

A modern, dark-toned kitchen with a large island, open shelving, and a large window. The kitchen features dark cabinetry, a large island with a dark countertop, and a large window on the left side. The island has a sink and a brass faucet. The background shows a kitchen area with a backsplash, a sink, and various kitchen items. The lighting is warm and ambient, with recessed lights and pendant lights. The overall aesthetic is contemporary and sophisticated.

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Global Market Update

Global construction markets continue to be driven by energy efficiency, refurbishment activity and productivity improvements. Industry outlooks highlight growing demand for building solutions that reduce lifecycle costs, shorten installation times and support sustainability objectives. Investment in retrofit projects continues to expand as governments and building owners prioritise energy performance, resilience and long-term operating efficiency. Digital planning, modern methods of construction and smarter building technologies are also becoming increasingly important across international markets.

Ireland Construction Outlook

The Irish construction market remains positive. CSO figures reported 7,856 new dwelling completions in Q1 2026, an increase of 32.9% compared with Q1 2025 and the highest first-quarter level since records began. Apartment, scheme and single-dwelling completions all increased. At the same time, enhanced SEAI supports and the National Residential Retrofit Plan continue to encourage homeowners to invest in energy upgrades, renovation projects and home improvements. These trends continue to support demand for kitchen hardware, furniture fittings, lighting and interior fit-out products.

Market Insight

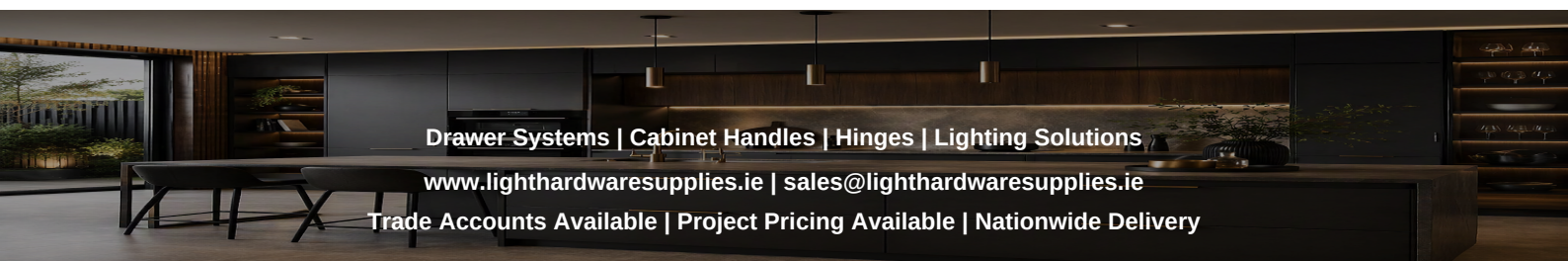
Premium functionality is increasingly becoming the standard expectation. End users are prioritising soft-close systems, contemporary aesthetics, durability and ease of maintenance, while contractors continue seeking products that improve installation efficiency without compromising quality.

Product Spotlight: CEMUX H-BOX Drawer System



The CEMUX H-BOX Drawer System combines a slim-wall contemporary design with soft-close functionality, full-extension access and straightforward adjustment. Ideal for kitchens, utility rooms, bedroom furniture and commercial fit-out projects, it reflects current market demand for premium design, reliability and installer-friendly performance. As homeowners continue investing in kitchens and storage solutions, products that deliver aesthetics and functionality together remain well positioned.

Sources: CSO New Dwelling Completions Q1 2026, SEAI Retrofit Programme updates, Deloitte Engineering & Construction Outlook, UNEP Global Status Report for Buildings and Construction.



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