

Future Trends: The Architects' Market

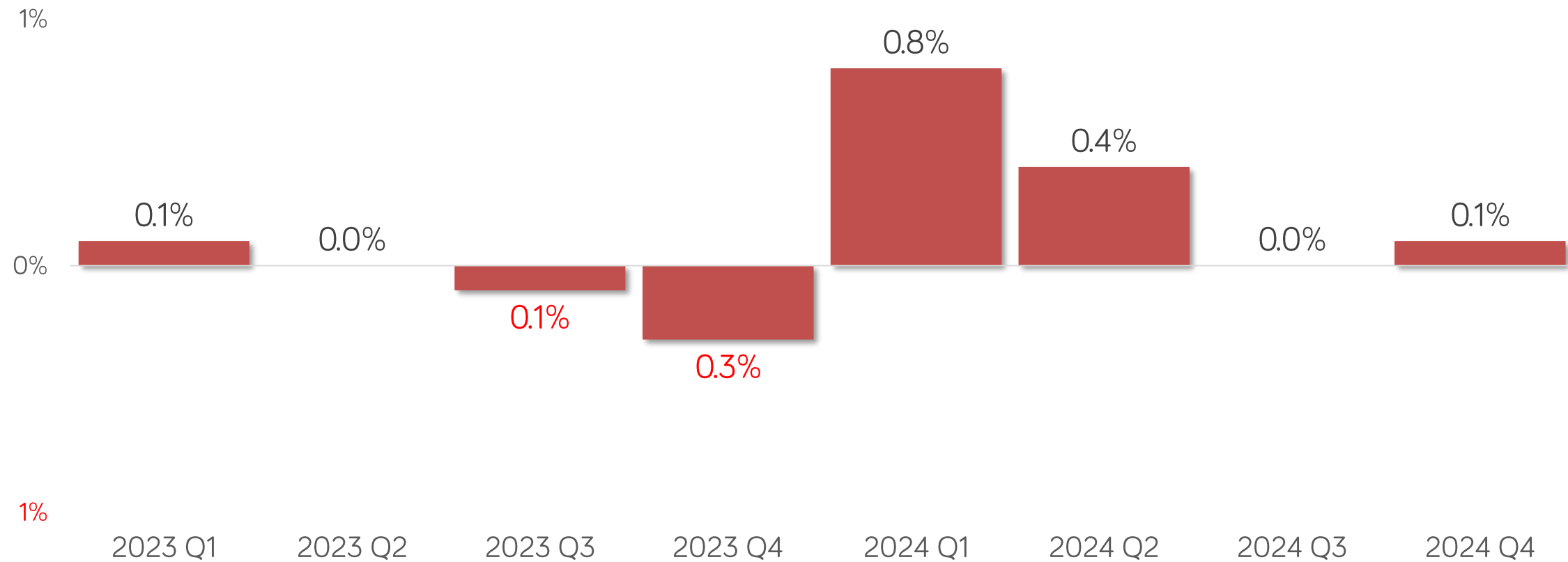
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The UK Economy

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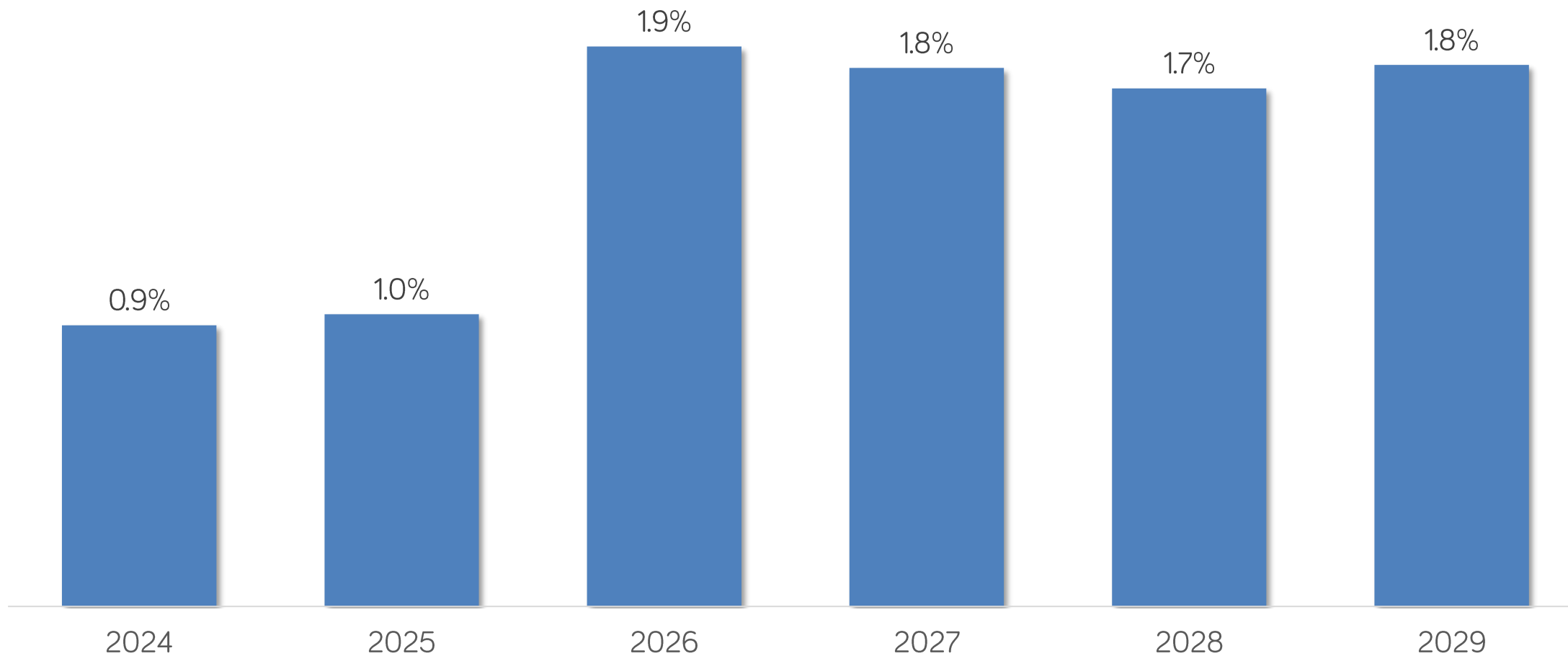
Gross Domestic Product
Quarter on Quarter growth



Source [ONS](#)

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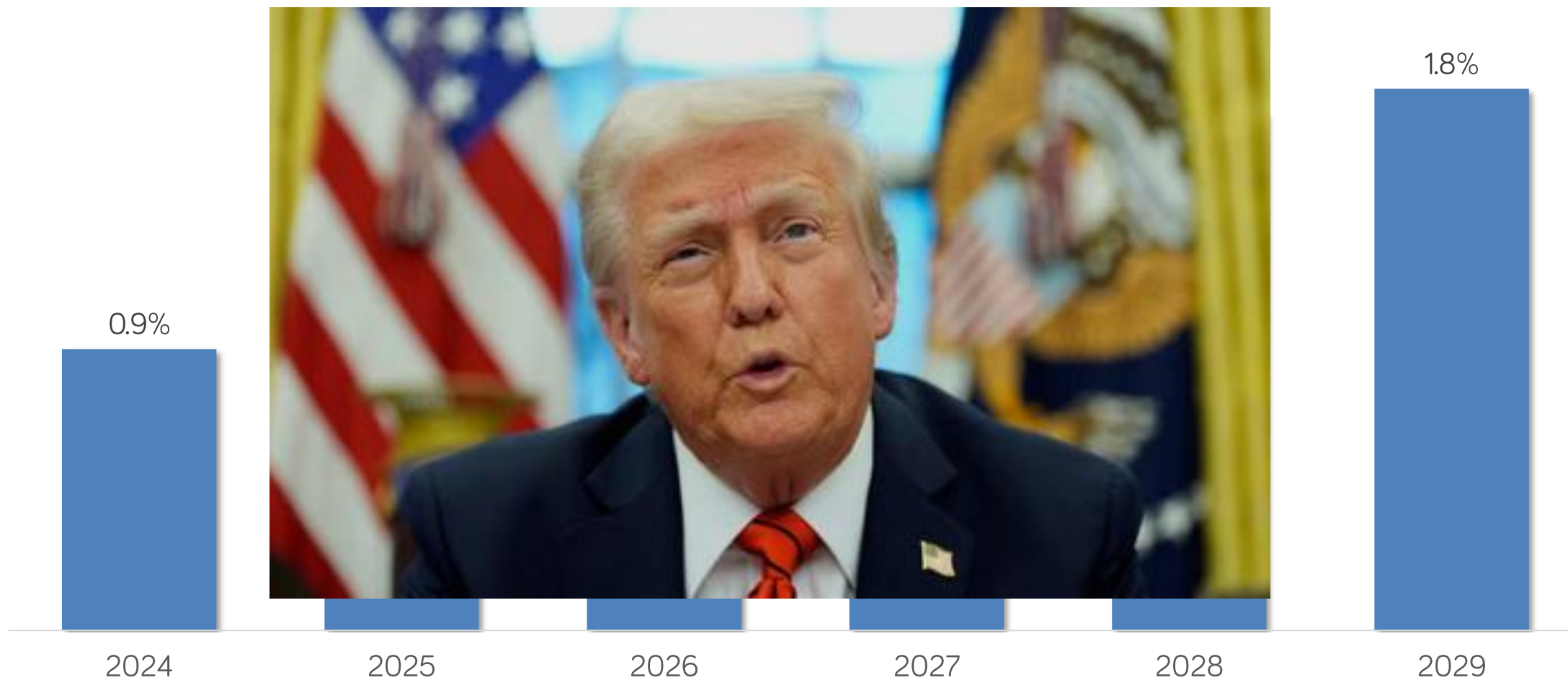
OBR– March GDP growth forecast projection



