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| Air, ventilation | The share of supply air that is outdoor air, plus any recirculated air that has been filtered or otherwise treated to maintain acceptable indoor air quality. |
| Airborne sound insulation | Insulation against noise originating in air, such as voices, music, motor traffic and wind. |
| Architecture Accent Lighting | Lighting that highlights an area or object of a building to emphasise that area or object. |
| Asbestos | A group of impure magnesium silicate minerals which occur in fibrous form. Asbestos has been used in a variety of building construction materials for insulation and as a fire-retardant. However, long-term exposure or big amounts of asbestos can have severe health impacts, such as chest and abdominal cancers and lung diseases. Therefore the use of asbestos products has been restricted in many countries. |
| ASHRAE | American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers. |
| Balancing (air system) | To ensure that correct volumes of air are supplied by adjusting airflow rates through air distribution system devices (such as fans and diffusers) by manually adjusting the position of dampers, splitter vanes, extractors, etc. or by using automatic control devices, such as constant air volume or variable air volume boxes. |
| Brightness contrast ratio | The ratio of illuminance between the highest and lowest illuminance value in a room. |

