

United Kingdom: Compliance-Focused Adoption with Integration Hurdles

UK construction firms lead with a compliance-driven approach to technology adoption, placing a strong emphasis on quality management, document control and collaborative workflows during the construction phase.

Adoption in the country, meanwhile, tends to be pragmatic, focused less on full lifecycle digitalisation and more on meeting regulatory demands and practical project needs.

While many UK organisations champion data sharing and connected workflows in construction, full digital integration across all project phases remains rare. Challenges with system integration, such as technical complexity, lack of standardised data protocols and ongoing governance, are consistently noted as significant barriers, slowing the pace of more holistic digital transformation.

UK firms are also more likely to invest in compliance-focused tools, such as quality management and accounting software, highlighting a tech strategy grounded in control and risk mitigation.

To unlock greater efficiency, UK firms recognise the need for stronger interoperability frameworks and wider adoption of common data environments. With established project delivery practices, collaborative culture and a mature regulatory landscape, the UK is well positioned to benefit from improved integration, provided that technical hurdles are addressed head on.

84%

of firms will boost tech spending in 2026, signalling digital momentum

1 in 2

projects still require paper for critical workflows

89%

of firms aren't fully digital across all project phases

500+

hours reclaimed on critical tasks by nearly half of AI early adopters