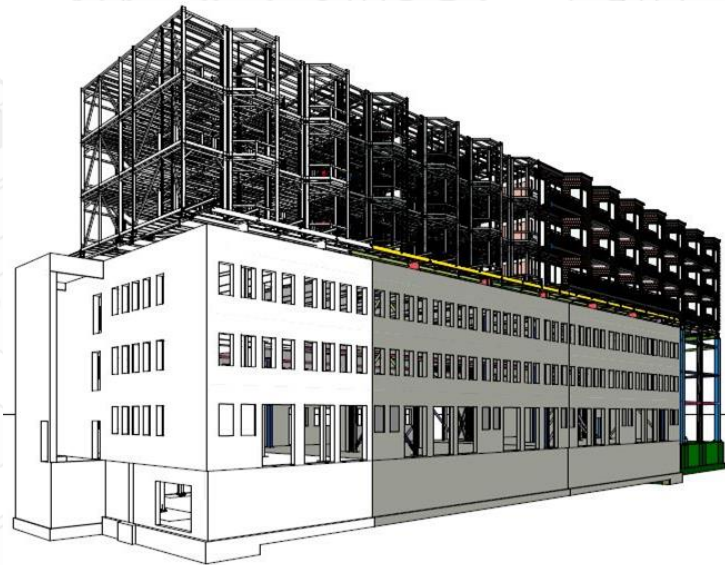


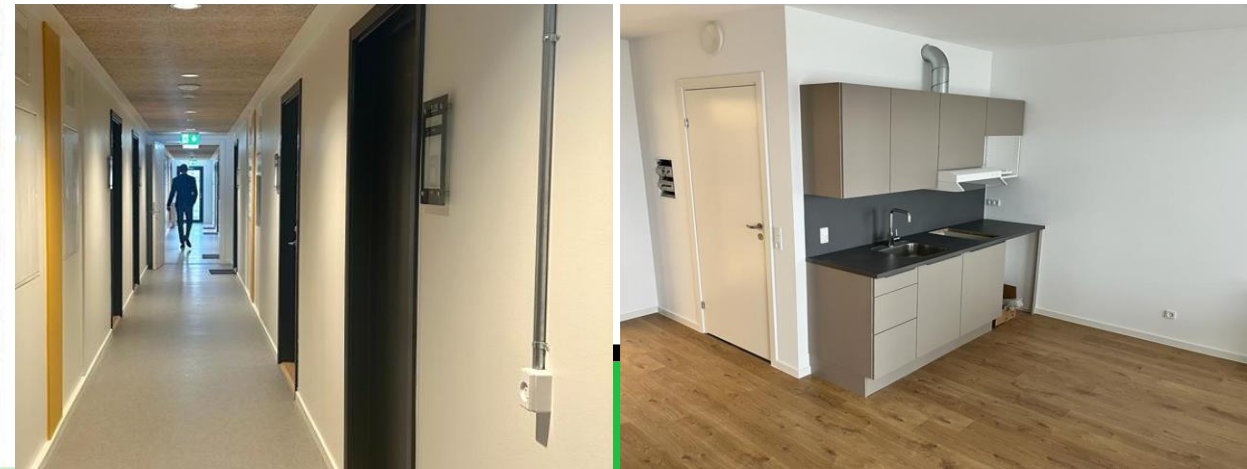
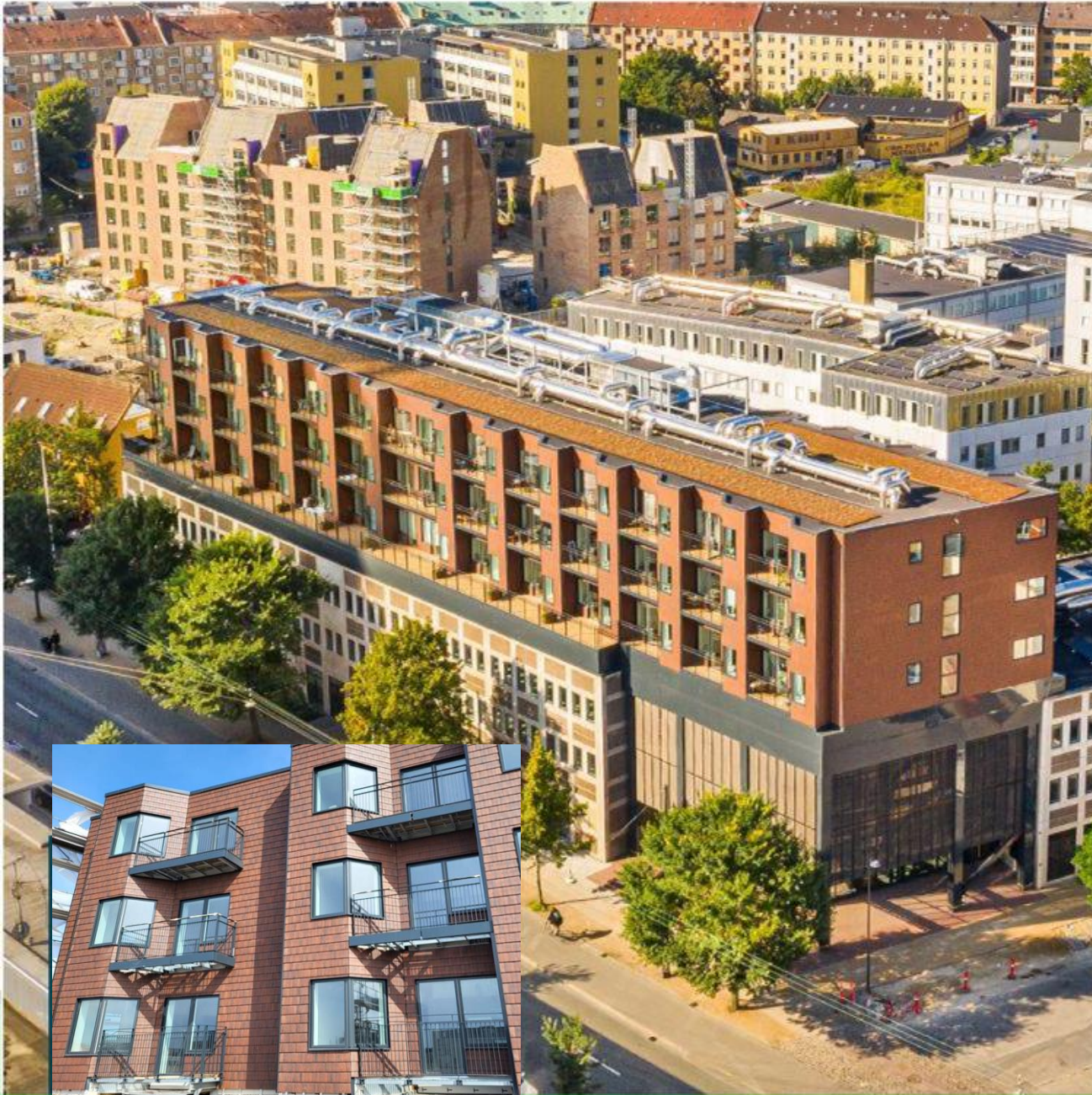
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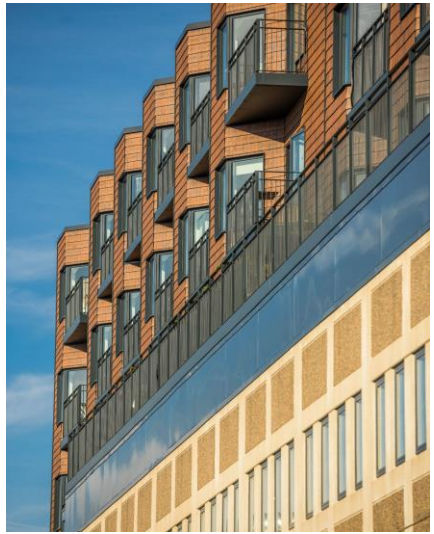


### INFORMATION

- New floors 3
- Standard of finishing turn key
- Modular gross area 2 464 m2
- Modules 84
- Flats 77











