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New Chairman takes the helm at The Housing Forum

Andy von Bradsky has taken over chairmanship of The Housing Forum – the only cross-sector, industry-wide membership network that represents the entire housing supply chain on behalf of the housing industry. He has been elected on a three year term from 1 April 2016.

Andy, Consultant and former Chairman of PRP, the largest architectural practice specialising in housing in the UK, has over 30 years' experience in the design and delivery of housing for the private and public sector.

He sits on a number of influential groups and committees, including as Chair of the RIBA Housing Advisory Group, DCLG's Design Advisory Panel and the NHBC Foundation Expert Panel, and was formerly a member of the Government appointed Challenge Panel that provided advice for the Housing Standards Review.

Andy commented on his appointment:

“It is a particularly interesting time to be taking over as Chair of The Housing Forum, with housing as high on the political agenda as it has ever been in recent decades and a government committed to stimulating supply. I look forward to building on our past success, and to being a central part of this dynamic organisation in the years ahead as its members adapt to new policies and commercial pressures.

“The Housing Forum is a unique membership organisation in having public and private sector representation and members from across the supply chain, making us truly representative of businesses that have the responsibility to deliver the new homes we so desperately need. For that reason we are well placed to respond to issues as they arise, and to speak with a strong voice to government and industry.”

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Andy succeeds Ben Derbyshire, Managing Partner at HTA Design LLP, who is stepping down at the end of his term of office, and who oversaw a 30 percent increase in membership of The Housing Forum during his tenure.

Shelagh Grant, Chief Executive of The Housing Forum, welcomed Andy's appointment:

"Andy brings to The Housing Forum a wealth of knowledge and experience, and a clearly evident passion for place making, sustainability and design excellence in house building.

"As a current Board member, Andy's election as Chairman will bring continuity to our work, alongside a clear vision for the direction of The Housing Forum during his time in office."

As well as Andy von Bradsky's appointment, The Housing Forum has also refreshed its Board in a recent round of elections.

Mike Fairey, Director of Fusion Building Systems, and Mike De'Ath, Partner at HTA Design LLP, were duly elected in the Supplier / Manufacture and Specialist Consultant categories respectively.

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About The Housing Forum

The Housing Forum is the only cross-sector, industry-wide membership network that represents the entire housing supply chain on behalf of the housing industry.

Our network of member organisations and businesses collaborate to develop and improve the nation's housing stock, sharing knowledge, expertise and best practice through participation in bespoke networking events and workshops.

Membership of The Housing Forum gives housing businesses the opportunity to shape the future. Our views and content are drawn from the wide experience and innovation of our membership.

We have over 160 member organisations from both the public and private sectors, collaborating to inform, influence and network.

The Housing Forum also conducts a comprehensive research programme through a series of Working Groups, with members actively contributing to produce output to influence government, stakeholders and the creation of housing policy, and to help to better inform the house building process.

The Housing Forum shares offices with NHBC (National Housing Building Council), which also provides administrative support.

For more detail about The Housing Forum, visit www.housingforum.org.uk.

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