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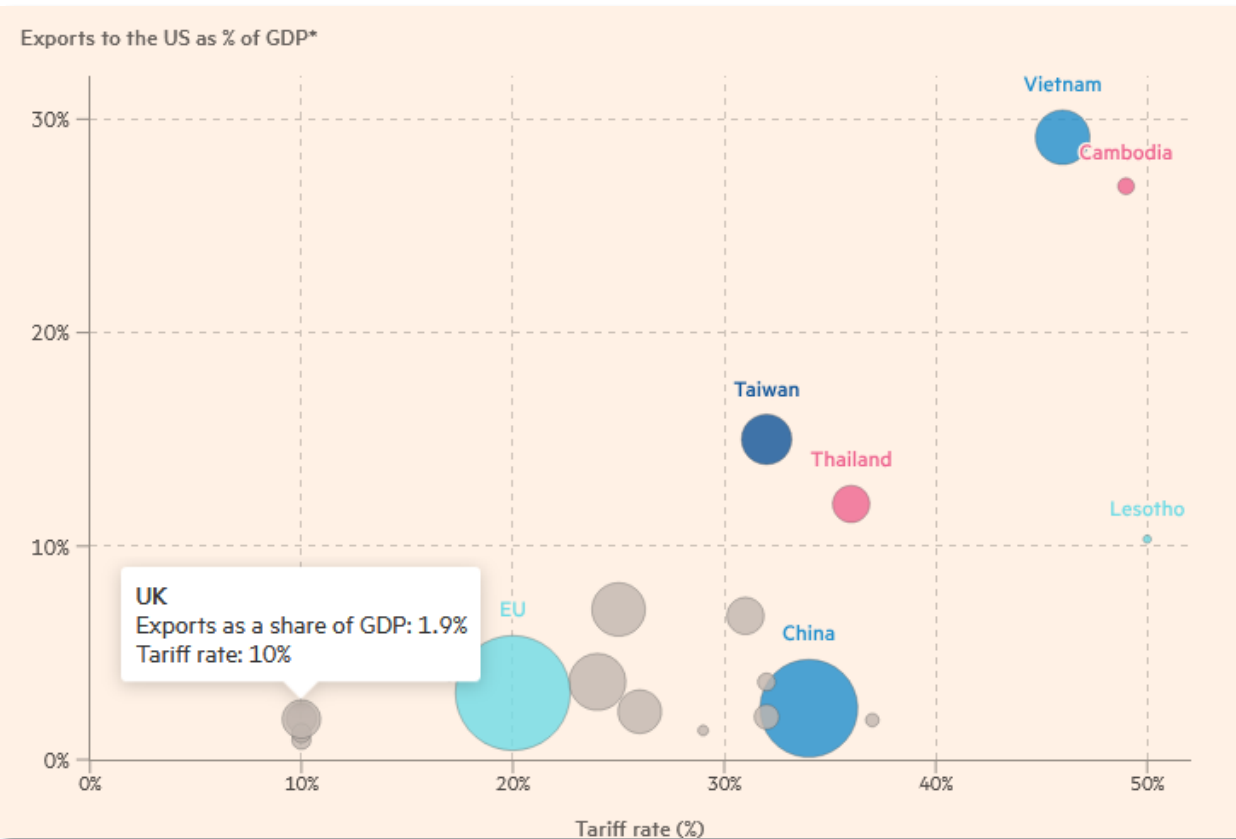
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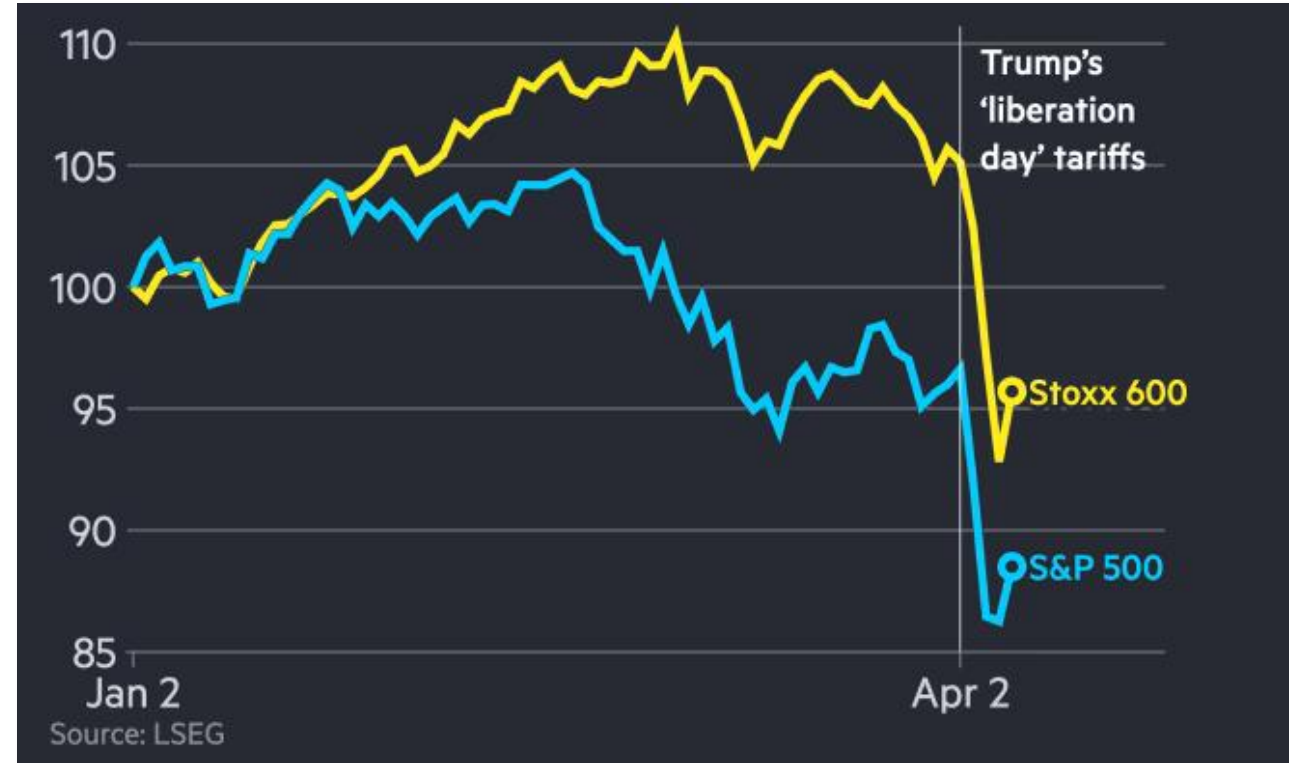


