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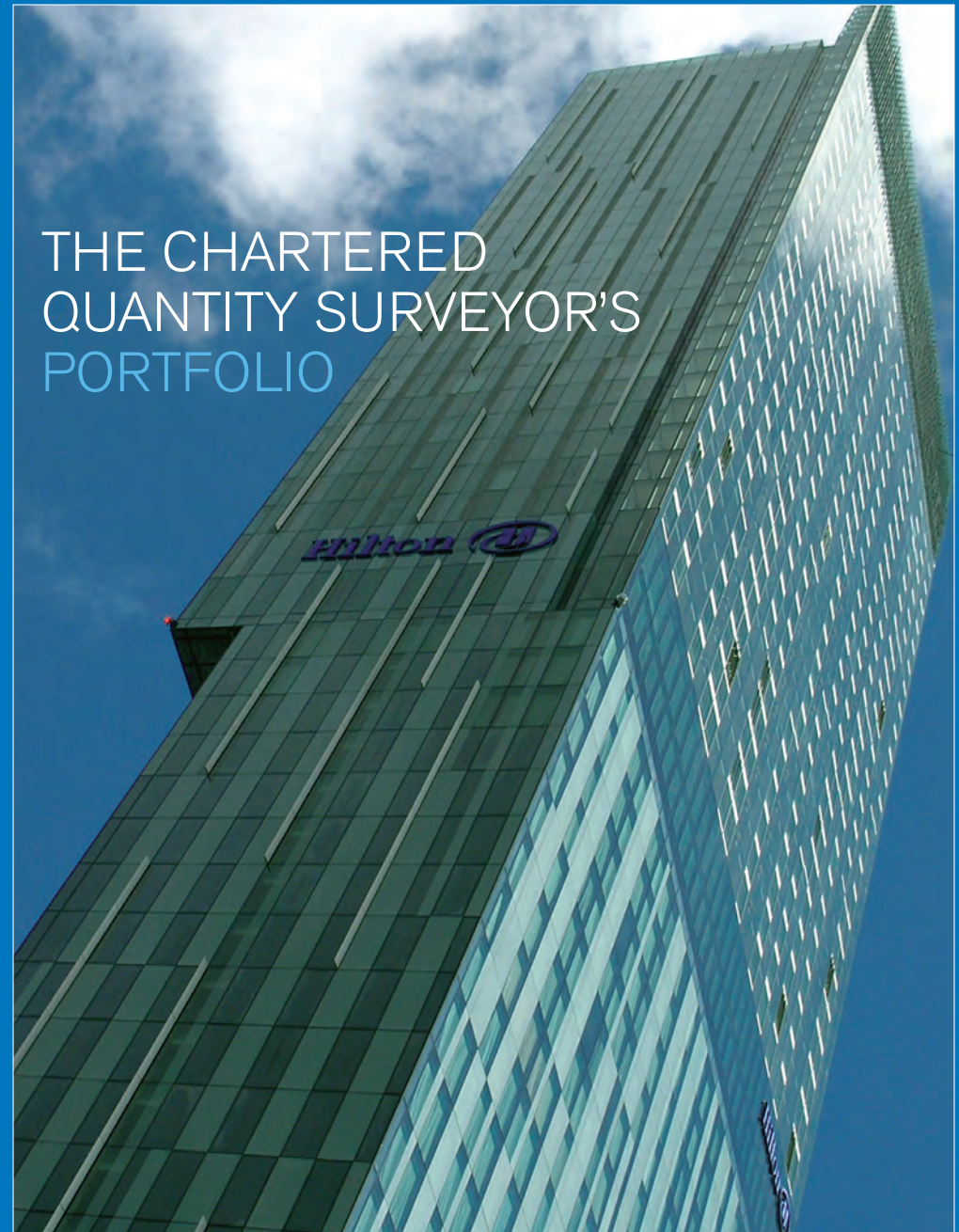
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THE CHARTERED QUANTITY SURVEYOR'S PORTFOLIO



Chartered Quantity Surveyors are highly trained professionals offering expert advice on construction costs and procurement options. They can work for private sector contractors and consultants, developers and other client bodies, central and local government or can choose to operate as self-employed individuals.

Chartered Quantity Surveyors are highly valued professionals who offer a variety of services across the whole of the built environment. The full range and attributes of Chartered Quantity Surveyors is too large to cover here, but some key highlights include:

Design economics and cost planning

– Added value to design solutions.
Key attributes: Strategic advice on schematic development plans.

Procurement and tendering

– Optimise cost and procurement opportunities.
Key attributes: Increased certainty that building will be completed within budget.

Contract administration

– Administer construction contracts.
Key attributes: Diplomacy and legal knowledge.

Commercial management

– Assessment of completed work costs.
Key attributes: Knowledge of contract, negotiating, procurement, finance, risk and project costs.

Life cycle costing

– Establish the total cost and spend profile of the project over its anticipated life span.
Key attributes: Understanding of the major cost drivers; more accurate forecasting of cost profiles; evaluation of the competing options; a good understanding of acquisition, operational and end life costs of a project.

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Chartered Quantity Surveyors can be both specialists and generalists. Generalists provide a one stop shop whereas specialists will focus on a particular area such as third party project monitoring or taxation. Alternatively, Chartered Quantity Surveyors may choose to specialise in a market sector including, for example, retail or residential development, petrochemicals or transport and infrastructure.

Whichever route Chartered Quantity Surveyors choose, their role demands an in-depth knowledge of construction design, costs and programmes as well as effective inter-personal and team-building skills.

A typical project will involve a variety of internal and external stakeholders – the client, the design team, the contractor, subcontractors and suppliers. Whilst this all adds to the variety of the Chartered Quantity Surveyors' workload, it does demand excellent communication skills as well as a firm but diplomatic approach.

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