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# DMD modular

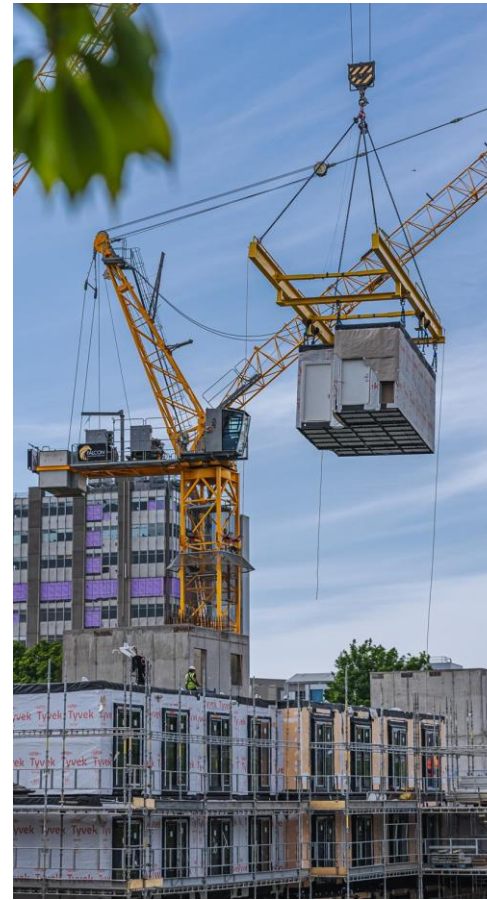
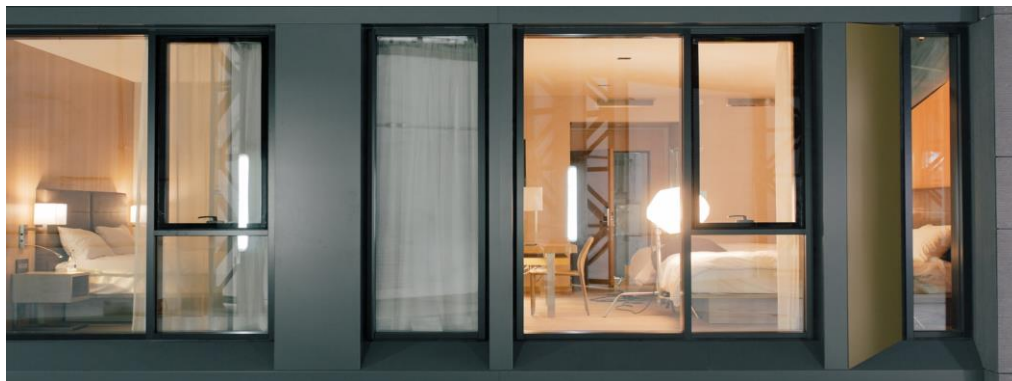
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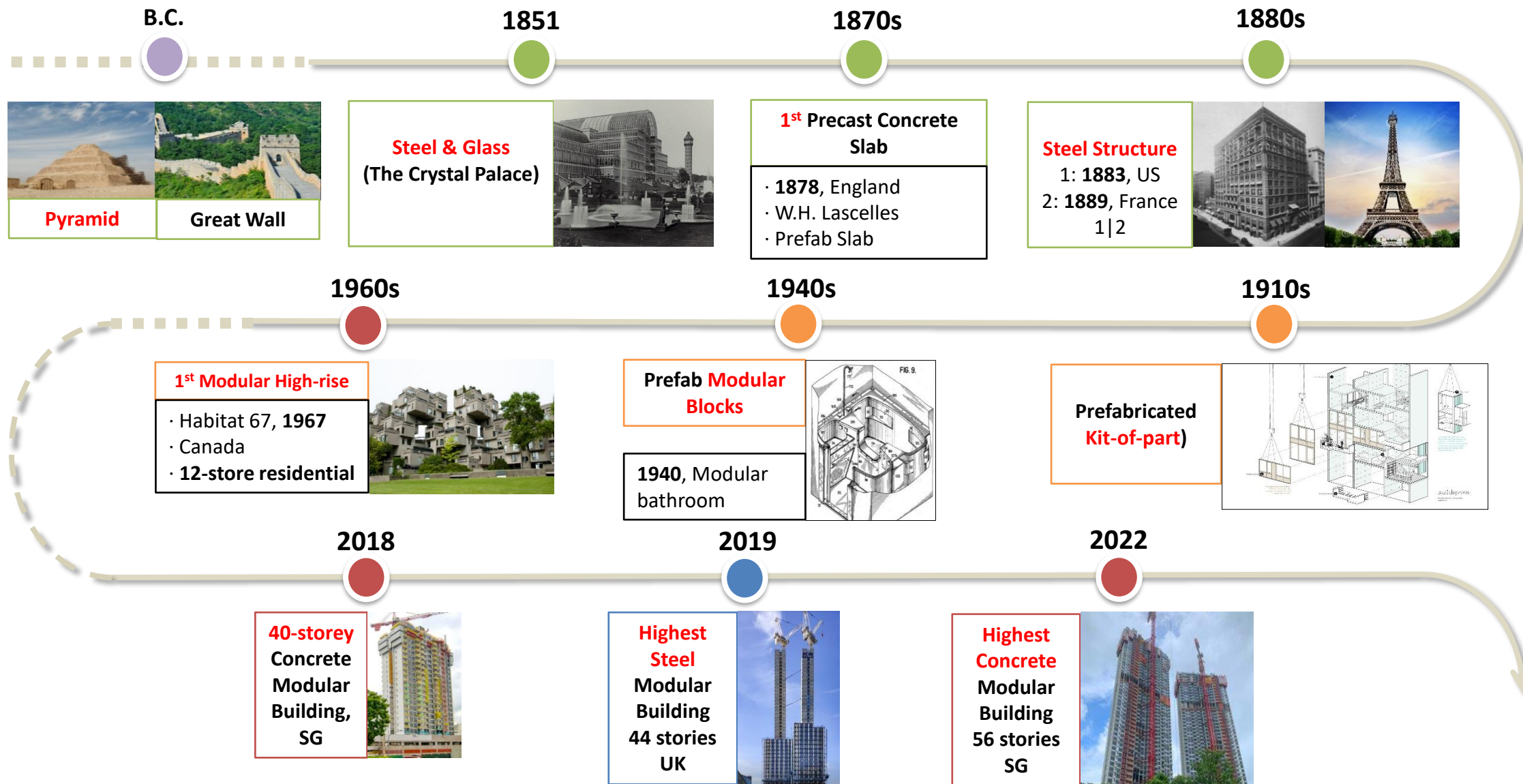
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# Precut, Preassembly, Precast, Prefabrication, Modular





**123 100**

Applications for public rental housing in 2021

**5.5 Years**

Average waiting period

**30 000**

Light public housing

**20 000**

Transitional housing

**27,330**

Persons/km<sup>2</sup>

**24.9%**

Land area for living

**10 & 26**

Ranked @ technology readiness & innovation

**~ 6,570,000**

Citizens live in high-rises



**Significant  
Construction  
Volume**

**301 000**

Public housing units supply by next decade

**129 000**

Private housing units supply by next decade

**330**

Hectare of land

Housing Authority 2022





# MiC Development in China

## MiC in Hong Kong:

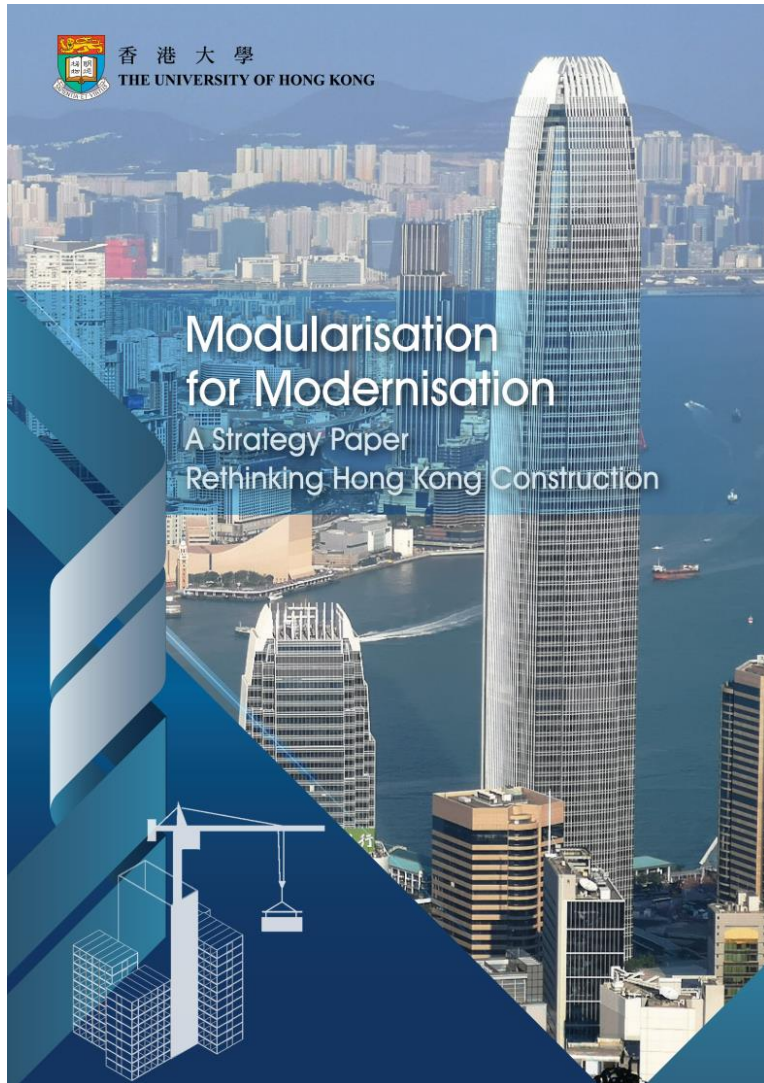
*~50% public housing  
~80% government buildings  
Increasing private buildings*



## MiC in Mainland China:

*Millions of public housing,  
residential redevelopment  
schools, hotels, etc.*



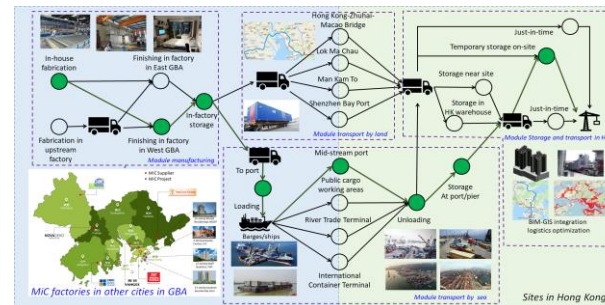


-- Wei Pan et al. (2019)

## Modular



## Integrated



## Construction





# Pilot MiC Projects in HK

**1<sup>st</sup> Concrete MiC**  
2018



**1<sup>st</sup> Steel MiC**  
2019



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC Student Hostel**  
2019



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC Quarantine Camp**  
2020



**1<sup>st</sup> SSF MiC**  
2022



**1<sup>st</sup> Private MiC Residential**  
2022



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC School**  
2021



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC Temporary Hospital**  
2020