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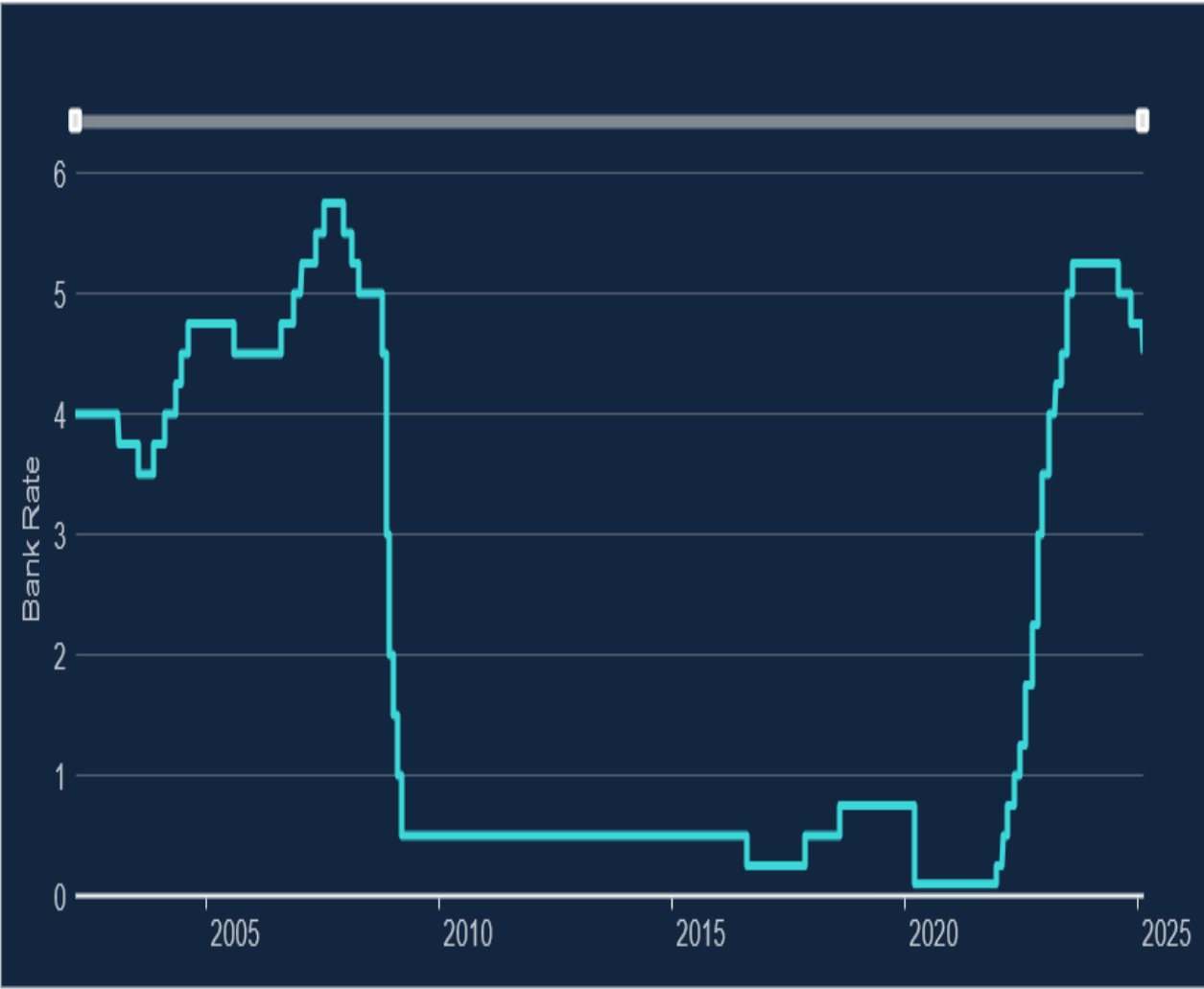
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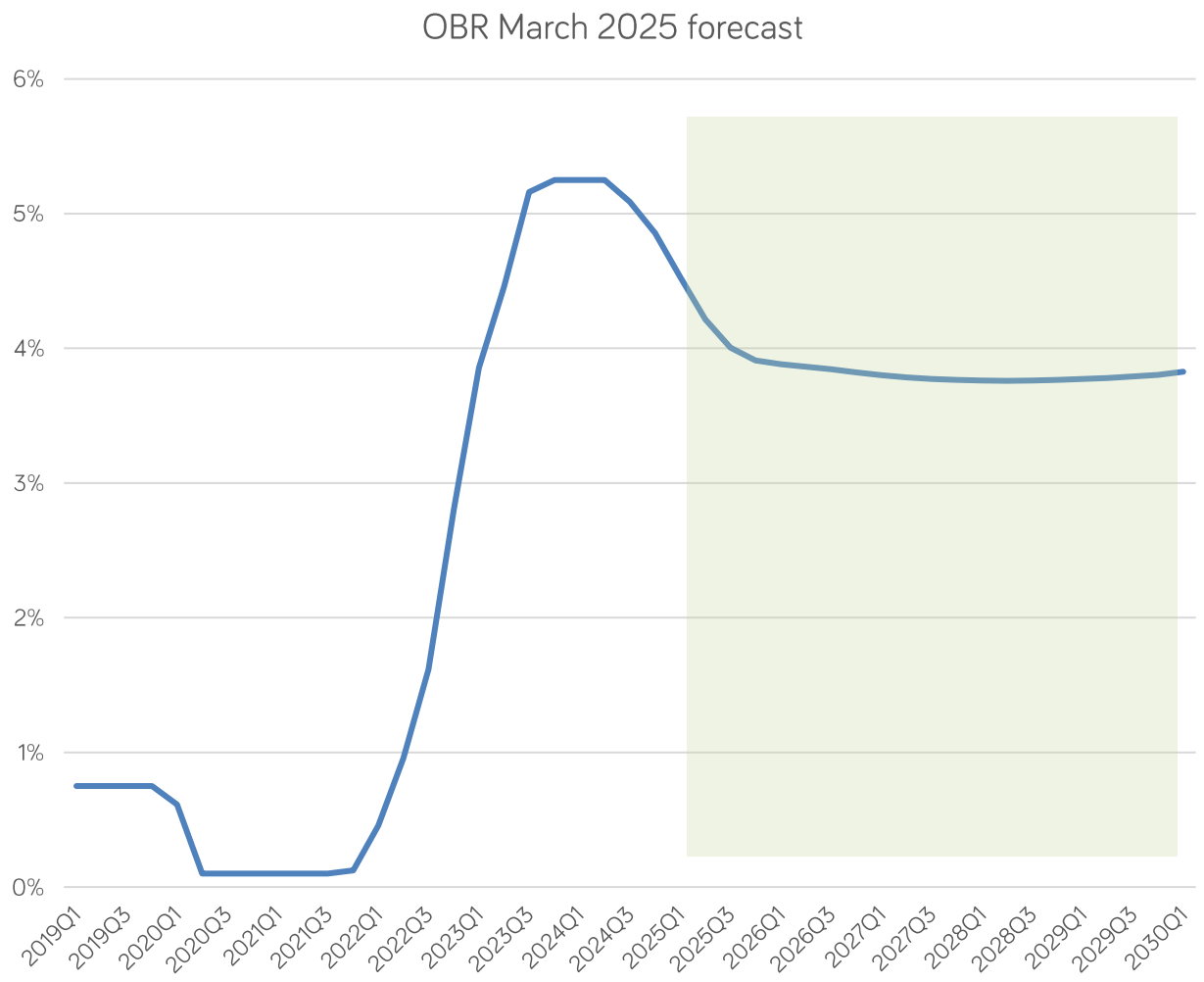
UK Economy – Interest Rates



Bank Rate

Source: [Bank of England](#)

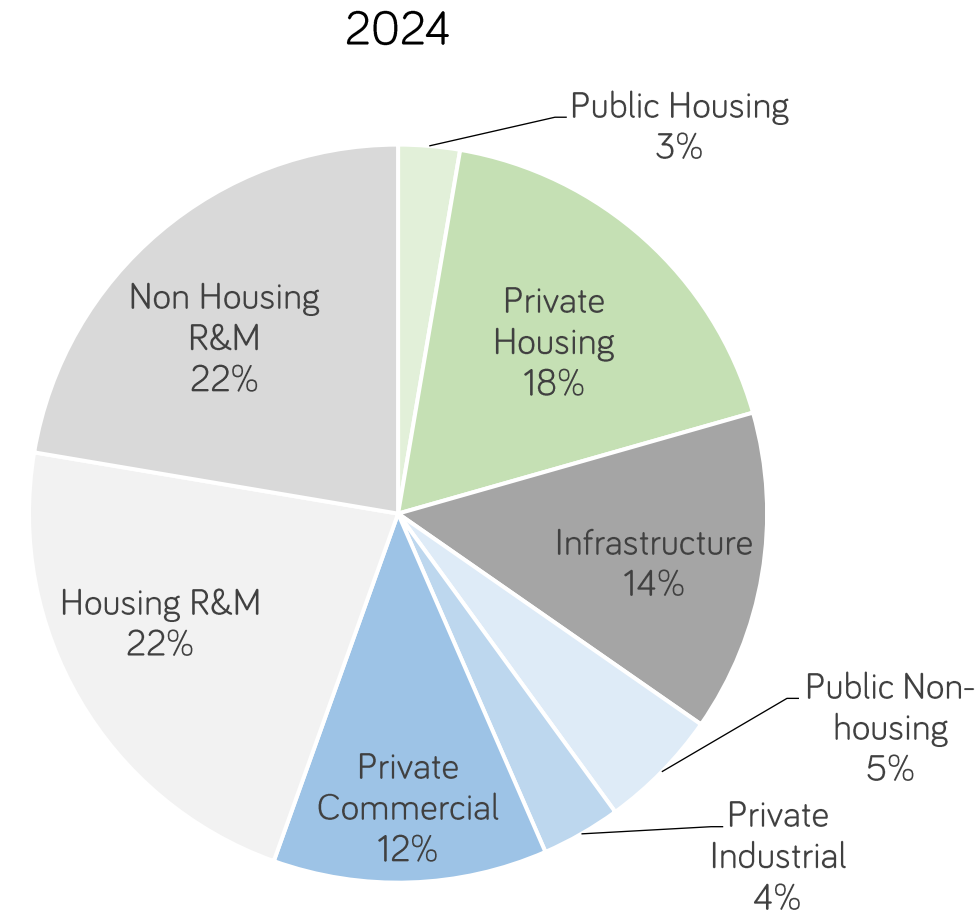
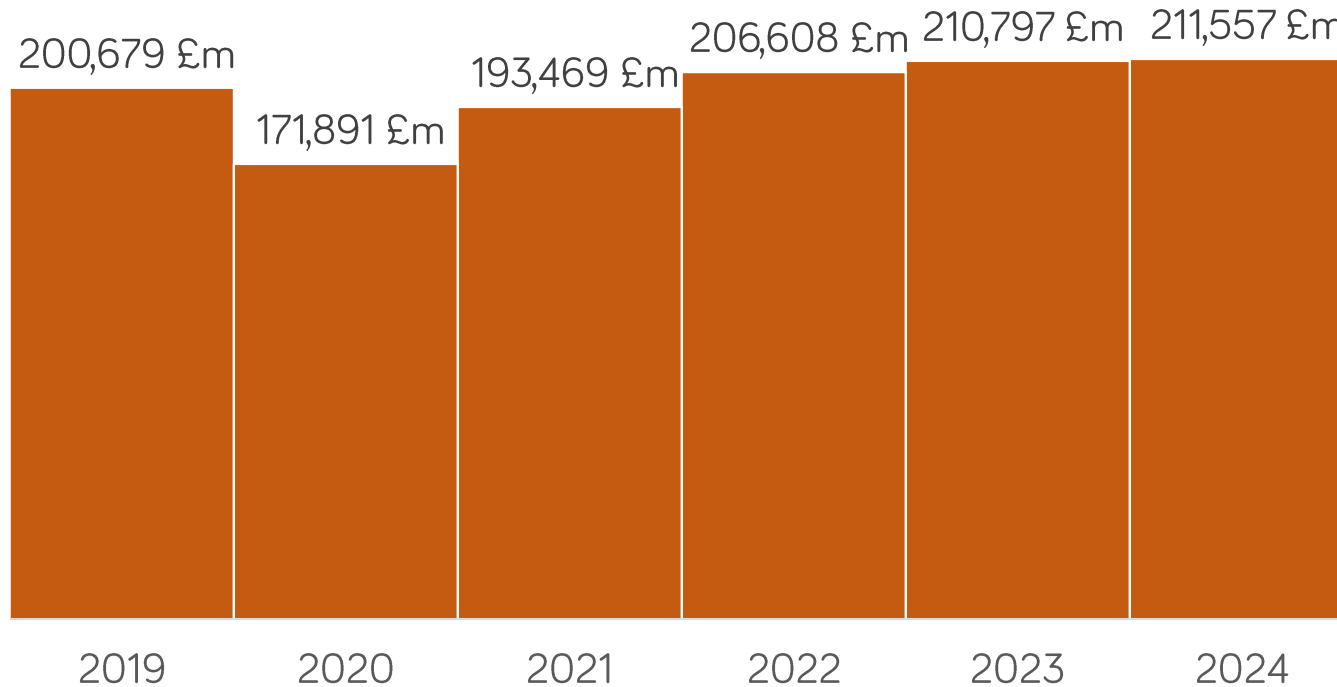
Current Bank Rate: 4.5%



