

## Construction Consultants add BREEAM specialists

A leading independent construction and property consultancy is to provide BREEAM Assessors to assist clients in developing sustainable property to help meet the market demand for BREEAM rated properties.

TFT, who monitor and manage construction projects on behalf of investors and funders such as PRUPIM, Royal Bank of Scotland, ING Real Estate and LaSalle, has supported Partners and Associates to become qualified assessors.

Newly qualified assessor, Richard Aitchison, a Partner who leads the firm's project monitoring team and passed his assessment exam with 100%, says: "Demand in the commercial market is gradually being led by properties that have high BREEAM ratings, it is therefore essential for our clients that they position themselves to meet this.

"More often than not BREEAM considerations are not made until designs have been drawn up and feasibility studies carried out. This usually means going back to the drawing board to make the alterations needed to meet requirements, costing time and money. Our involvement with construction projects as chartered surveyors usually starts right at the planning stage, so having a qualified BREEAM assessor on the project team from the beginning means that all considerations can be made from the outset."

The move to have a team of qualified BREEAM assessors is part of a concerted effort by TFT to have a group of specially trained sustainability experts for clients to utilise on all projects. These include Ska assessors for refurbishment projects and Code for Sustainable Homes assessors. The firm has also developed a sustainability training programme for all technical staff in association with the College of Estate Management.

The BREEAM assessment process was created in 1990 and is widely used in the commercial property and construction industries as the standard process for recognising and awarding the environmental weighting of a building. Buildings are rated on a scale of: Pass, Good, Very Good, Excellent or Outstanding.

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**Tuffin Ferraby Taylor** is a leading property and building consultancy offering commercial building solutions to clients in both the UK and overseas. We offer clients an expanding range of property services from a team that includes; building surveyors, project managers, architects, interior designers, conservation specialists and property management consultants.

With over 30 years in the property business, in both the private and public sector, TFT has unrivalled expertise, experience and enthusiasm in providing appropriate services for all types of property and on projects of all sizes. Our partners are considered experts in their field, held in high regard by colleagues and competitors alike and are **available to provide expert comment to the media** on a variety of property issues.

Established in 1973 the practice has grown to be one of the largest independent practices of its kind in the UK. TFT has 100 partners and staff operating from a network of regional offices in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Guildford and London.