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC Elderly Home**  
2022



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC Hospital**  
2023

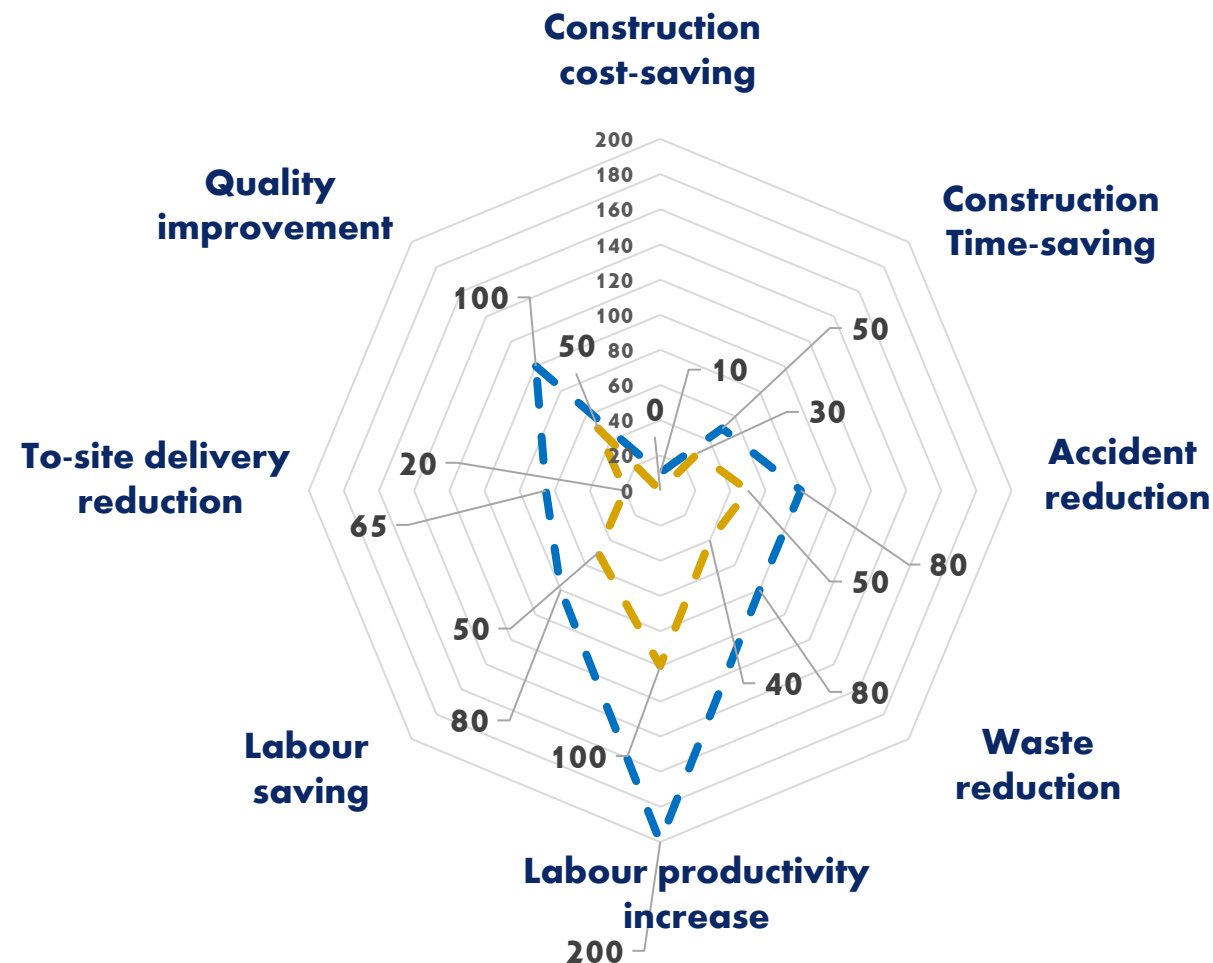
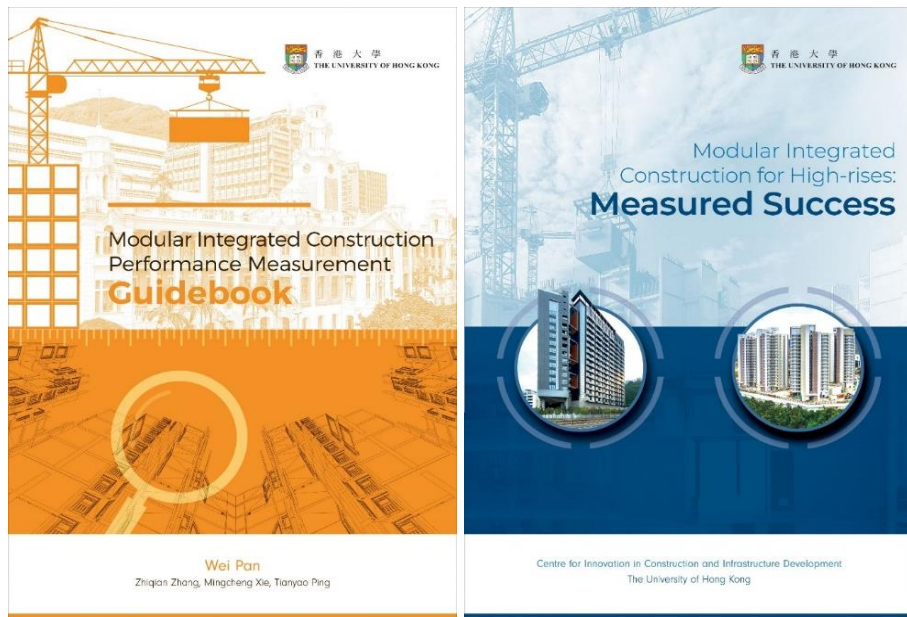


**1<sup>st</sup> PRH MiC**  
2023



**1<sup>st</sup> MiC LPH**  
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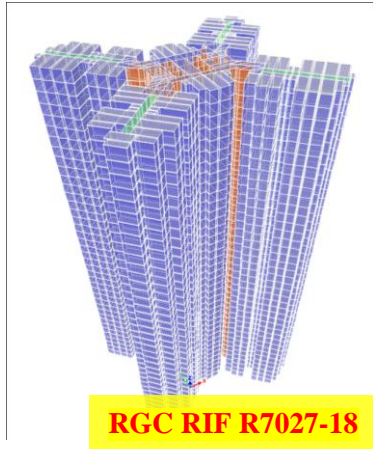
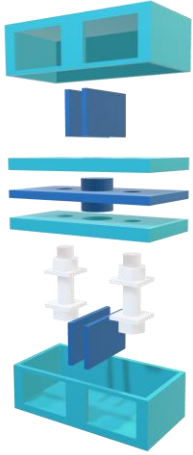


# MiC Benefits HK vs. Worldwide



# Systematic MiC R&D

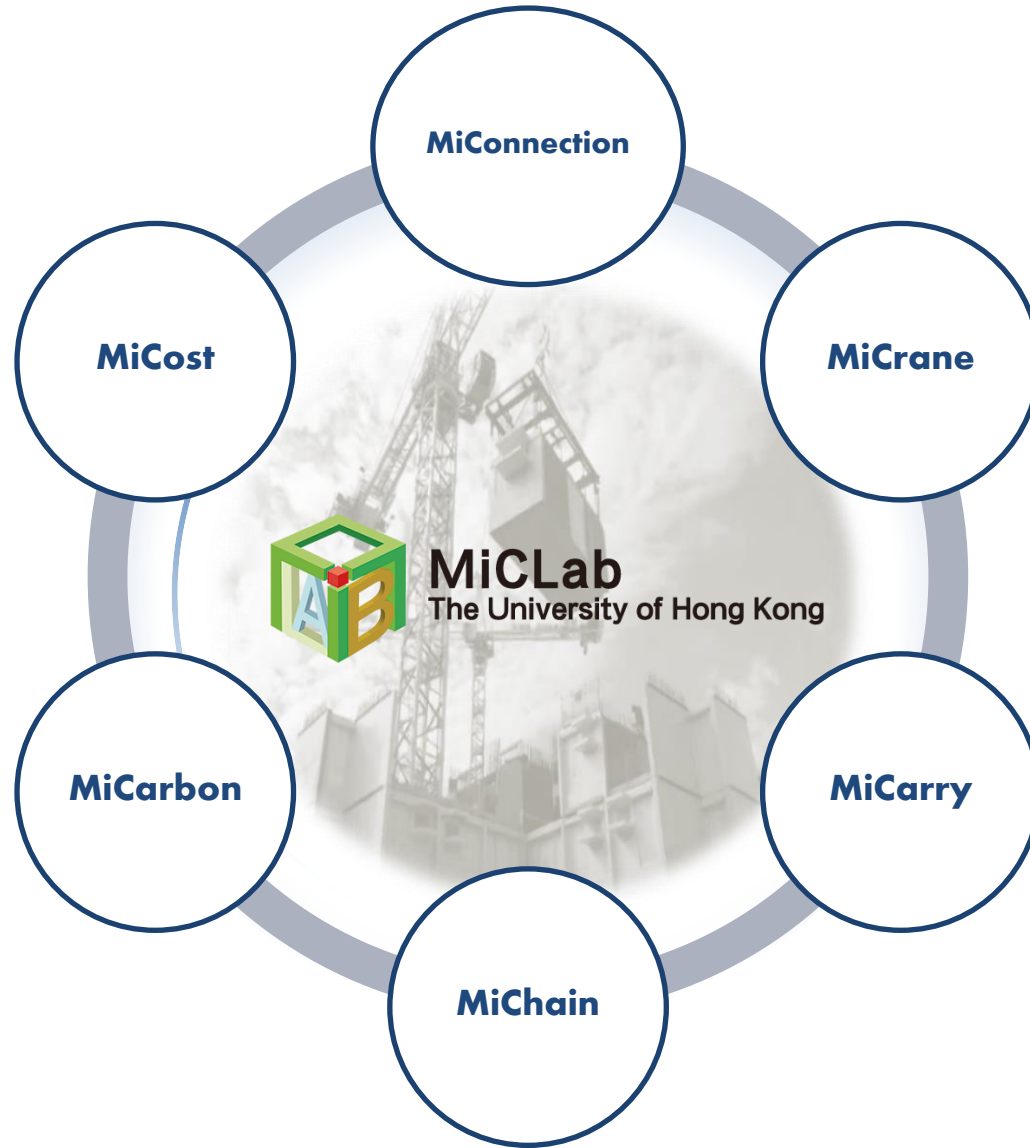
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## MiCost