The Construction Industry

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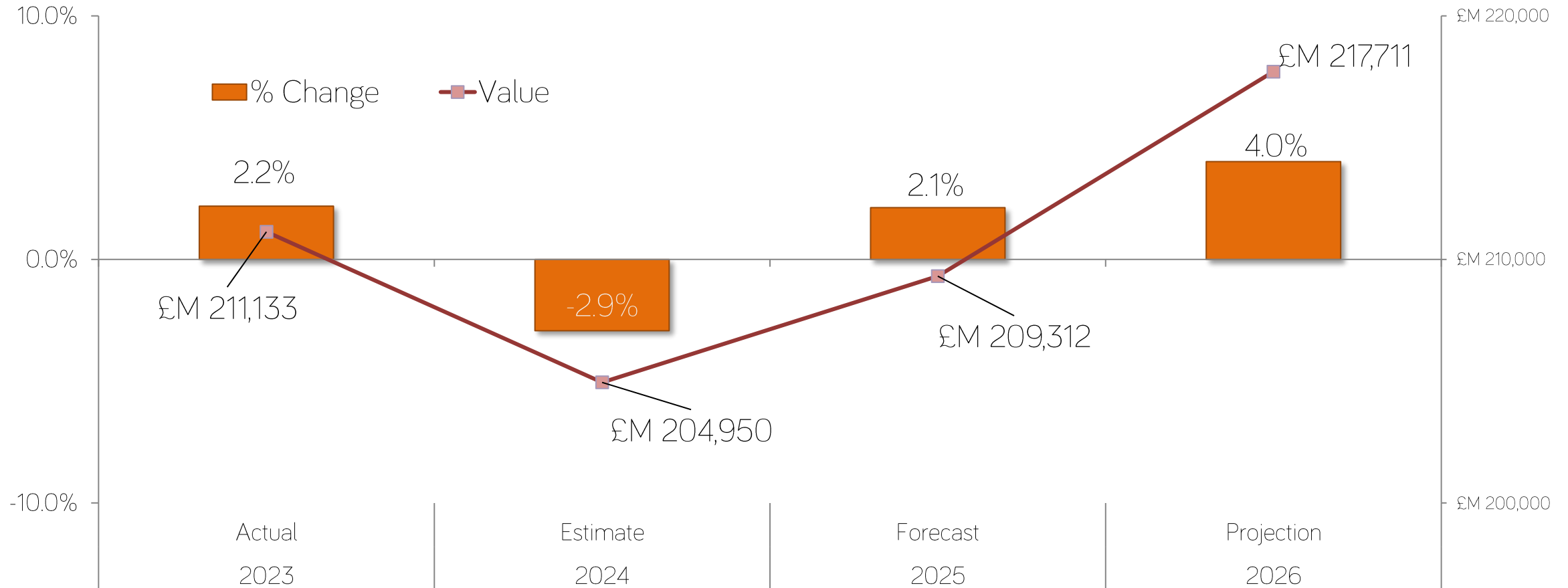
Construction Output



Source [ONS](#) - Construction output in Great Britain ,volume, seasonally adjusted, by sector.

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All Construction Output

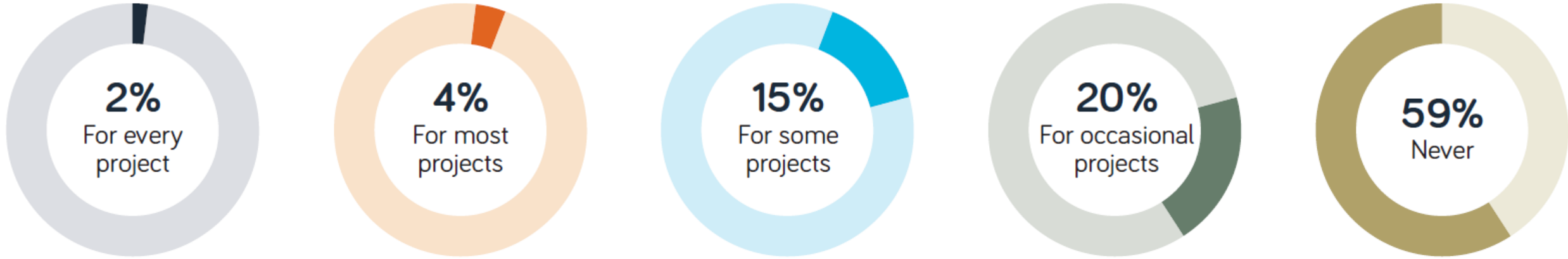


Source: [CPA](#)

AI and Architects

RIBA AI Report

For the projects you are currently working on, how often does your practice use AI in any way?

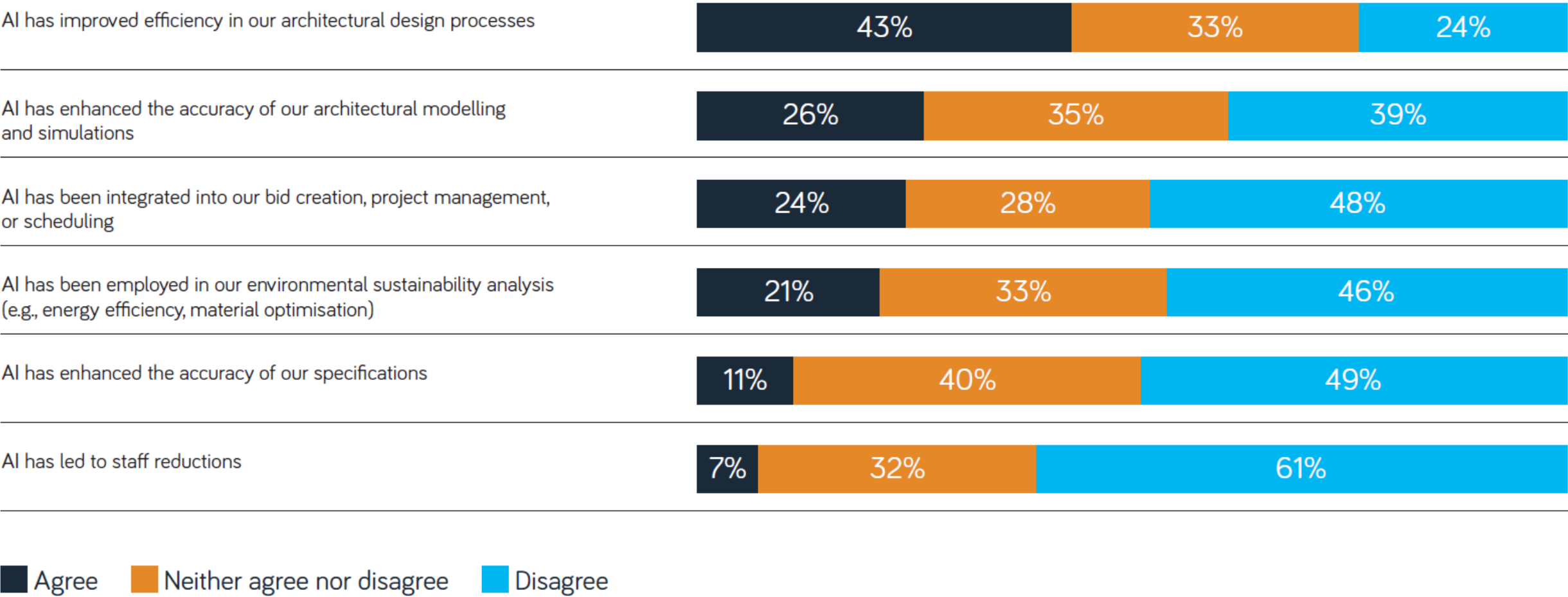


Overall, how would you rate your personal knowledge about AI, in general?



RIBA AI Report

For those using AI - How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements about AI:



RIBA AI Report

Agreement that in the next 2 years:

AI will be employed in environmental sustainability analysis
(e.g., energy efficiency, material optimisation)



AI will improve efficiency in our architectural design processes



AI technologies will be adopted in my architectural practice



AI will enhance the accuracy of our architectural modelling and simulations.



My practice will invest resources in AI research and development



AI will be integrated into our bid creation, project management,
or scheduling



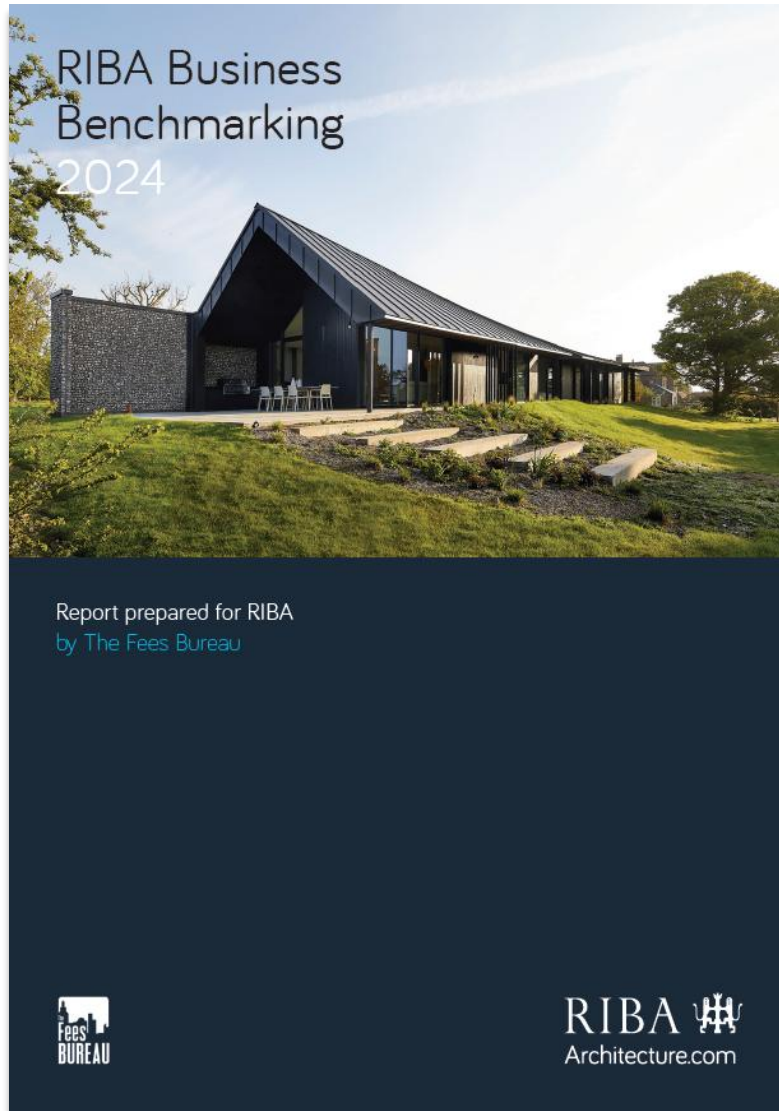
AI will enhance the accuracy of our specifications



