

# Welcome to CAB

Through CAB's quarterly State of Trade Survey the association asks principal contacts at each member company to submit their views on the UK aluminium trade on a completely confidential basis. The feedback and data are then considered and verified by the Construction Products Association on CAB's behalf, writes Phil Slinger



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The survey remains the only recognised confidence survey for the UK aluminium in the building sector. Full reports for CAB members form part of a member's benefits package. We encourage more principal contacts at each member to submit feedback and take part in the survey. The more contributions to the survey, the greater the depth of the data resulting in more meaningful insights.

Increased member involvement will also help build a more accurate picture of the trade and capture business sentiment. CAB can then pass this information onto government departments and industry stakeholders to take into consideration which ultimately affects key aspects of your business, industry, and the economy.

I am pleased to inform the membership that Jessica Dean is now working full time for CAB as events and membership director. In her new role Jessica looks forward to being in regular contact with our members to ensure CAB continues to provide excellent service and ensure that we continue to stay ahead of our members' needs. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Jessica every success in her new role.

We have also welcomed Patrick Lewis to the team as our new technical manager. Patrick brings with him a wealth of experience with an engineering and standards background. Having experience in the commercial supply chain from specification to installation. He is looking forward to meeting members at our spring forum in February.

Our first networking and business event in 2024 will be the spring mini conference and dinner to be held at the British Motor Museum on Thursday 29th February 2024. Football legend Neil 'Razor' Ruddock, Phil Sedge

(director – head of façades at Mace Group) and Uday Patel (senior research manager, global aluminium markets at Wood Mackenzie) will be our guest speakers in the afternoon.

We are initiating a consumer awareness programme: *When Windows need Replacing*. CAB members know windows are undoubtedly one of the most important parts of a building. The continued growth of residential aluminium building products, including windows, is set to continue through 2024. The campaign will highlight that, like most products, there comes a time when windows will probably need replacing, but sometimes it can be difficult to tell if and when this becomes necessary. With this in mind, CAB will be promoting a handy guide to help consumers decide when they need to replace their windows.

On the commercial side, CAB continues to promote case studies of building materials being recycled, linking these case studies to the drive towards net zero and our closed loop recycling scheme. We continue to promote the benefits of recycling building materials to save the additional use of raw materials, energy in production, transport and waste disposal, while minimising the equivalent embodied carbon emissions involved with new construction. We will also promote the recycling of whole buildings and also the raft of new products that enhance the insulation and thermal efficiency of a whole building. □

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