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## THE BALANCE BETWEEN PERFORMANCE, SUSTAINABILITY, AND COST

## In today's rapidly urbanising world, meeting society's demands on the built environment poses a significant challenge. With population growth and shifting

demographics, two-thirds of the global population is projected to be living in cities by 2050<sup>1</sup>; and the subsequent need for efficient, high-performing, and safe housing and social infrastructure is becoming ever more pressing.

In the United Kingdom alone, at current rates, there will be an estimated shortfall of four million homes by 2040<sup>2</sup>. The construction industry therefore faces the challenge of bridging this gap, whilst ensuring the long-term performance and maintenance of buildings and infrastructure in sustainable ways.



Unfortunately, in recent years the industry has witnessed numerous failures, exposing the limitations of both materials and construction practices. **To address these issues, and to secure the longevity and resilience of structures, embracing innovative materials and construction techniques is essential.** And, as disastrously exemplified by the Grenfell Tower tragedy, the need for thorough testing of product components within complete solutions is absolutely vital.

In addition to its responsibility for safe development, in today's society the construction industry must also navigate the imperative for sustainable solutions. The industry's environmental impact is significant, contributing up to 23% of air pollution, 40% of energy-related CO2 emissions, 50% of climate change, and 50% of landfill waste<sup>3</sup>.

- 2 World Economic Forum
- 3 Environmental and Energy Study Institute



These alarming statistics highlight the urgent need for collective responsibility and a transformative shift in construction practices. Given competing demands, it does pose the question of whether performance, sustainability or cost takes precedence. Fortunately, it is possible to balance all three.





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Remagin's offsite construction solutions deliver a range of benefits that surpass those of traditional construction methods, including shorter construction times, reduced waste, improved efficiency, enhanced sustainability, and more purposeful performance.



Remagin places a strong emphasis on performance throughout the entire value chain. It achieves this by developing factory-manufactured systems that effectively eliminate uncertainties associated with specification decisions. Through comprehensive and rigorous full-scale testing regimes, Remagin ensures that the performance of all products within its systems is studied collectively, assuring that they work together reliably and as expected in real-world environments and situations.



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