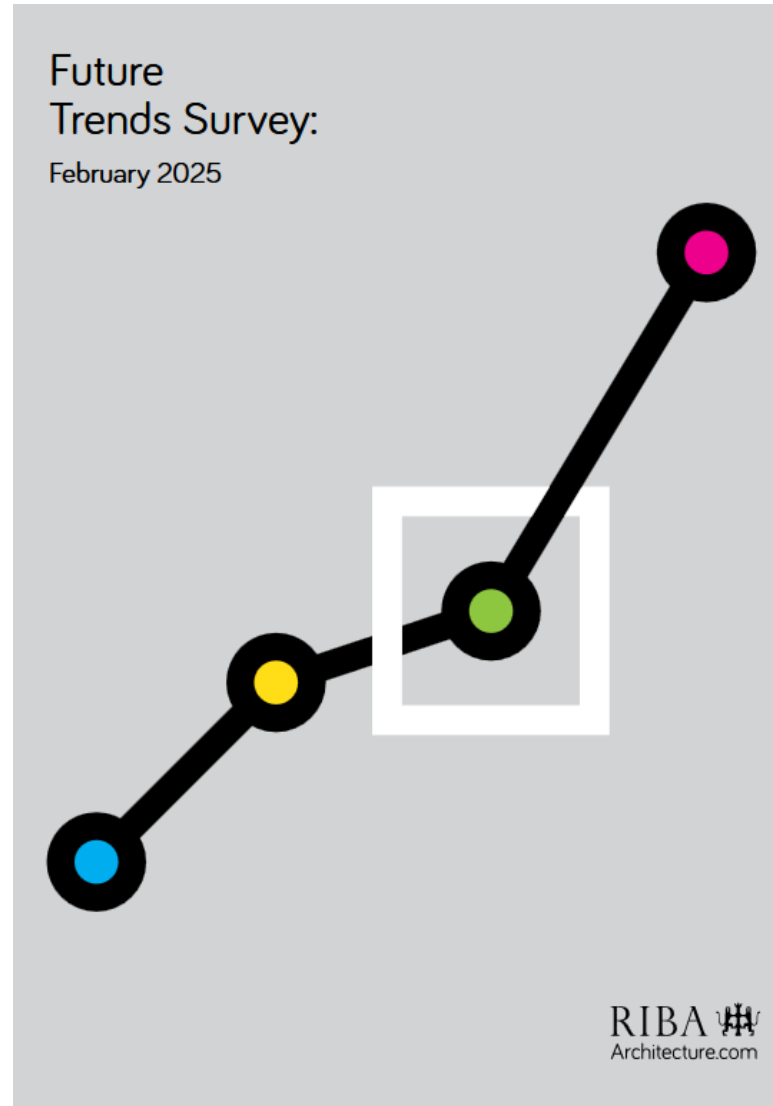
■ Agree ■ Neither Agree nor Disagree ■ Disagree

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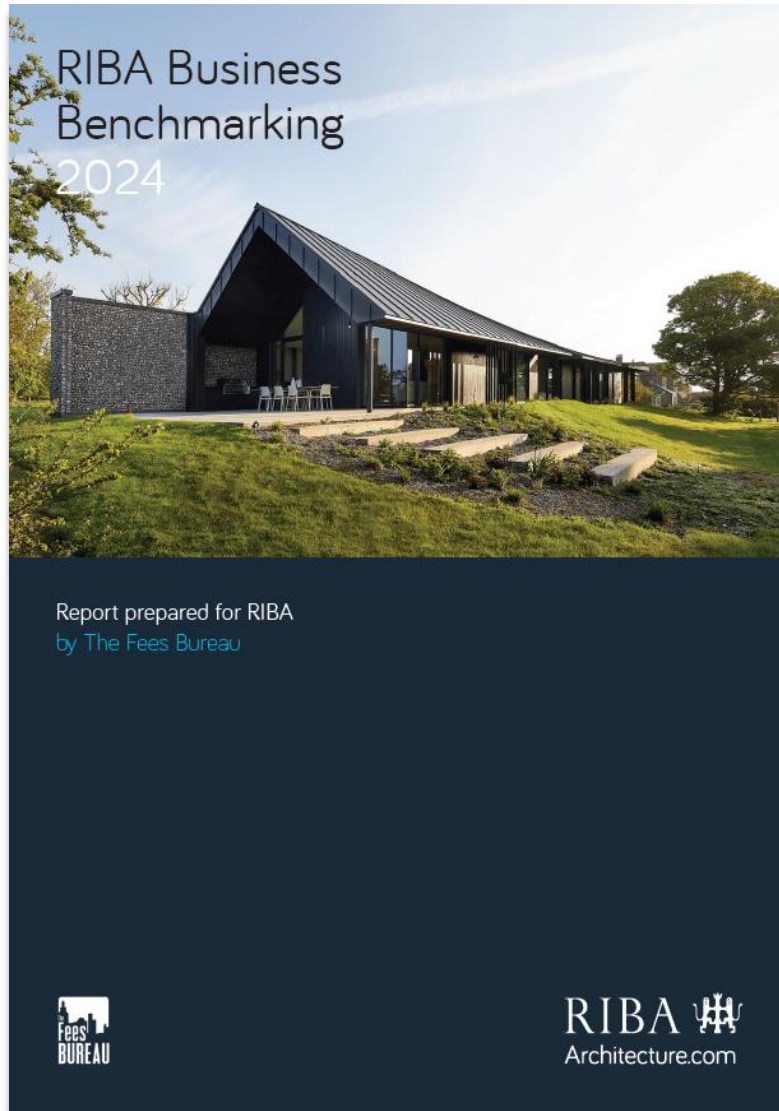


Source [RIBA](https://www.architecture.com/riba)



RIBA Architecture.com

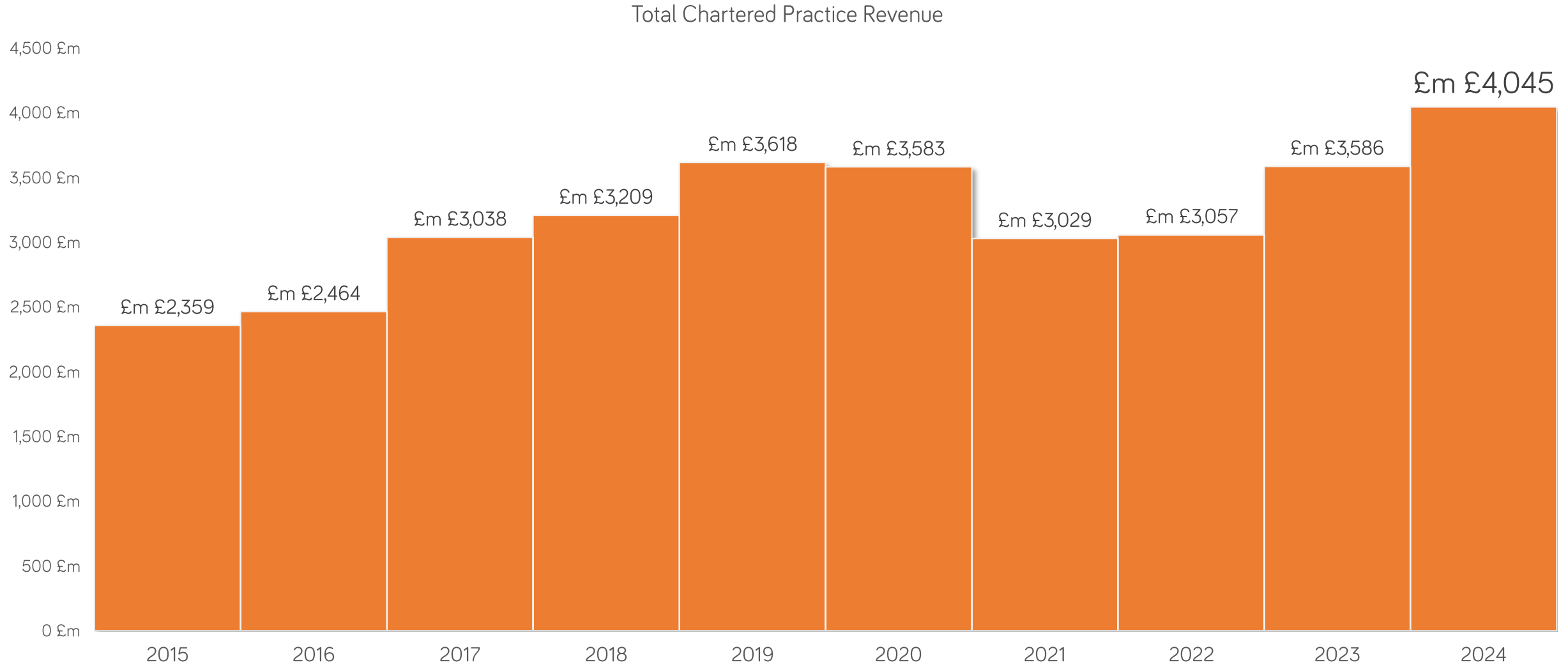
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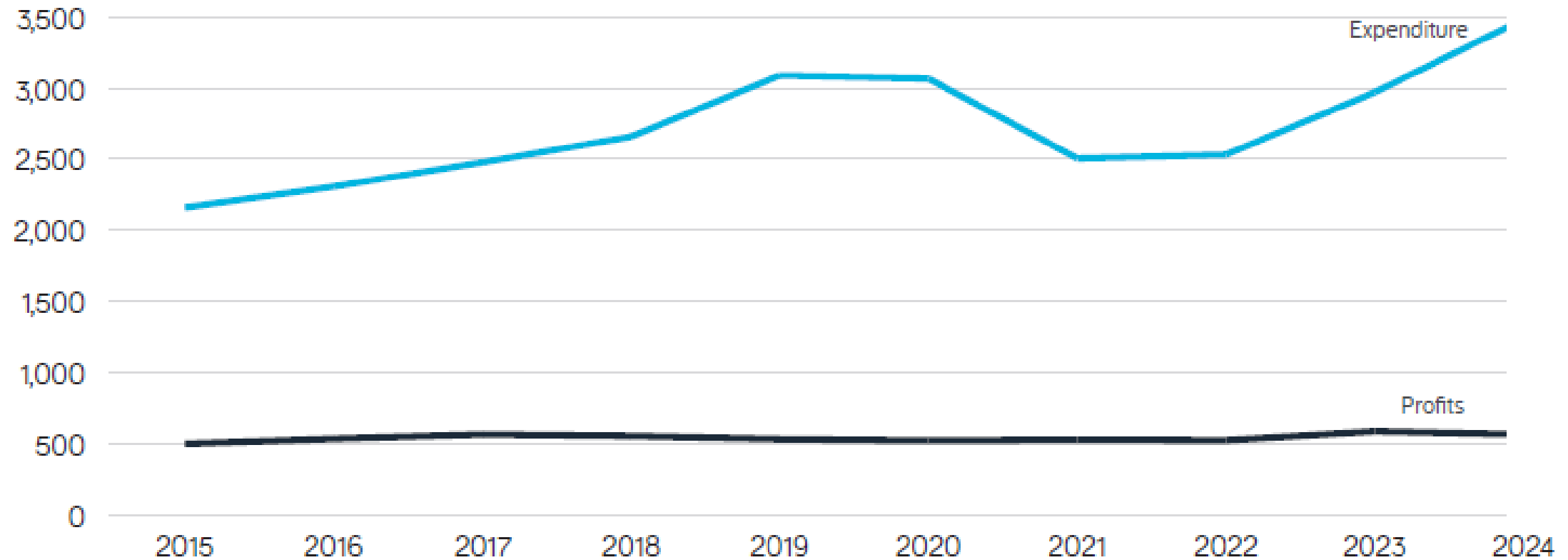
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Total expenditure and profits from all RIBA Chartered Practices: trends 2015 to 2024

