

Industry profile

Andrew Carr puts his professional success down to an interest in the environment – and sports cars!



Age 43
Lives Berlin, Germany
Interests Swimming,
motorbikes and golf

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Would your career, or that of someone you know, make an interesting profile? If so, email editor@atompublishing.co.uk

What is your current job?

Project Manager at German cost management consultancy Kalc, overseeing the construction of 10 new geo-thermal power plants.

What does your job involve?

The complete project responsibility of procuring construction of geo-thermal plant and drilling works currently estimated at 4 900m deep.

What does your typical working day involve?

Visiting specialist geo-thermal contractors and engineers and collecting and assessing the FIDIC-based contract offers.

What is the most interesting aspect of your job?

Procuring the design team, which will provide Germany with a completely new form of energy.

And the most challenging?

Competing in a market in which there are very limited resources available for this very specialist form of construction.

Why did you decide to pursue a career in property?

When I was young my uncle used to arrive in the most impressive sports car I had ever seen. When I asked him what he did for a living he said quantity surveying!

How did you get to this point in your career?

I constantly market and update my homepage, www.kalc.de

What, to date, is your greatest professional achievement?

I was involved in two major claims projects, one in Germany and one in Poland. The challenge was to find the most critical delays within each and also prove effect on cost.

What project has given you the greatest satisfaction so far?

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What are your views on RICS?

Very professional and a good introduction to new clients. I'm proud to have the logo on my letterhead.

What are your plans and ambitions for the future?

My specialist claims department is always the bread winner, but for the environment I think it has to be project management and the construction procurement of low CO₂ energy systems similar to the project I am working on.

What is your favourite building?

Having worked on it, I vote for Sir Norman Foster's 'intelligent building', Commerzbank, in Frankfurt am Main.