## MiCarbon



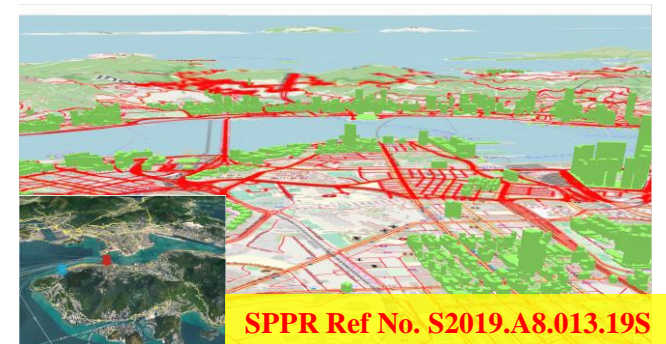
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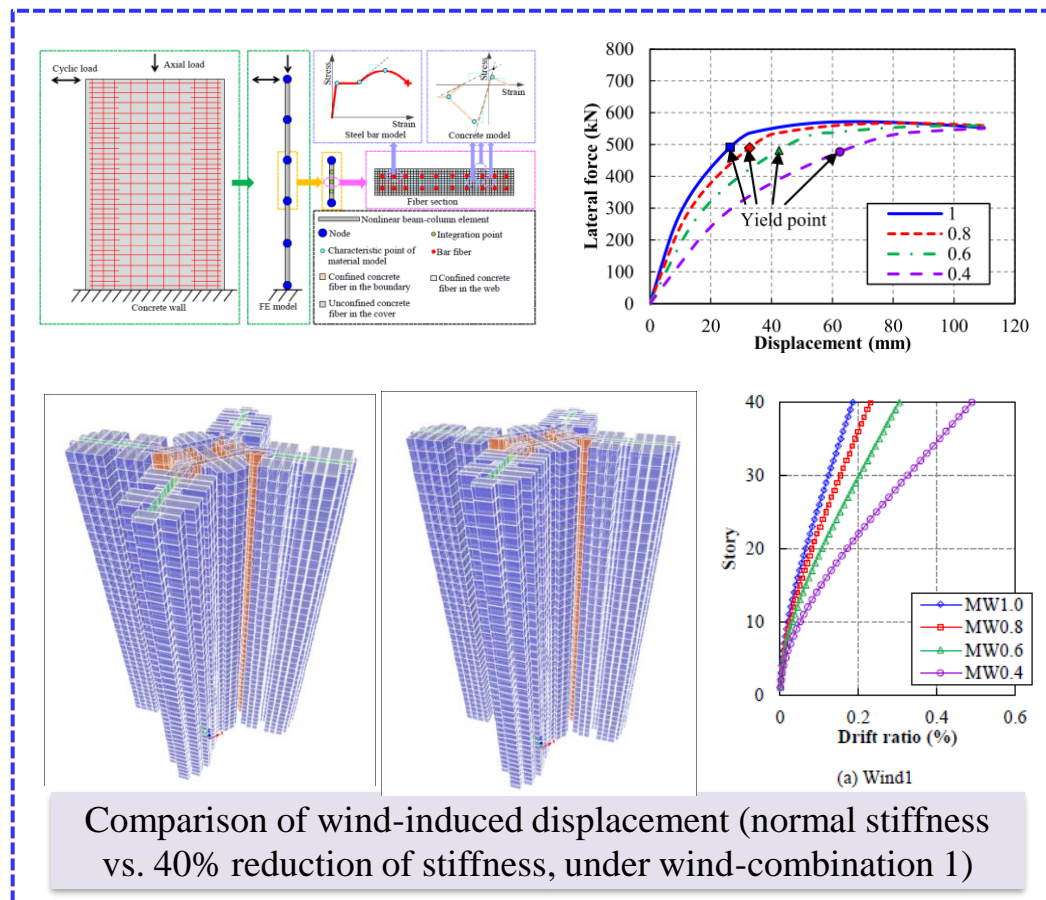
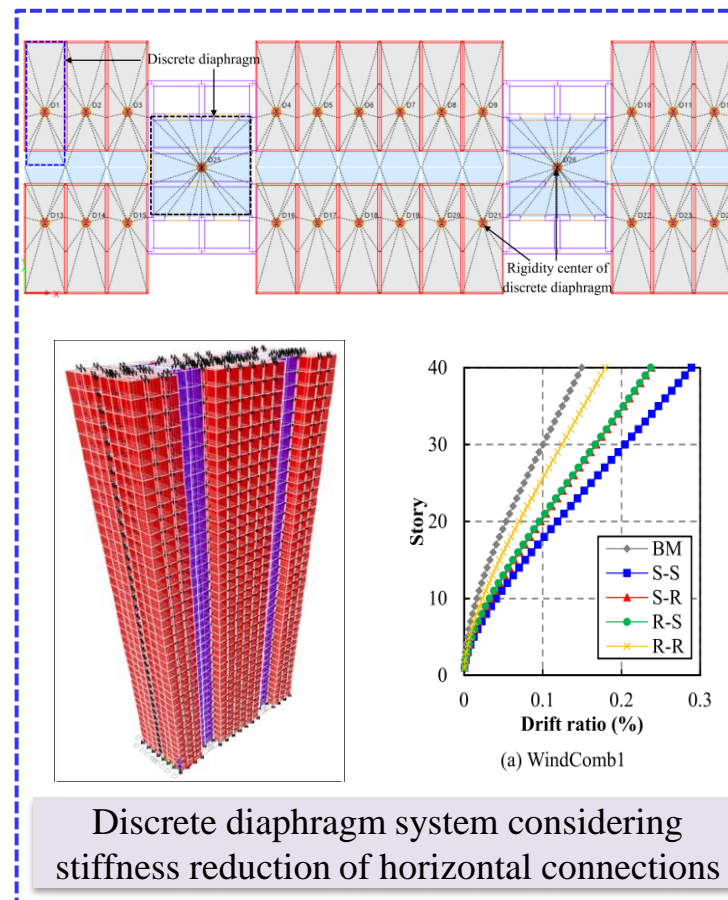
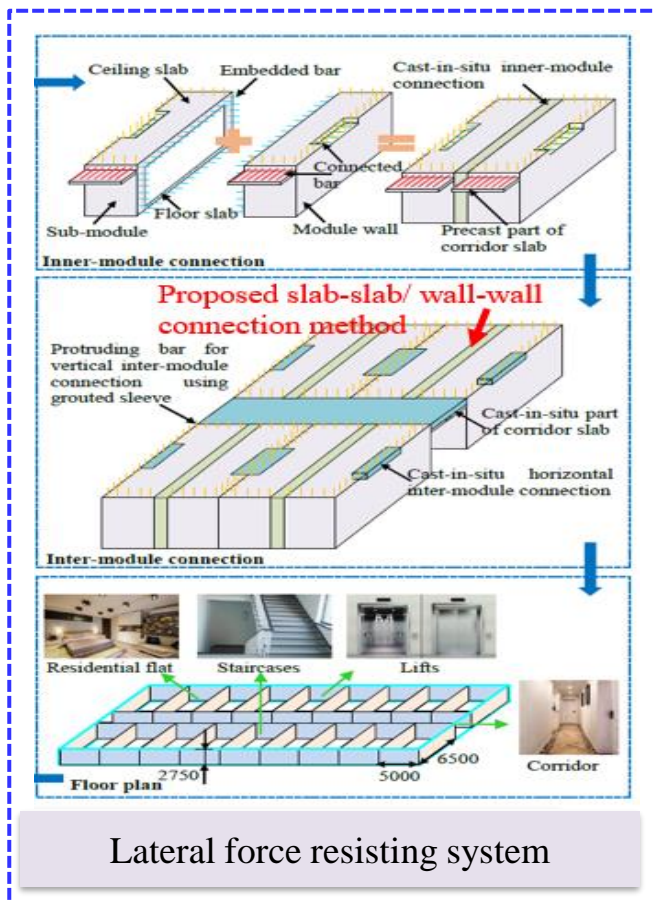


## MiCarry:



## MiChain





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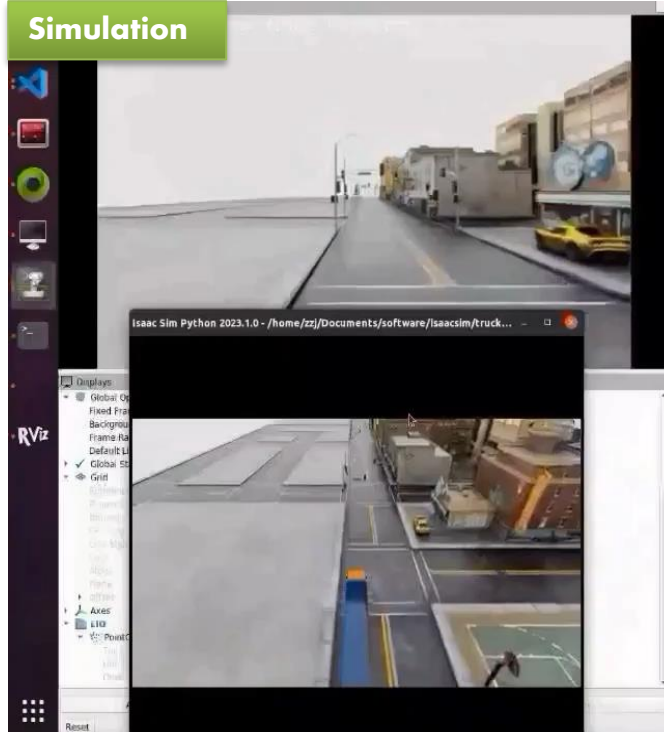
# High West Development Pilot MiC Project

**HKU High West Development**

Courtesy of Estates Office, HKU

# MiCarry: MiC Smart Transport

Simulation



Real Implementation



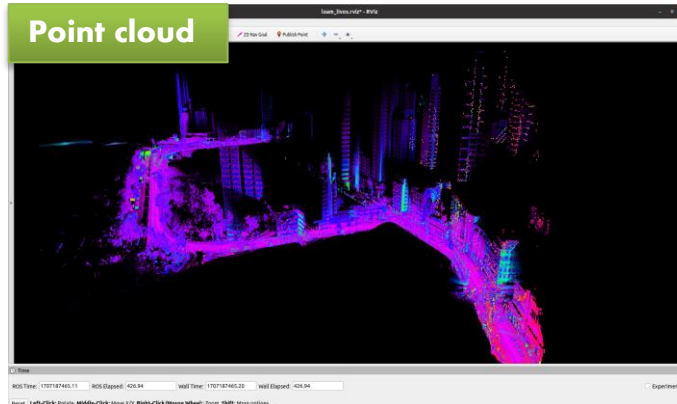
Sensors – Lidar, Camera, IMU, etc.



Trajectory

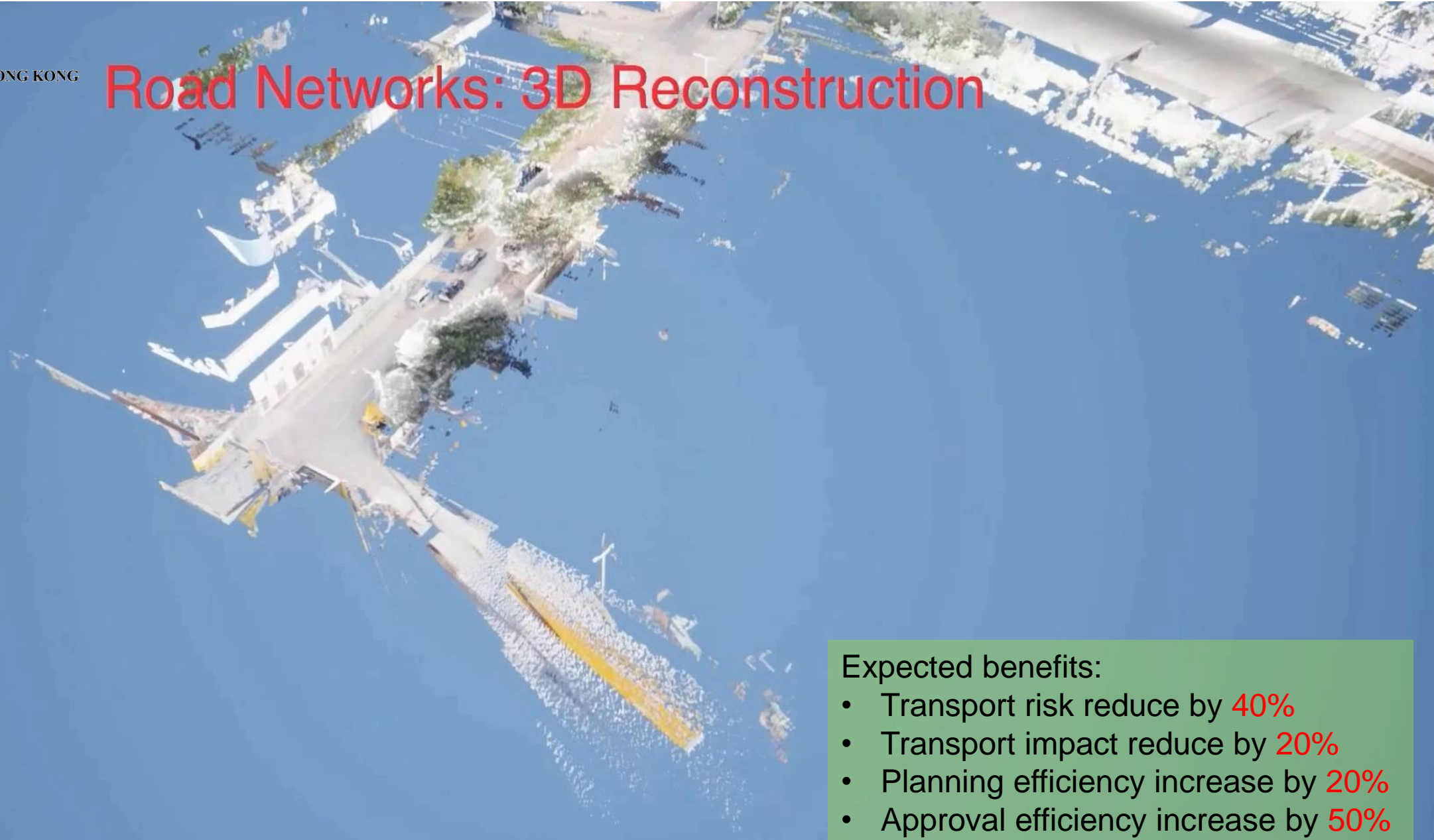


Point cloud





# Road Networks: 3D Reconstruction



Expected benefits:

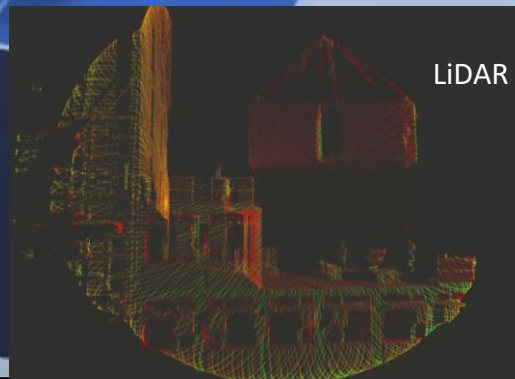
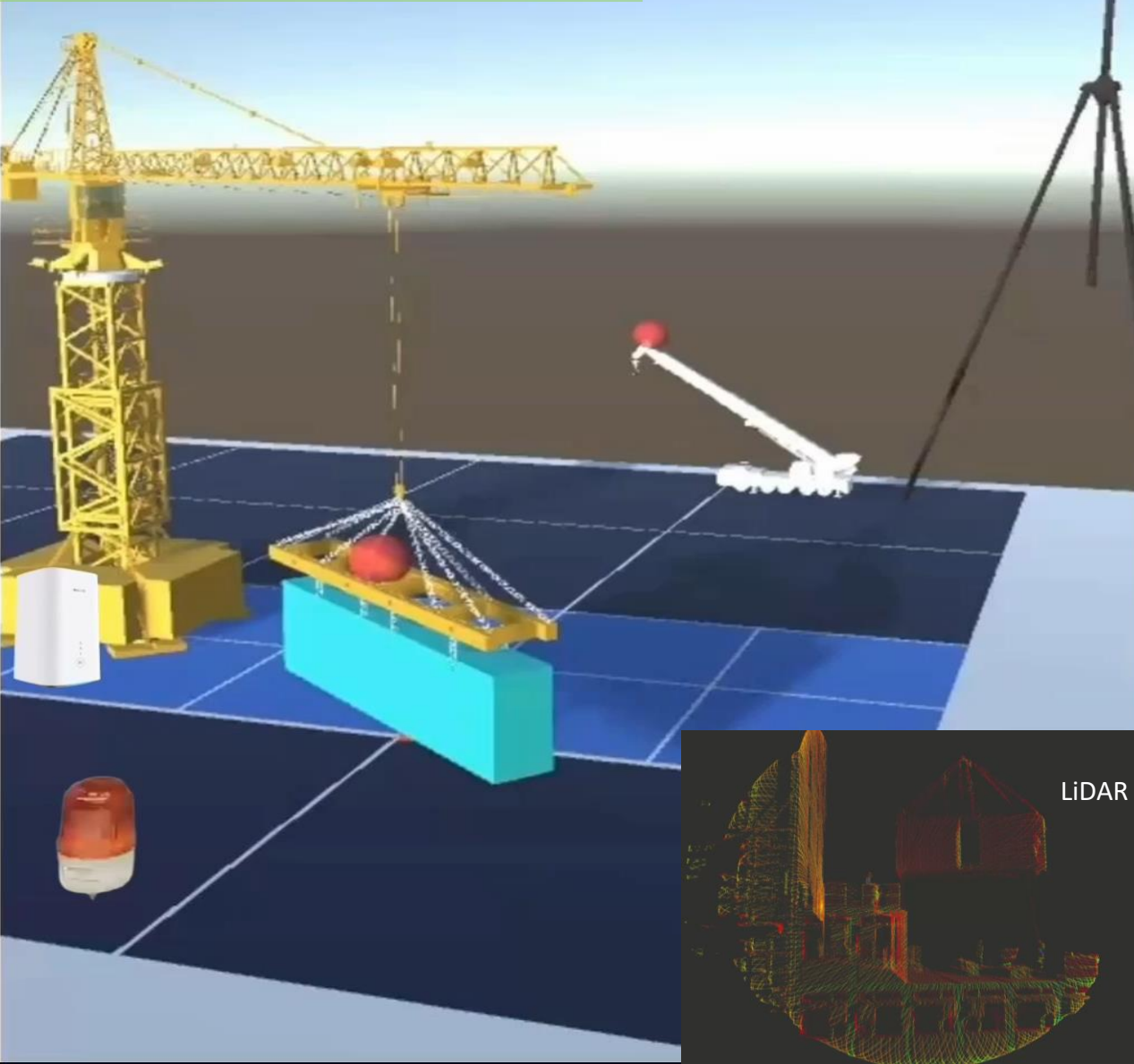
- Transport risk reduce by 40%
- Transport impact reduce by 20%
- Planning efficiency increase by 20%
- Approval efficiency increase by 50%

## MiCarry: Smart Transport – Case Demo

STF-PSRI/69/2306/RA



0 collision/accident  
+30% Assembly efficiency



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## MiCrane: Smart Installation

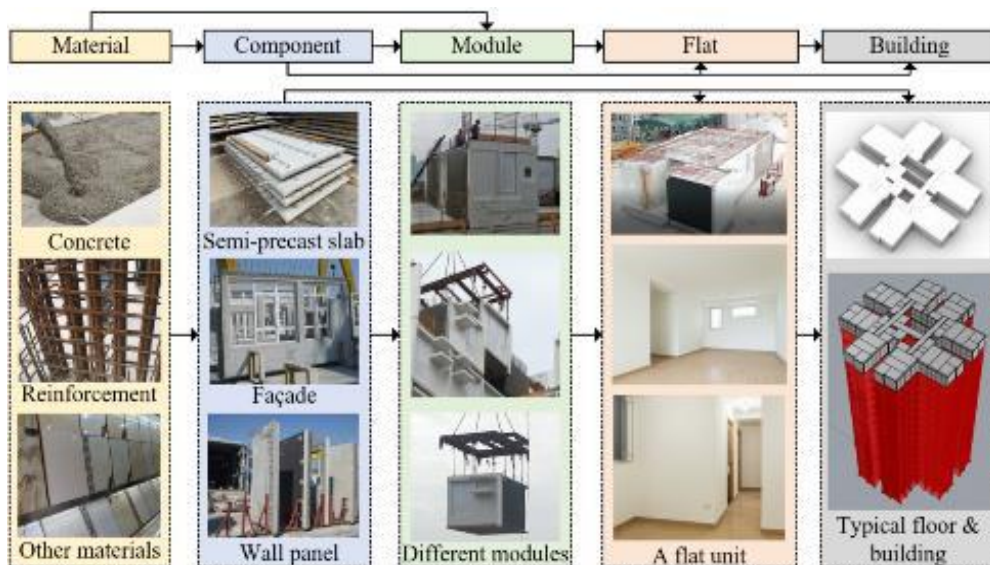


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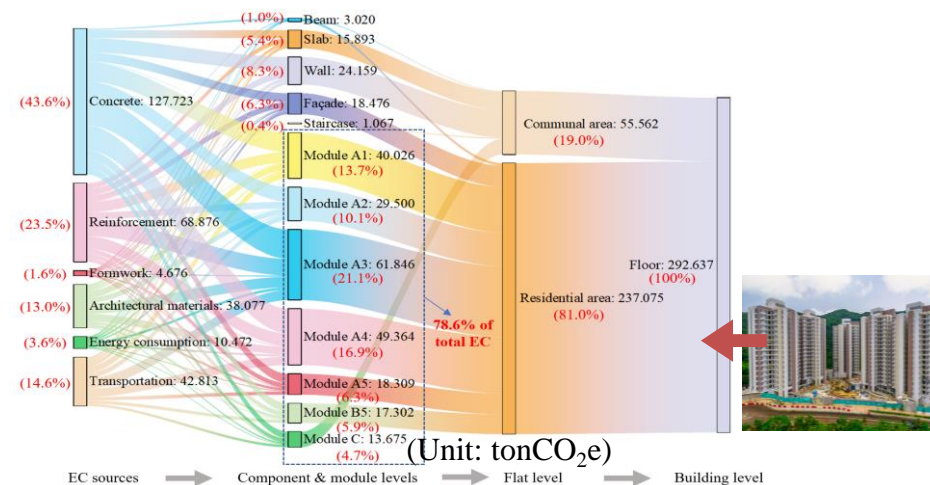


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# MiCarbon: MiC EC Assessment



