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Summary:

1. Diriyah Company has awarded a SAR 8 billion (~ US $2 billion) contract for the Wadi Safar development in Riyadh, appointing a joint venture of Urbacon Saudi Co and Al Bawani Co Ltd to deliver four luxury hotels Aman, Six Senses, The Chedi, and Faena as well as the Royal Diriyah Equestrian & Polo Club and supporting retail & community facilities. This milestone marks significant progress in transforming Wadi Safar into a high-end hospitality and leisure district and bolstering Diriyah's rise as a cultural tourism hub driven by Saudi Vision 2030
2. Permasteelisa Gartner Middle East has secured the façade contract for the KAPSARC School of Public Policy in Riyadh, covering design, engineering, supply and installation of over 6,000 m² of glazing and nearly 27,000 m² of aluminium cladding. The appointment reinforces the firm’s technical leadership and highlighting rising demand for advanced façade solutions in MENA’s premium construction market.

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Summary:

1. GCC: Construction contract awards across the GCC dropped to a three-year low in Q2 2025, to US $28.4 billion, a sharp 58% decline year-on-year from US $67.7 billion in Q2 2024. The construction sector alone saw a nearly 60% contraction, falling to US $8.2 billion, underscoring a substantial slowdown in both public and private sector investments amid growing regional economic pressures.
2. UAE: Dar Global has awarded the main works contract for ‘The Astera, Interiors by Aston Martin’ to Gulf Asia Contracting LLC, valued at AED 201.46 million (~ US $54.8 million), advancing the project located on Al Marjan Island in Ras Al Khaimah. The appointment marks a key construction milestone, leveraging Gulf Asia’s regional expertise to deliver quality craftsmanship from structure to finishes while accelerating the luxury beachfront development’s progress
3. USA: Granite Construction has been awarded a CM/GC contract at San Francisco International Airport, SFO, valued at US $26 million to rehabilitate Runway 1R‑19L and construct new taxiway under SFO’s Capital Improvement Program. Preconstruction began in mid‑2025, with major construction set to start in March and wrap by November, enhancing airfield safety and capacity
4. USA: Turner Construction has been awarded the Phase 1 CM/GC contract for the One Beverly Hills development in Beverly Hills, California, taking on site management for the 17.5‑acre, US $5 billion mixed‑use project. The project is expected to complete by late 2027 delivering two Aman‑branded residential towers, an Aman hotel and club, a revamped Beverly Hilton, and over 10 acres of gardens, while creating approximately 2,500 construction jobs
5. UK: Graham Construction has been awarded a £110 million contract to deliver 505 homes as part of the Brewery Gardens regeneration project in Manchester. The scheme includes mixed tenure housing with social rent, shared ownership, and affordable rent units. Construction is set to start in summer 2025 with completion expected by autumn 2028, supporting wider urban renewal efforts in the Strangeways area.
6. Philippines: The Department of Transportation has announced a ₱264.62 million (~ US $4.64 million) redevelopment project for Virac Airport in Catanduanes, with bidding closing on July 28, 2025. The project includes constructing a new 35.7 meter control tower, extending the runway to 1,901 meters, and building a powerhouse and cistern. The winning contractor will have 720 days to complete the project, working within the airport's operating hours of 7 AM to 11 AM
7. UAE: Vincitore Realty has awarded a US$544 million contract to Luxridge Building Construction for multiple luxury real estate projects in Dubai. The partnership underscores Vincitore's commitment to quality and timely delivery, aiming to bolster buyer confidence ahead of upcoming high-profile launches. Luxridge's proprietary CORE Quality Framework will ensure global standards are met throughout the development process.
8. Norway: Skanska has secured a NOK 360 million (~ US $36 million) contract to build the Gjesdal Health Center in Rogaland, Norway. The project covers an 8,700 m² facility with 76 institutional places, café, therapy suites, and an attached 2,000 m² parking garage.

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**Aluminium**

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**Global**

Summary:

1. Bahrain: Bahrain launches US$17 billion investment drive in the U.S., including a US$2 billion aluminium downstream initiative led by sovereign wealth fund Mumtalakat.  
   The initiative aims to expand Bahrain’s industrial footprint abroad, attract foreign investment, and deepen strategic ties with U.S. partners, particularly in aluminium, where the Kingdom seeks to reinforce its global standing.
2. India: India has proposed retaliatory tariffs on US goods worth about US $3.82 billion under WTO rules after Washington doubled steel and aluminium tariffs from 25% to 50%. India reserves the right to adjust final rates and target products based on evolving trade impacts. This move sets the stage for potential escalation in trade tensions even as both nations pursue a bilateral trade agreement.
3. USA: The U.S. has imposed steep tariffs 50% on aluminium to bolster domestic production and curb reliance on foreign suppliers, particularly China. The move has driven copper futures to record highs and sparked a surge in domestic miners like Freeport‑McMoRan while igniting investment interest in recycling and clean‑tech firms.
4. USA: Trump era aluminium tariffs have added to a US$82.3 billion burden on U.S. employers, straining midsized construction firms dependent on aluminium for façades and prefabricated systems. The rising cost of imported metals continues to squeeze margins and influence sourcing strategies across the built environment sector.