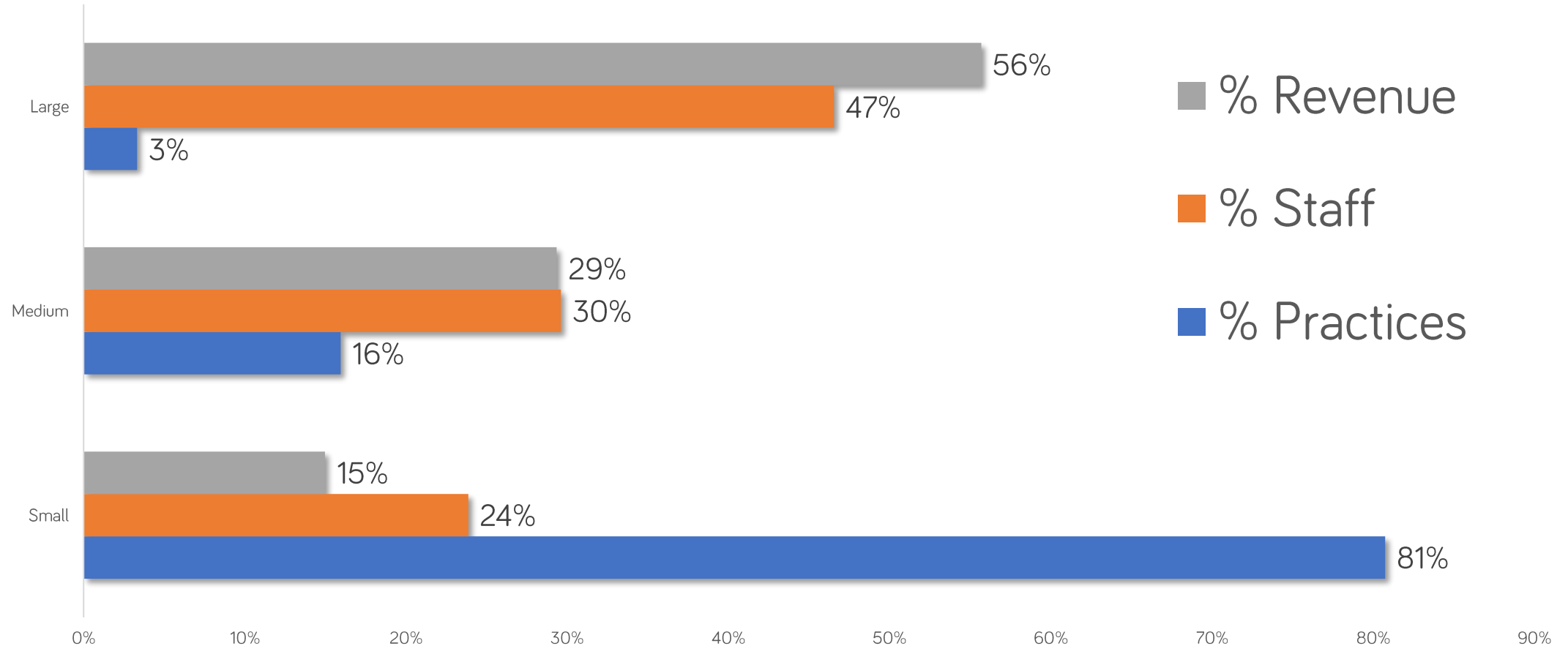
Expenditure and profits from all RIBA Chartered Practices