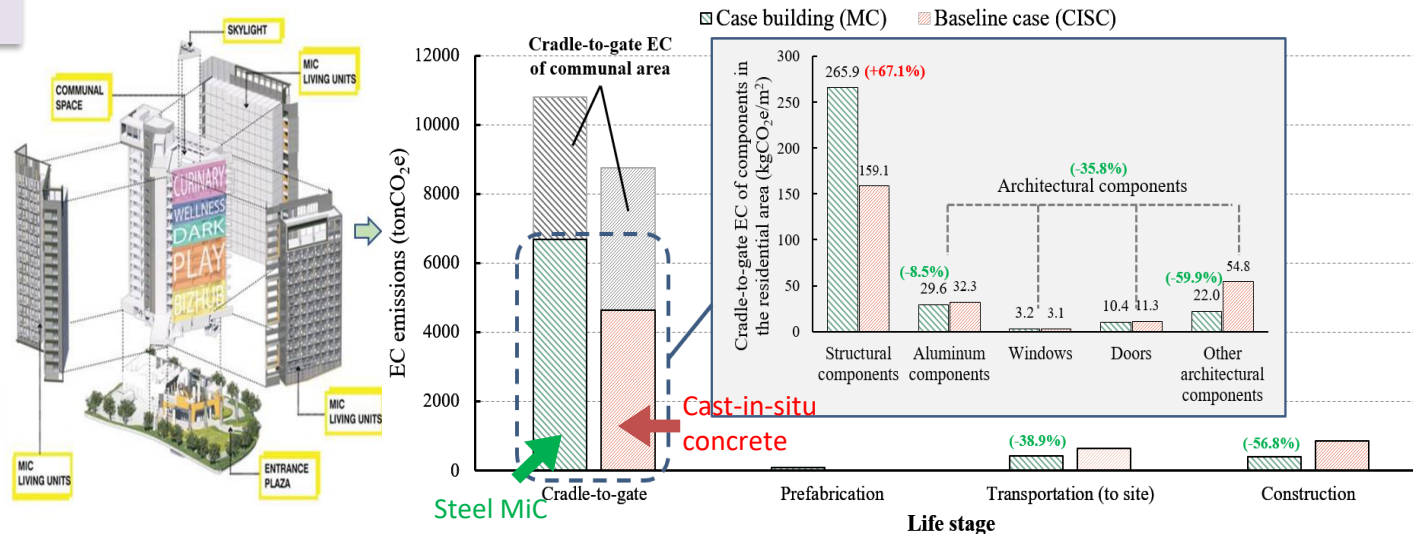
Multi-level MiC EC assessment framework



Concrete MiC building EC assessment

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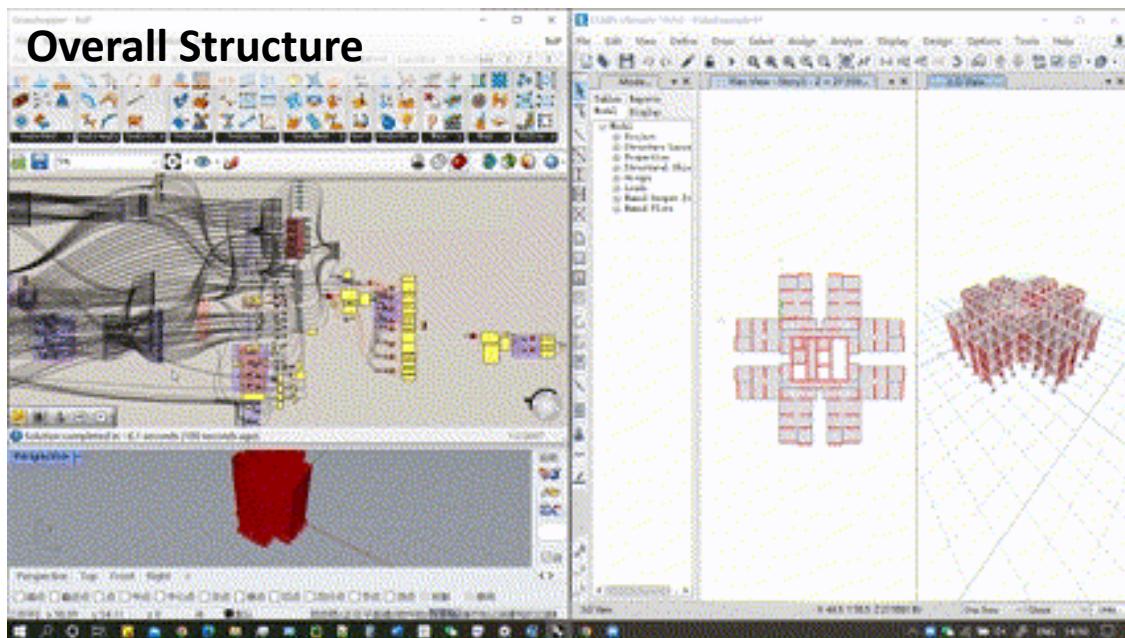
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Steel MiC building EC assessment



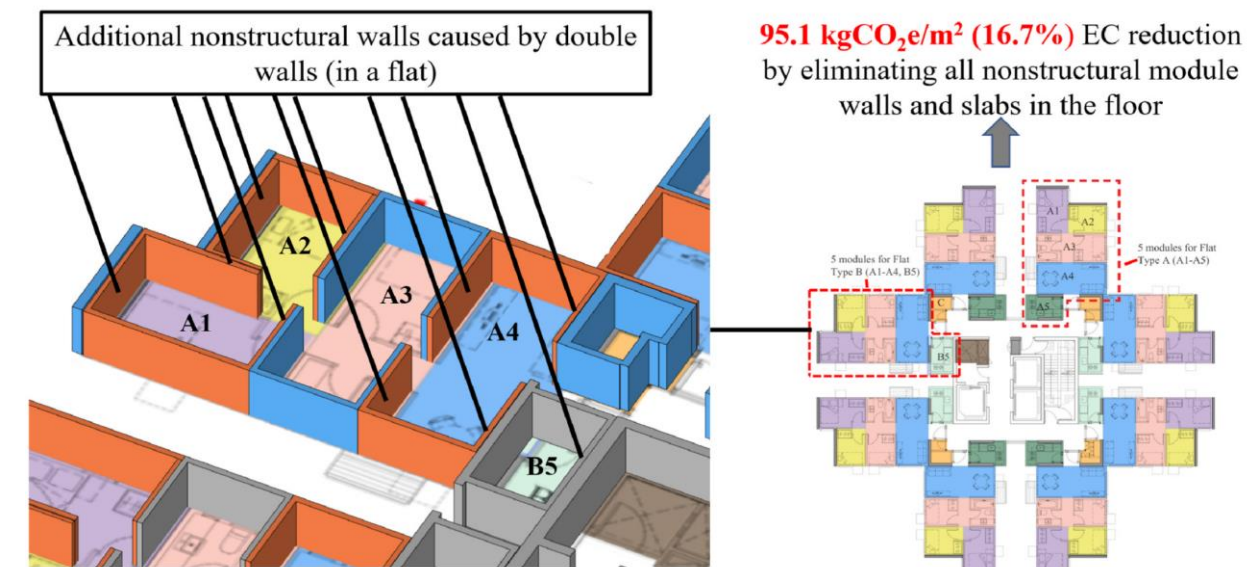
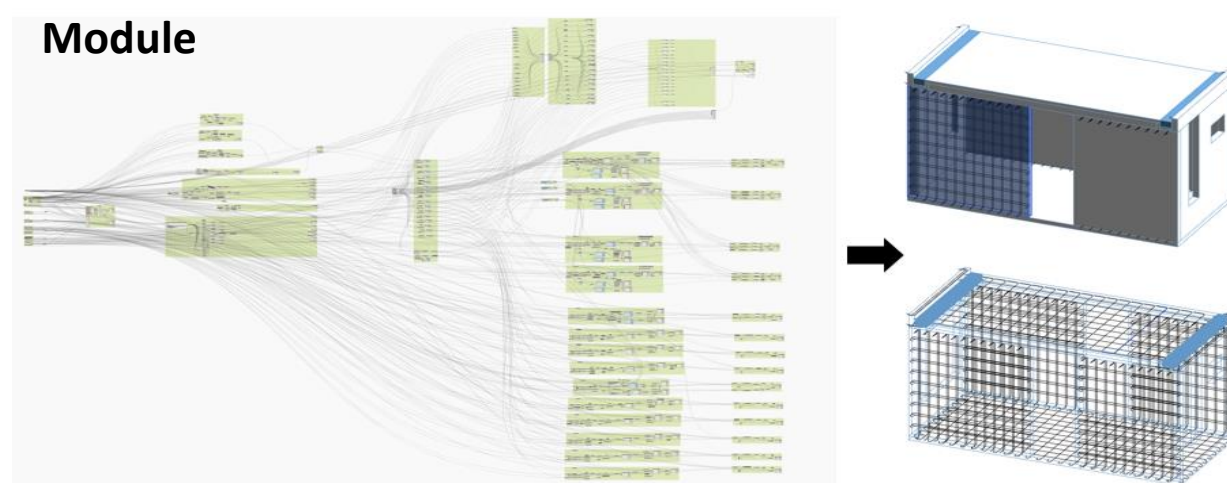
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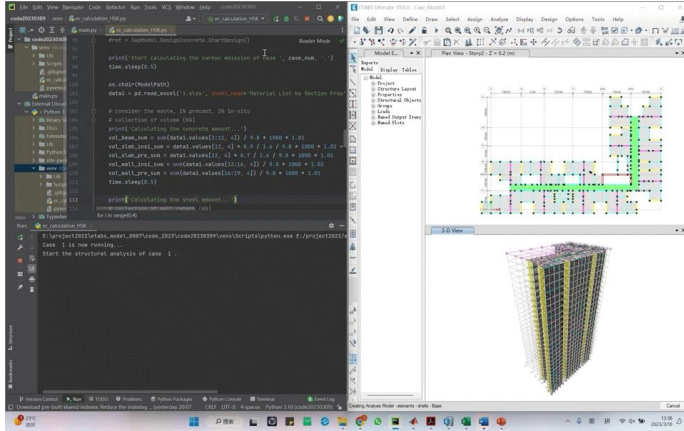
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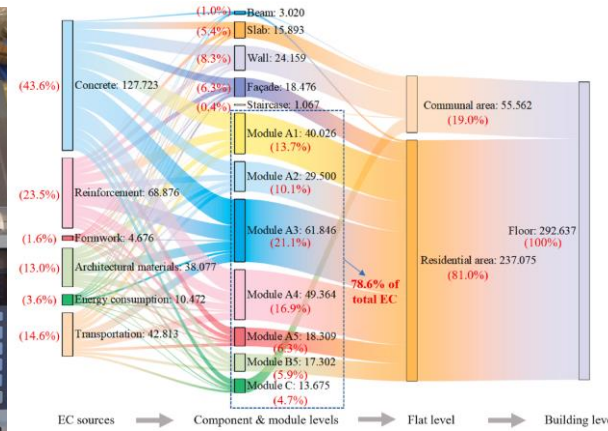
# MiC Total Factor Sustainability (TFS) TFS Innovations & Optimization



