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Last month I wrote - with particular reference to energy use in buildings - about how raising standards in the construction industry seem largely to occur only when led by government standards, rather than through private sector initiatives.

Such a view might seem somewhat sceptical set against the huge strides the construction industry has taken in the 21st century. Of the many changes in the way firms operate I've witnessed over the years, a couple are highlighted in this month's newsletter.

The first two articles assess the progress made in reducing the impact this industry has on the climate and the third advises on ways to celebrate Women's Day.

It seems to me that the way we treat our environment and the way we treat each other are topics so deeply ingrained into today's culture that even if there were no standards to work to, these matters would still be at the forefront of our industry.

What do you think? Is this industry more careful and caring, or do companies merely pay lip-service to this stuff?



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