£million



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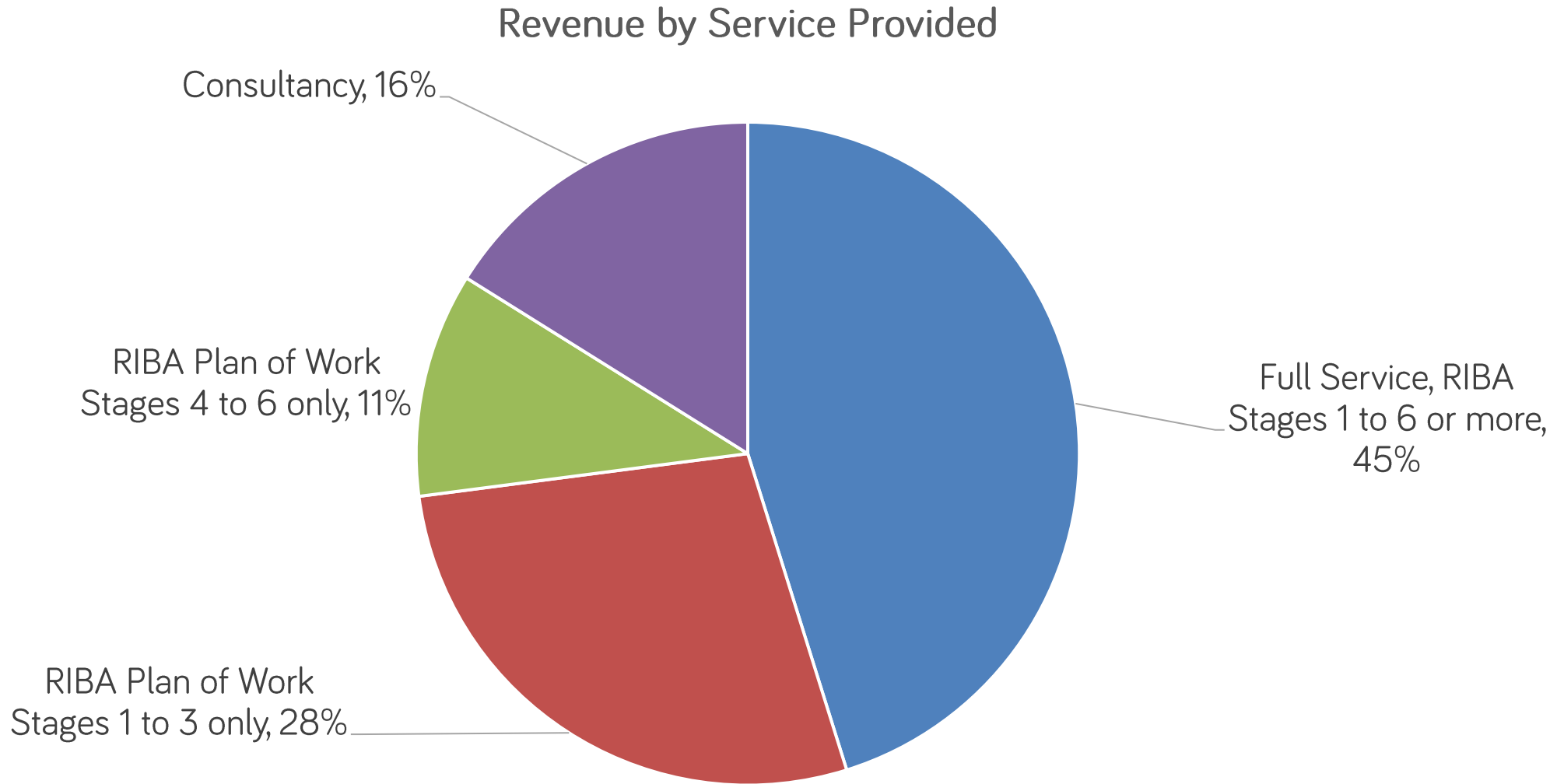
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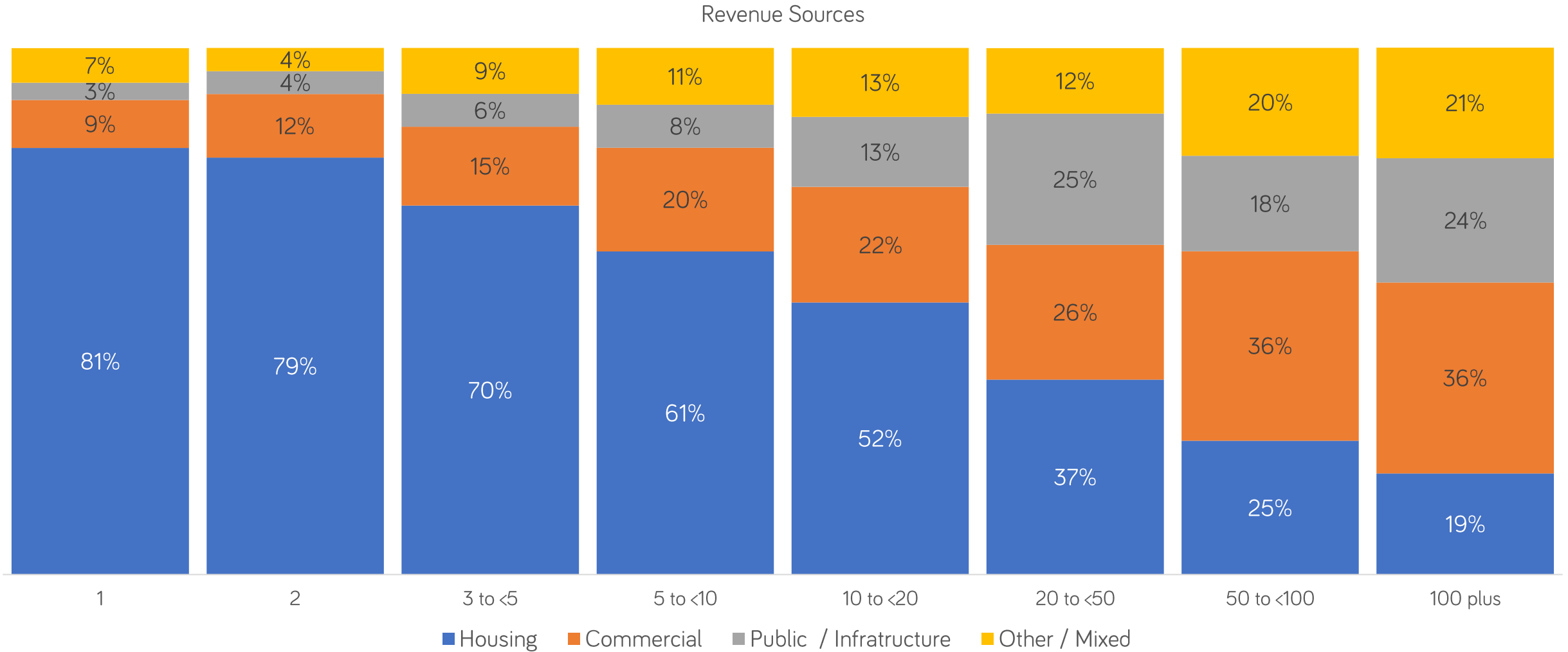
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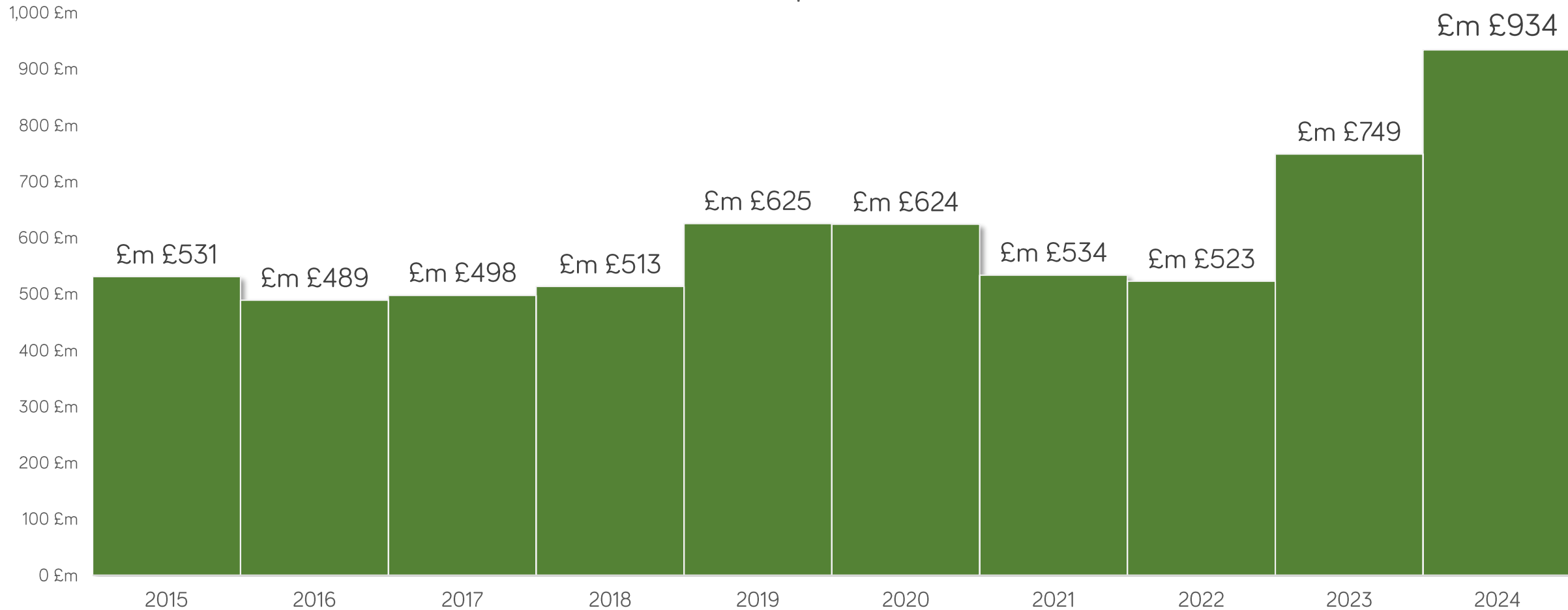


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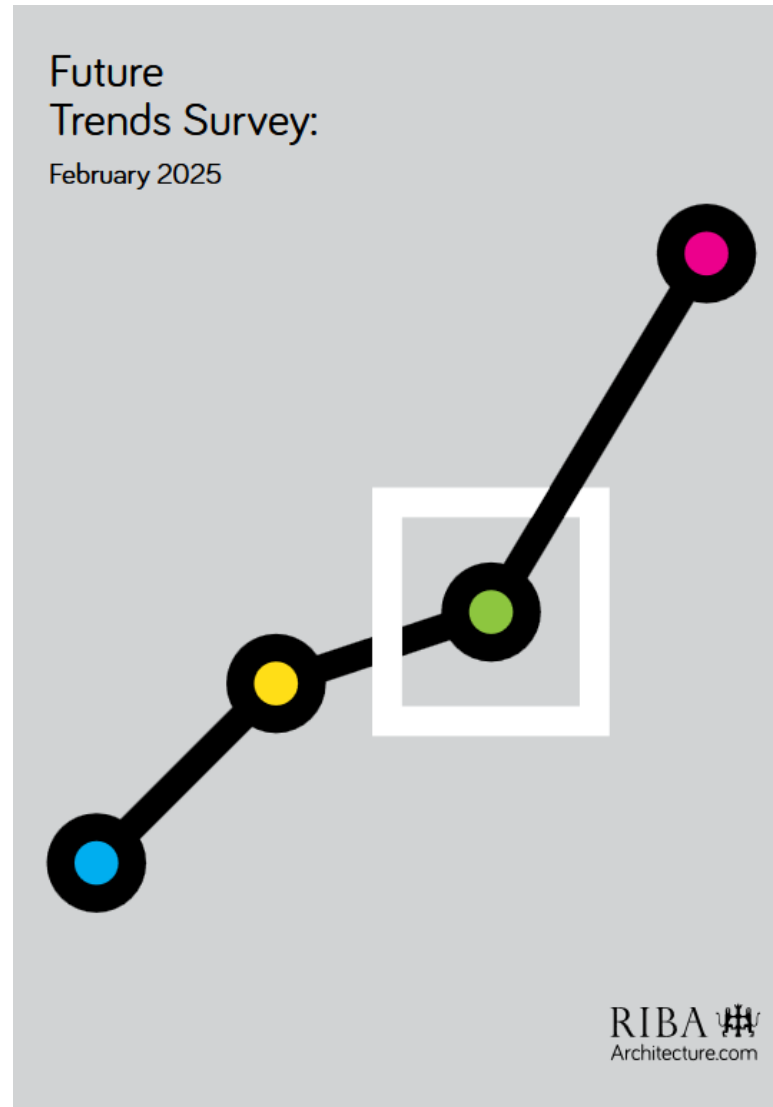
Value of Practice Exports