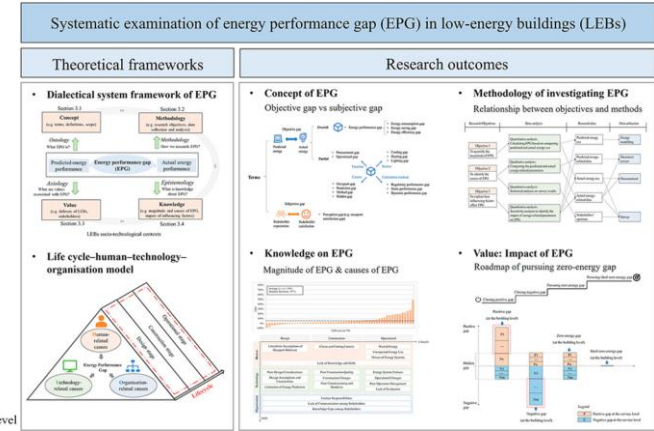
Innovative MiC structures



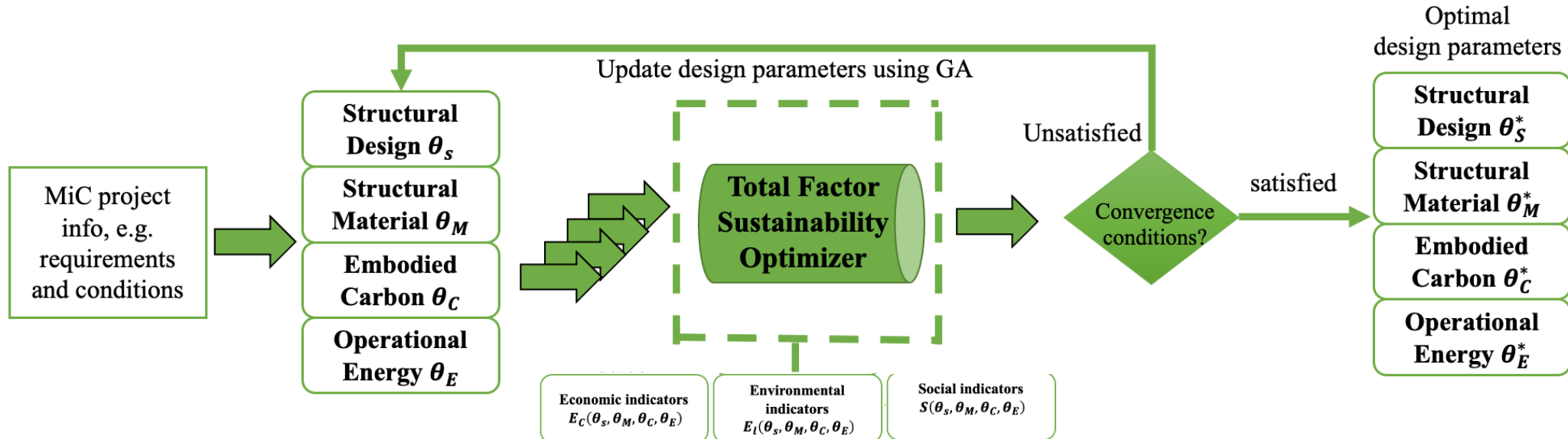
Innovative MiC materials



MiC for EC reduction



MiC low-energy design



# Our Vision on MiC R&D



**A world-leading research laboratory**  
to foster continuous improvements  
and target excellence in MiC

## Interdisciplinary & Integrated Research

Civil, Management, CS, ME,  
EEE, Geo, IMSE

## Gov-Industry-Uni Collaboration

Basic & Applied research  
Local & Overseas

## Smart & Digital for Sustainability

AI, IoT, Digital Twin, VR/AR,  
BIM, GIS, Scanning





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# BUILDING OFFSITE

An Overview of Precast Construction  
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Assistant Director  
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Hong Kong Housing Authority



EXISTING STOCK

820 000  
Flats

DEMAND

308 000  
Flats



## CHALLENGES



High Density City



Heavy Traffic



Congested Site



Aging Labour & Shortage

## OPPORTUNITIES



Mass Output



Highly Standardised



High Repeatability

## INNOTECH



Prefabrication & Modularization



Digitalisation & Data Analytics



Generative Design & AI



Green & Sustainability



Robotics & Lidar

## GOALS



Meeting Demand



High Quality



Safety First



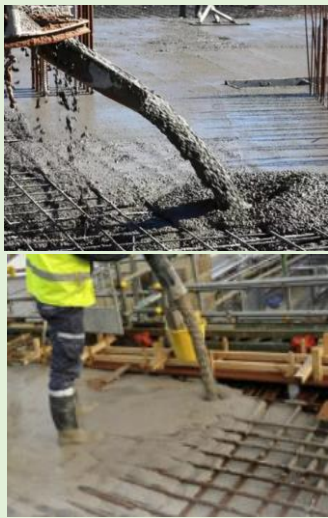
Environmentally Friendly



Socially Responsible

### Conventional in-situ Concrete Construction Before 1980s

on site rebar fixing and in-situ concreting work



### 80s – 90s Planar Precast Concrete Components

### Modular Flat Design 2000



### 2000-2017 Volumetric Precast Concrete Components



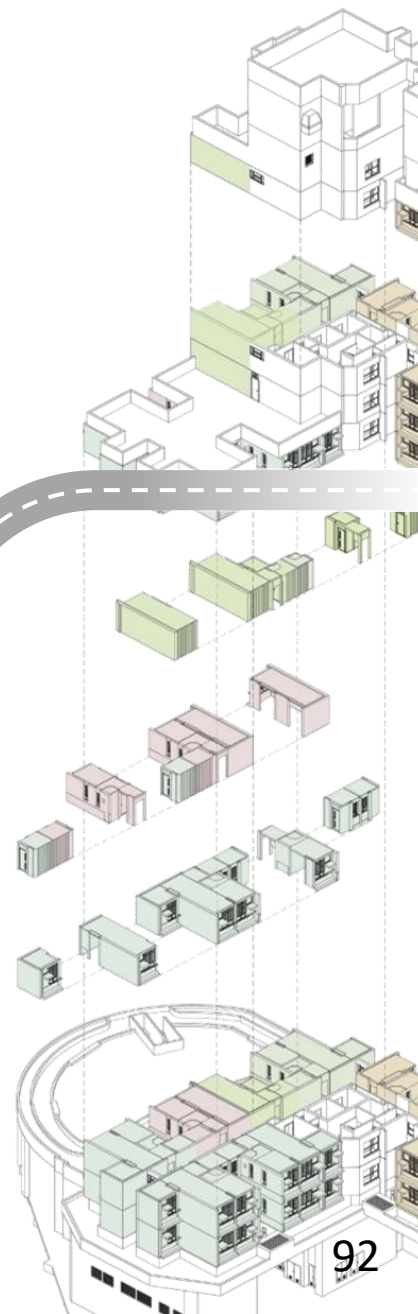
### Enhanced Precast Concrete Components 2019

