

# Progressive Property & Construction Daily



29 September 2021: TPK, NBI | Housing demand remains high despite end of Stamp Duty holiday

A round-up of market statements, news, economics and views from the property and construction sectors

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## Company news

**Travis Perkins** (TPK, 1,657p, £3,729m)

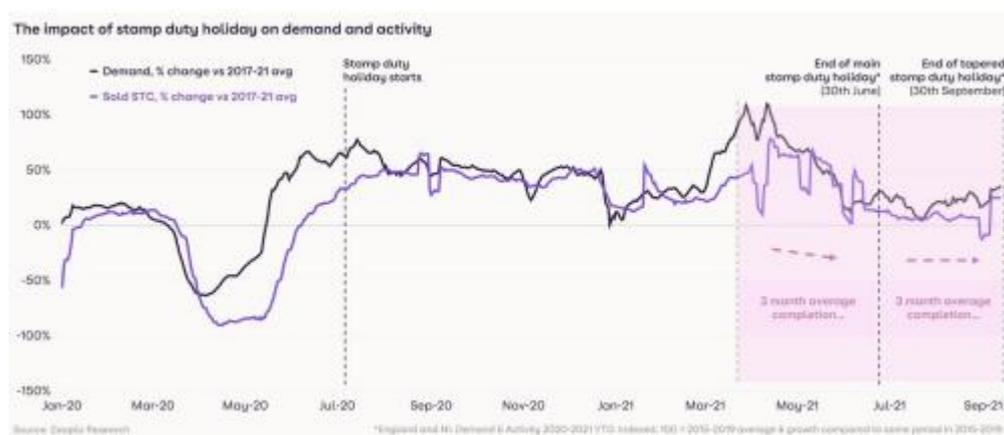
Leading UK builders' merchant and owner of Toolstation. Investor update presentation. The management team is hosting an investor update in London. There will be no new disclosures on current trading conditions, "with the group's overall performance consistent with guidance provided at the HY results in August". The event will set out the Group's plans for the medium to long term and frame the Group's ambition to become the leading partner of the construction industry. Topics will include: leading the evolution of the merchanting model; maximising the long term potential of Toolstation in the UK and Europe; and delivering attractive financial outcomes. *Outlook:* "The group's market leading trade businesses offer exciting growth potential, through both their own individual strategies and also collaboration initiatives between the strong portfolio of assets held within the group. Combining the scope for enhanced earnings with the highly cash generative nature of our businesses, we believe that the group is well placed to offer attractive future returns to shareholders". The event will be streamed live from 1.30pm BST, [link](#).

**Northbridge Industrial Services** (NBI, 163p, £47m) – *PERL provides research services to Shore Capital on this stock*

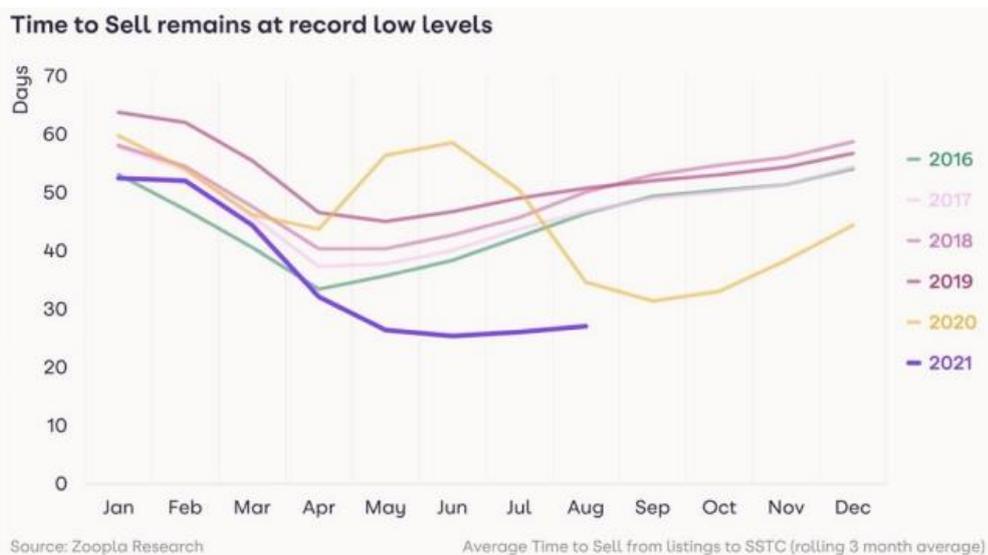
International electrical power reliability and drilling tools hire and manufacturing group. Proposed capital reduction. The group, now profitable at an operating level, proposes to reduce capital in order to eliminate negative distributable reserves. This is necessary to allow it to return to paying dividends and to make share buy backs, the latter proposed to support the company's LTIP, announced on 10 June. There will be no reduction in the number of ordinary shares. The Resolution will be passed if 75% shareholders vote for it at a General Meeting on 18 October. HY (Jun) 21 results due tomorrow.

## Economic data

**Housing market.** There has been no sign of a 'cliff edge' fall in demand, which remains unseasonably high, after the final 'tapering' of the full Stamp Duty holiday in England & Northern Ireland in September (see below). Meanwhile lower levels of supply continues to put upward pressure on pricing, according to the August House Price Index report from Zoopla ([link](#)). Zoopla expects price growth to remain in firmly positive territory at the end of the year, although lower than current level, reported at +6.1% Y/Y in August.



The market continues to move more quickly than in recent years, with the time to sell a home averaging less than 30 days since May (see below). Buyer demand has picked up in London, with a 14% rise in demand over the last month, as offices re-open and global travel resume



Prices are as at the previous day's close.

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