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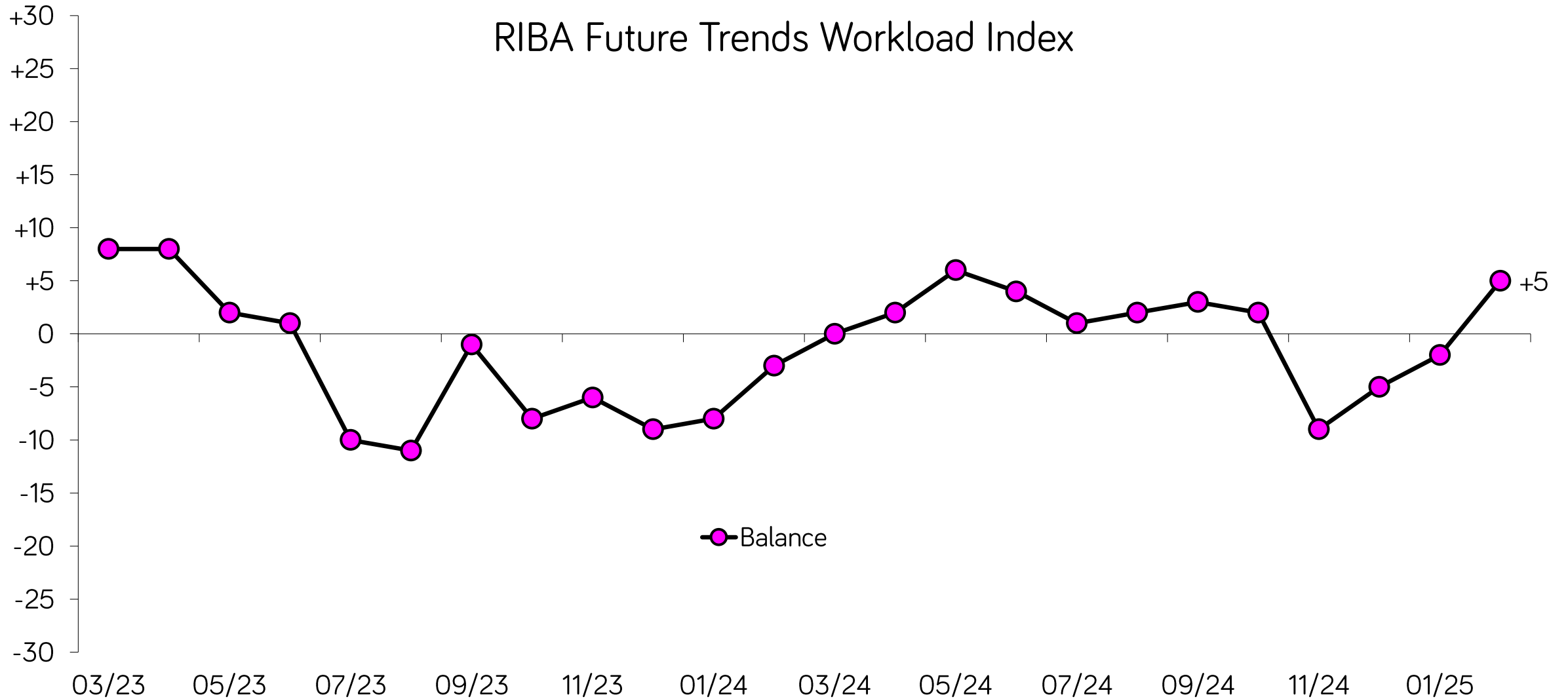
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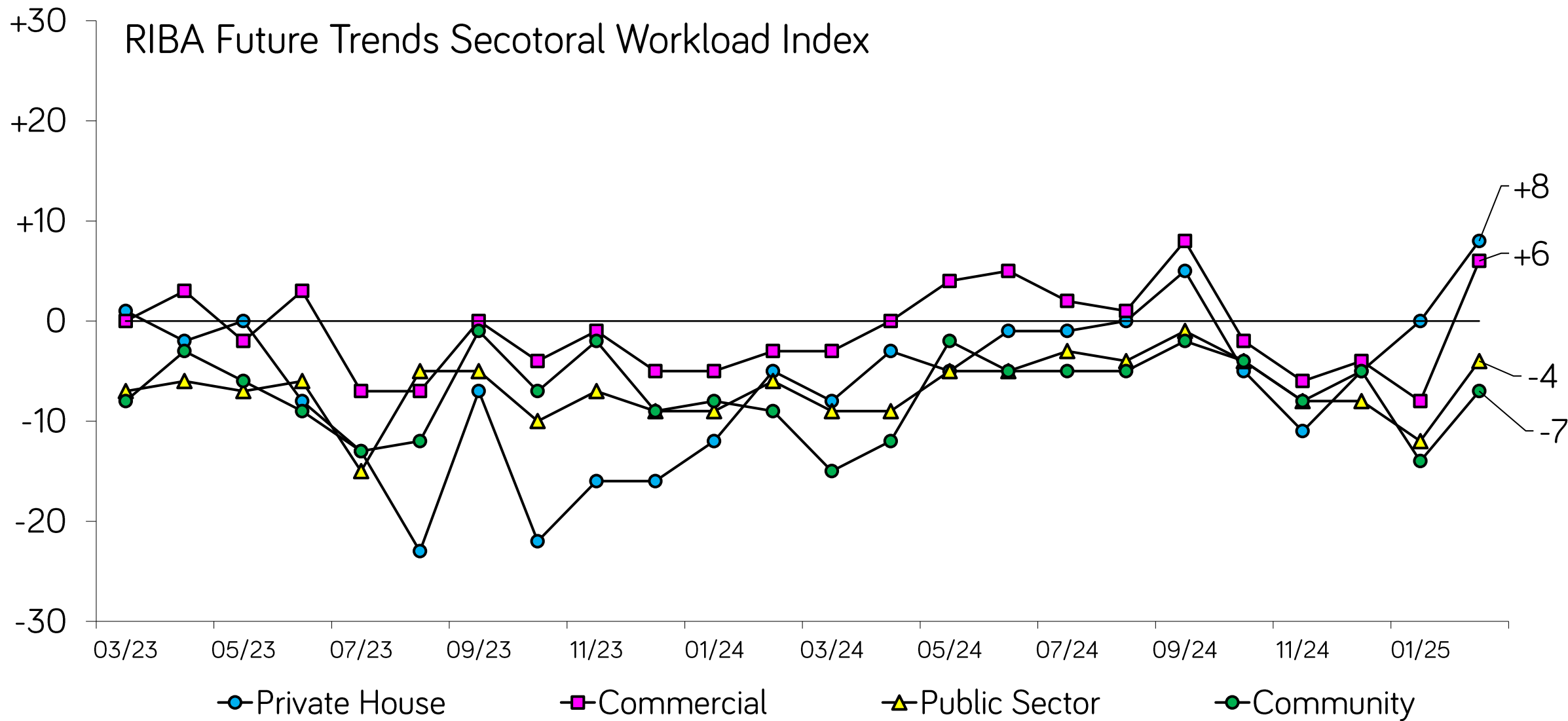
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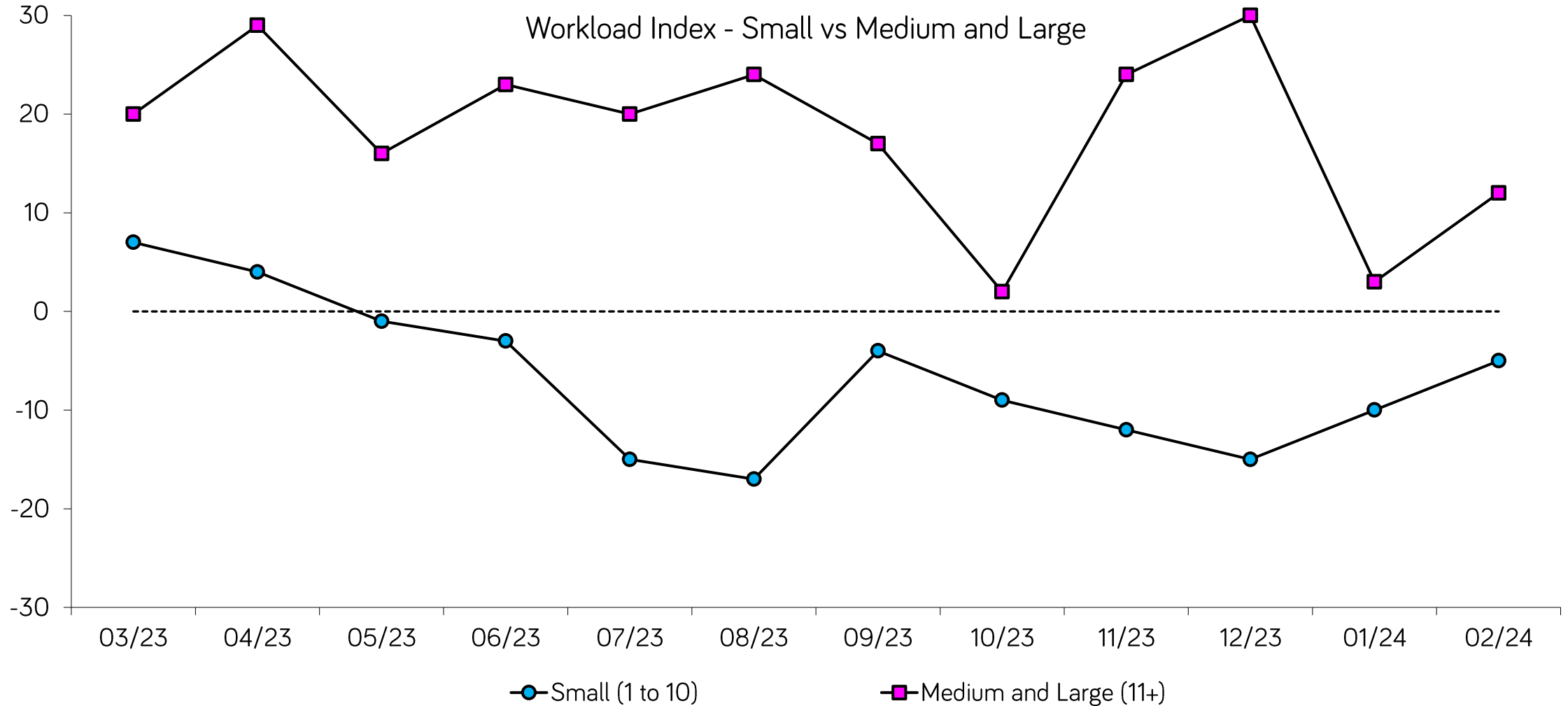
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+5%

Anticipated increase in
staff, next 12 months



+6%

Anticipated increase in
revenue, next 12 months



Economy

The most significant
impediment to
profitability



**Adopting new
working
practices**

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A photograph of a modern building with a balcony. The building's exterior is made of vertical wooden slats. A balcony with a white railing and a wooden deck is in the foreground. The railing consists of vertical white posts. The deck is made of horizontal wooden planks. Beyond the balcony, there is a vast green landscape with trees and fields. In the distance, a body of water is visible. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The text "Thank you" and "adrian.malleson@riba.org" is overlaid on the image.

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