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**Steel Rebar:**

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Summary:

1. USA: U.S. rebar producers, grouped under the Rebar Trade Action Coalition, have petitioned for antidumping and countervailing duties on imports from Algeria, Bulgaria, Egypt and Vietnam, citing dumping margins of 145-166% from Algeria, ~25.6% from Bulgaria, 111-130% from Egypt, and ~115% from Vietnam. This move reflects mounting concern among domestic manufacturers over unfair competition and seeks to strengthen protections against subsidized imports eroding U.S. market share.
2. Europe: Steel rebar prices in Europe remain stable at around €615-640/tonne delivered  
    (~ US $716-745) as of late June 2025, with only minor country-level variations like slightly higher quotes in Denmark and unchanged ex-works levels in Italy (€510-540/t) This flat pricing trend reflects a market in limbo—demand is tepid, imports are steady, and producers and buyers are waiting for clearer signals on supply dynamics, raw material costs, or policy changes to set a new direction.
3. Italy: Italian steel rebar producers have raised prices to around €592-593/tonne ex‑works  
    (~ US $590/t) in March 2025, reflecting a 3% increase fueled by higher production costs and improving local demand, despite competing pressure from imports and scrap price volatility. This uptick signals a stronger Italian rebar market, though producers face ongoing margin risks from fluctuating raw material prices and import competition making profitability an evolving challenge.
4. Poland: Polish steel rebar prices declined to PLN 2,480–2,500/tonne CPT (~US$685–691) during the week ending July 4, 2025, down from 2,520-2,550 zloty/tonne the week before. This decline reflects persistent weak construction demand and an oversupply of mill product in the market. This downward pressure highlights profitability challenges for Polish steelmakers and distributors, who are struggling to reset prices amid slowing demand and ample inventory.

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**Flat Rolled Steel:**

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Summary:

1. Vietnam: Vietnam has imposed antidumping duties of 23.10% to 27.83% on hot rolled steel imports from China due to proven material injury to its domestic industry. The investigation into Indian origin steel was terminated as it has lower import volume.
2. Brazil: Brazil has launched an antidumping investigation into hot rolled steel imports from China, India, and Indonesia due to complaints from domestic producers about unfairly low-priced imports.
3. Ukraine: In H1’25, Ukraine exported approximately 865,000 metric tons of flat steel products, marking an 8.3% year on year increase compared to H1’24. While exports rose, Ukraine also increased domestic imports of flat steel by 16.8% y/y, about 554,000 t in the same period
4. South Africa: South Africa imposed a **52.34% provisional safeguard duty** on certain imported coated flat rolled steel products starting **June’2025.** It will remain in effect for **200 days**, ending **January’2026**, to protect local steel producers from surging imports.
5. Indonesia: Indonesia’s cement demand fell 5% year-on-year in May 2025 to 5.18 million tons, despite a 32% rebound month-on-month after Eid. Total sales for Jan–May 2025 reached 22.27 million tons, down 2% from 2024.

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**Cement**

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1. The clinker inventory of 16 Saudi cement firms increased by 1% to 44.9 million tons as of June 2025, compared to 43.9 million tons a year before. Domestic cement despatches also rose by 13% year-on-year to 3.84Mt in June 2025, falling by 18% month-on-month due to seasonality impact

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Summary:

1. USA: In Jun’25, a U.S. judge dismissed antitrust claims against six companies accused of price-fixing cement and concrete admixtures. The court found the evidence insufficient, attributing price hikes to inflation, not collusion.
2. USA: The American Cement Association predicts a U.S. cement consumption to decline by 1.6% in 2025, due to high interest rates and trade uncertainties whereas there will be rise in cement demand by nearly 1Mt/yr in the next three years, driven by data centres and AI growth. Data centres are expected to use 247,000t of cement in 2025 and 860,000t by 2027, but challenges may arise.
3. India: UltraTech Cement saw about 10% volume growth in Q1FY26, with stable operating metrics. They aim for double-digit growth in FY26 and plan to increase capacity to 212 million tonnes by FY27.
4. India: India's cement demand is projected to rebound to **6.5–7.5%,** up from just ~5% in FY25, driven predominantly by a surge in **rural housing construction** supported by rising farm incomes and stronger rural disposable income. This will lead to expected rise in prices by **2**–4%, boosting realizations and lifting operating profitability to around ₹975 - ₹1,000 per tonne
5. Ghana: Ghana’s Trade Minister urged cement producers to reduce prices following recent cedi gains, citing high costs despite improved currency value. The Ghana Standards Authority will begin quarterly inspections from Aug 2025, warning of possible factory shutdowns for non-compliance. The Roads Minister also pushed for price cuts from GH¢120 - GH¢95 per bag, tying compliance to future government contracts.
6. Nigeria: Cement prices in Nigeria have surged by 28% to 53%, reaching ₦9,500 - ₦12,000 per 50kg bag. Stakeholders are calling for government intervention as high costs lead to increased rents and housing struggles.

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Summary:

Europe: Europe’s softwood lumber market remained stable with modest price increases, supported by robust export demand and limited supply as Russian exports stayed restricted by sanctions

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