with building services embedded



finishes, fixtures and fittings

### 2020+ Modular Integrated Construction (MiC)



## Anderson Road Quarry Sites R2-6 and R2-7

MiC Blocks - Two **28-storey** & One **17-storey**

**6-day Cycle**

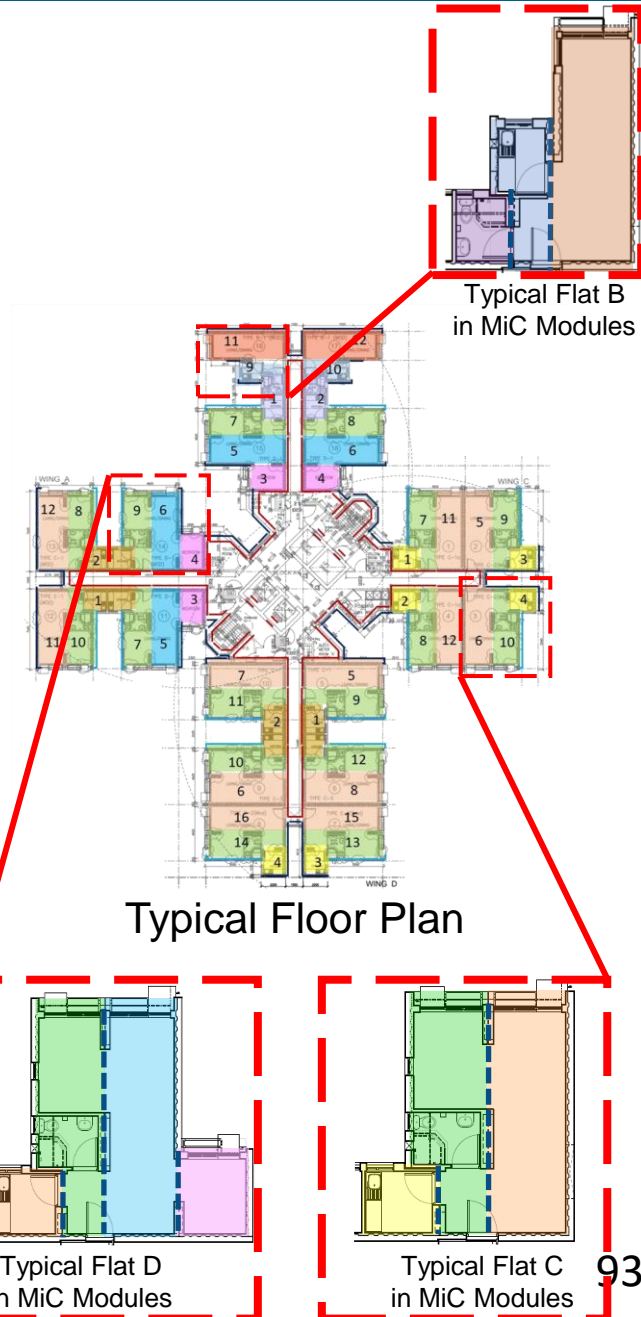
 **1,410** MiC Flats

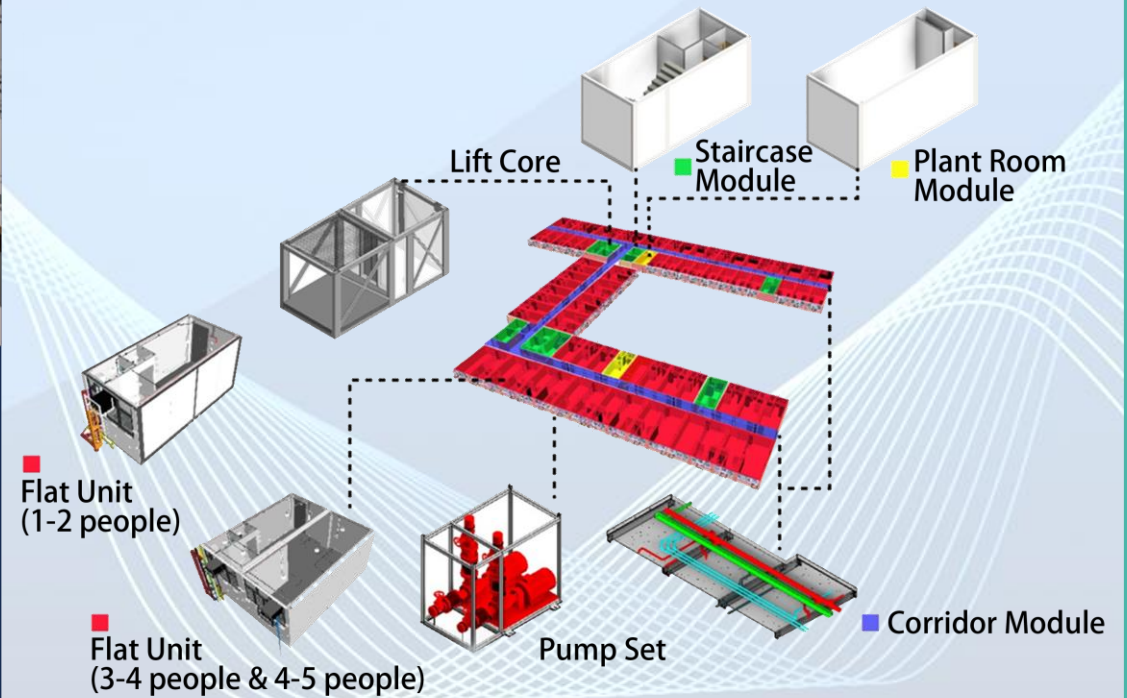
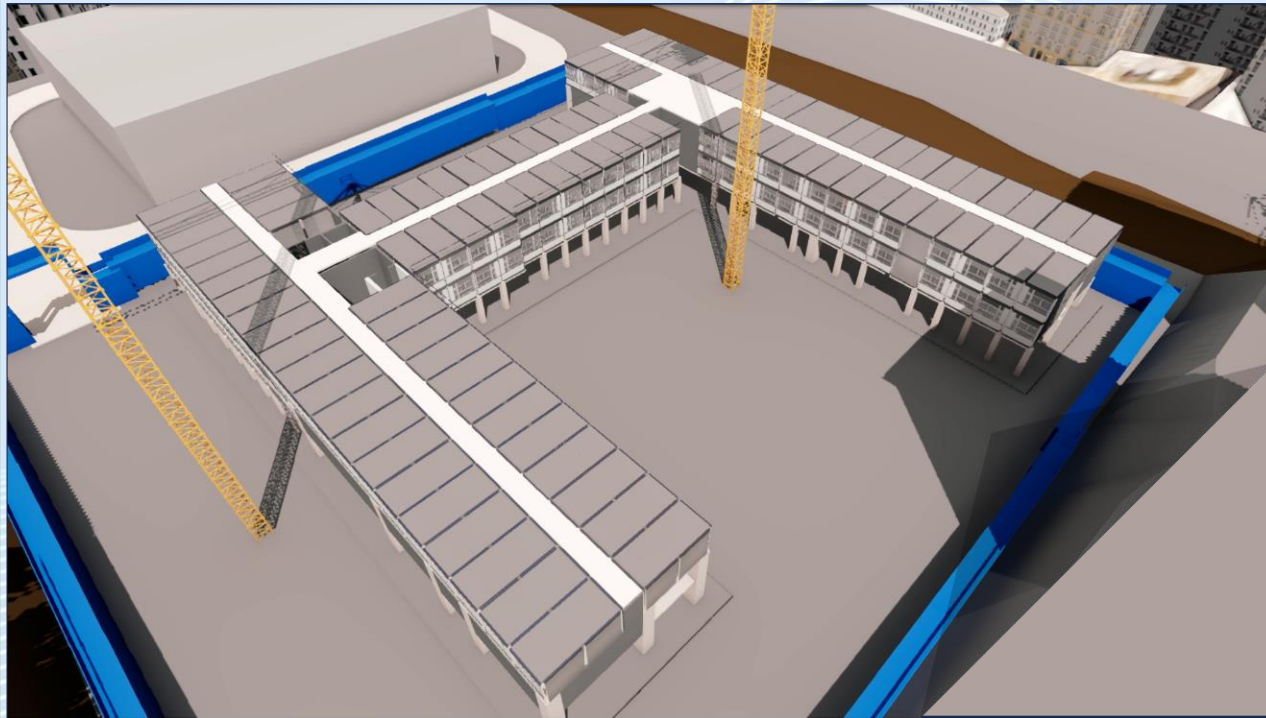
 **4,065** MiC Modules

**5 day Cycle**

(Typical Floor Construction  
with **20 Flats** in **52 Modules**)

### Construction Cycle





# CONNECTION

# MiC Factories in Close Proximity at Greater Bay Area of China

Internal Painting Works Done by Robots inside MiC Modules



Automated Three-dimensional Warehouse System



MiC Modules Stockpile



Internal Polishing Works done by Robots inside MiC Module



Concrete Surface Clearing done by Robots



## MiC 1.0

### 5-face modules



### Side Fixing



### Top Fixing

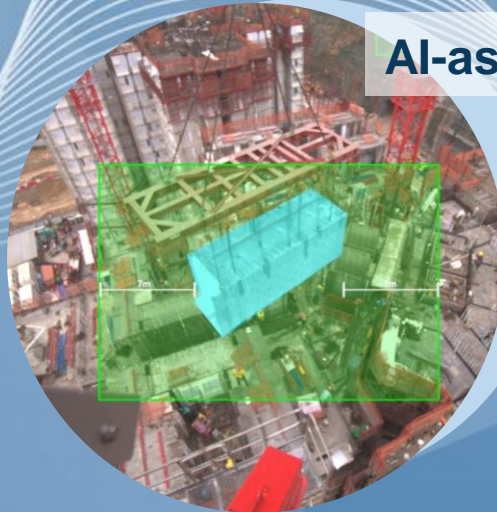


## MiC 2.0

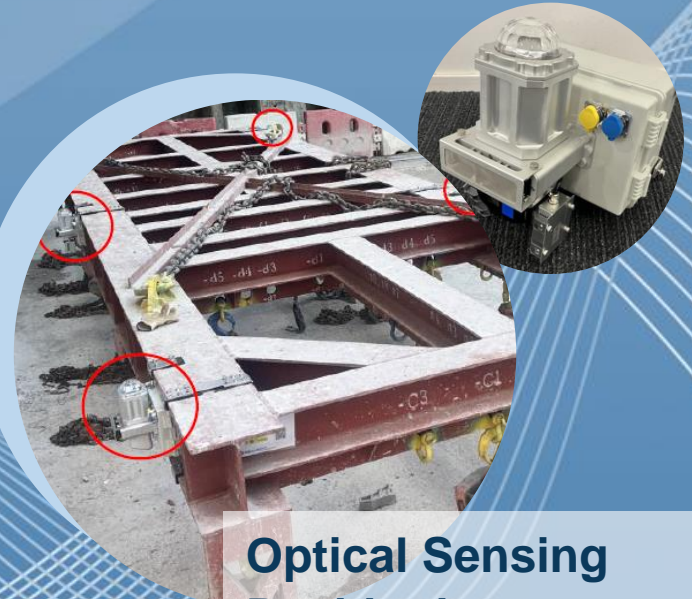
### 6-face modules



## AI-assisted Lifting



## 5G-enabled Remote Control Tower Crane Trial



## Optical Sensing Positioning

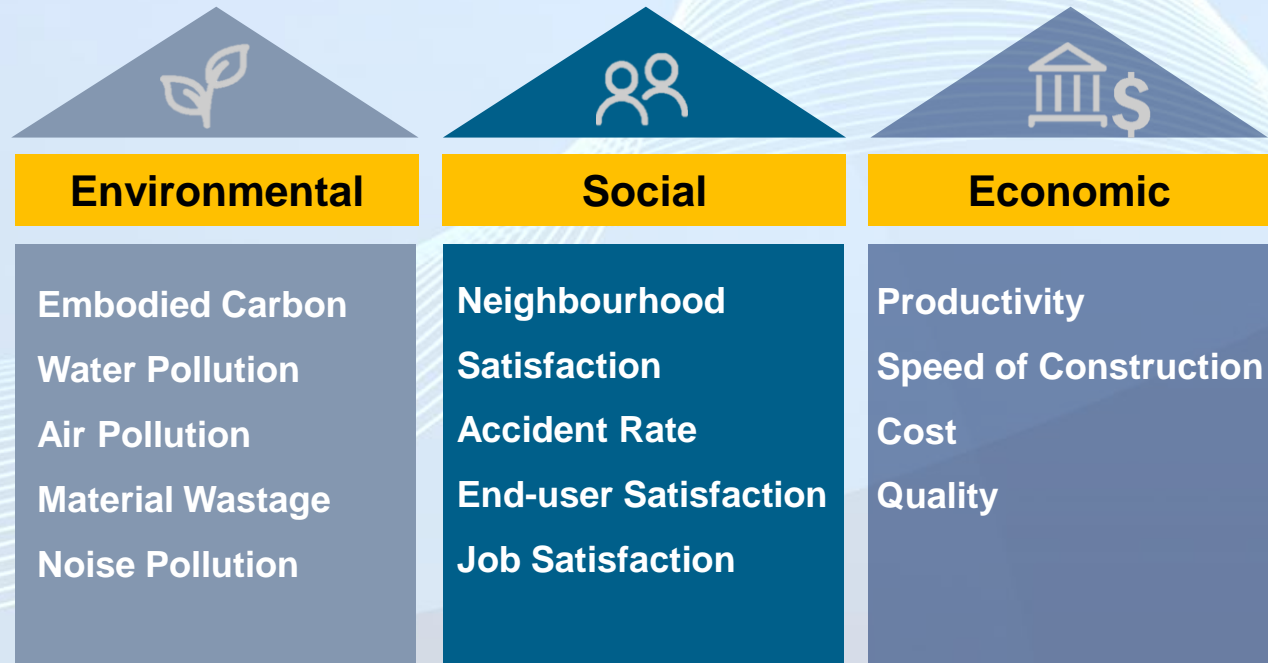


## Logistic with Tracking Technology

## MiC Measurement Index

### Systematic Life Cycle Assessment Framework

### Environmental, Social and Economic Performance



## MiC Logistics Study



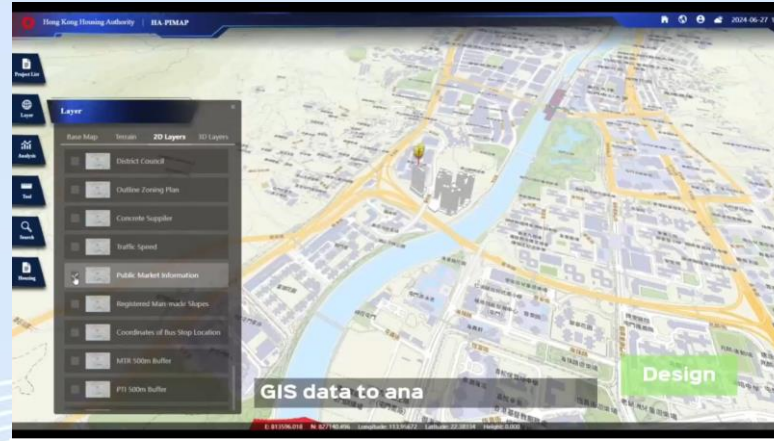
### Generic Transport and Supply Chain Monitoring

### Traffic Impact Assessment

## Housing Authority Project Information and Analytics Platform (HA-PIMAP)



Centralised Platform – Store, Manage and Integrate Data



Data Analytic for Strategic Planning



Context Analysis in Planning and Design Stage



Progress Monitoring in Construction Stage



Safety and Environmental Monitoring Dashboard



Use of Digital Twin in Handover Stage

# WAY FORWARD

## Buildability

to unleash potential of offsite construction

## Material

searching for suitable materials for the challenge

## Logistics

to accommodate different transportation environments

to enhance

# Safety & Quality



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discussion and  
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