

# Progressive Property & Construction Daily



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

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## Company news

### **SigmaRoc** (SRC, 79p, £507m)

Heavy construction materials group active in the UK, Channel Islands and Benelux. Trading update, 11 months to 30 November. *Guidance:* “The Board remains confident in delivering an underlying EBITDA performance for the full year ahead of analyst consensus”. *Trading:* Rev +107%, £237m (+13% LFL). Cost inflation “continues to be effectively managed, supported by contractual pass through. Product availability has remained good, in spite of supply chain challenges”. Acquisition of Nordkalk, made in August, has progressed well. *Outlook:* “The outlook for residential and infrastructure construction remains very encouraging across the group's UK and Northern European markets, with demand for higher grade materials for pulp, board, steel, environmental and chemical applications also supported by structural growth drivers. The business is carrying good momentum into the year end, which should support further organic progress in 2022. In addition, there are a number of active initiatives currently in process, supported by the Group's strong cash generation, which have the potential to further accelerate growth and strategic development of the business”. As of January 2022, the group will offer Greenbloc technology across its concrete products business, becoming the first concrete products supplier in Europe to offer ultra-low carbon concrete products across its entire range.

## In other news ...

Long interview with John Morgan, CEO of **Morgan Sindall** (MGNS), headlined 'Don't expect me to go any time soon' Building ([link](#), paywall). After four profit upgrades in a year: "We're going to have a record year by a country mile". But he concedes "Everybody is busy; it's a bit of a post-pandemic catch-up. You don't know what next year is going to be like. I think the market could tighten up a little bit". Other insights include "People said the office was dead. It's not. It's changing, and covid has accelerated the existing trends rather than changed them" and that one of several advantages of its £290m average daily net cash position is the ability to turn down risky jobs.

*Prices are as at the previous day's close.*