

East European Focus
Hungary & Romania



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ASA Hungary – ASA CONS Romania - Overview



Design & optimization

- Comprehensive solutions
- 3D modelling

Prefabrication

- 40 years expertise
- ~40,000 m3 p.a. in Hungary
- ~50,000 m3 p.a. in Romania

Assembly

- 3 in-house teams in Hungary
- 2 in-house teams in Romania
- Safety mindset

Industrial floor

- High-end surface precision
- ~300,000 m2 p.a.

General contracting

- Outstanding references
- Strong project management

1. Post-Communism Take-off of Precast Business - Hungary

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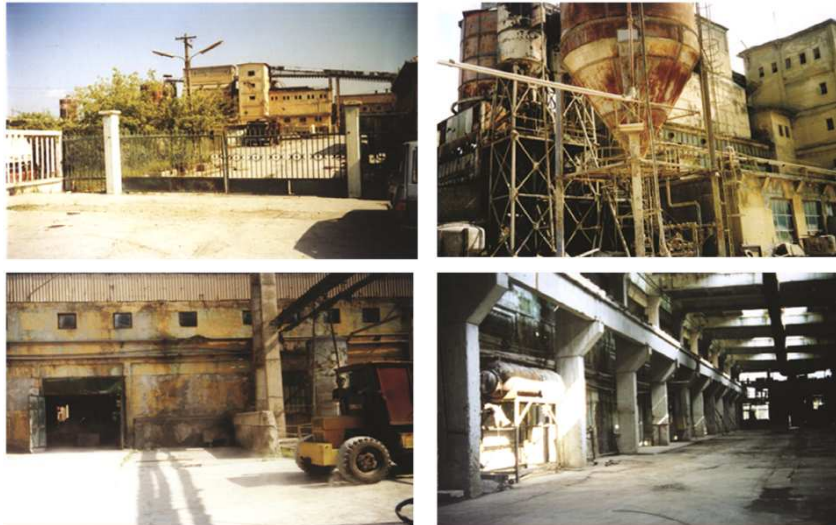
2015



ASA Építőipari Kft was founded in 1990 by the technical staff and on the premises of the former national construction company no. 31. The know-how, the experience, the technical production possibilities were improved and developed considerably during the last decades, yet the same unalterable focus on **innovation and quality** remains the main trademark of ASA Építőipari Kft.

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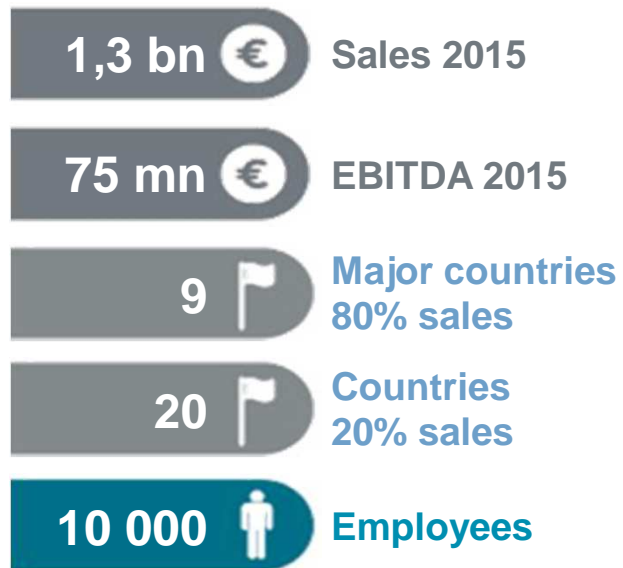


- In 1989, after the revolution against Communism, the whole concrete precast structure market felt into disgrace, mainly because of the political instability, population misconception against communist block of flats (mainly built on precast elements) and lack of foreign investments.
- Most part of the precast factories have reduced their production and closed their doors. The same happened with IMC, the former ASA CONS production unit, which in 1998 became insolvent.
- The change in this area occurred in the late 90's, after with the infusion of foreign capital made especially by the big chains of stores as Metro, Selgros, Cora, Praktiker, Rewe, Kaufland commercial centers, immediately followed by industrial buildings.
- Based on this investments, the demand for precast and pre-stressed concrete elements was felt again in the market .
- **ASA CONS ROMANIA** was established in 1999, as part of the group **ASA Epitoipari Kft** (founded in 1990 in Hungary), and from July 2008 both are part of the **Consolis** Group.

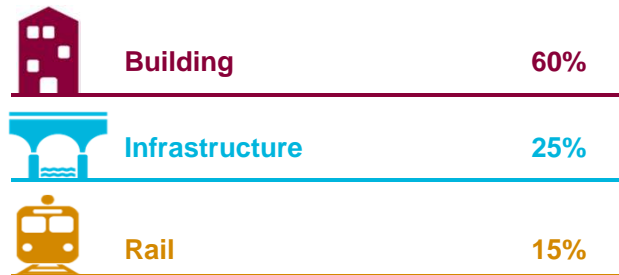
1. 2008 – CONSOLIS acquired ASA Group



Group Overview

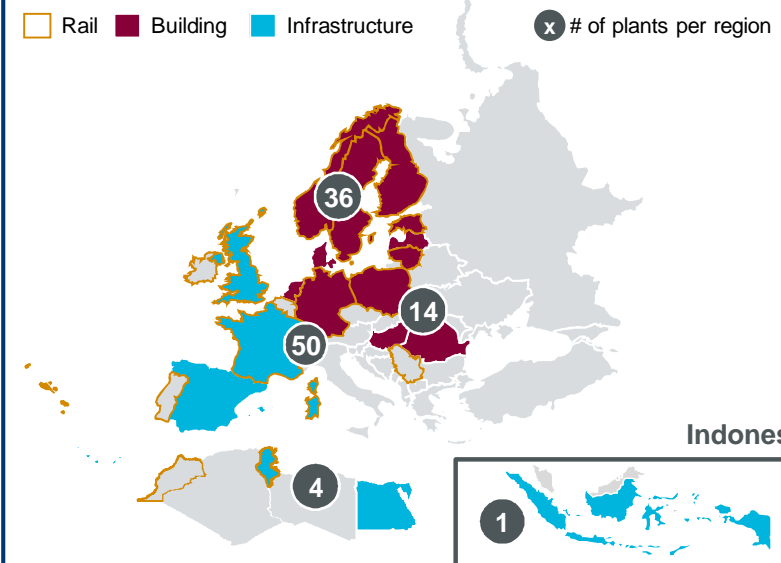


3 market segments



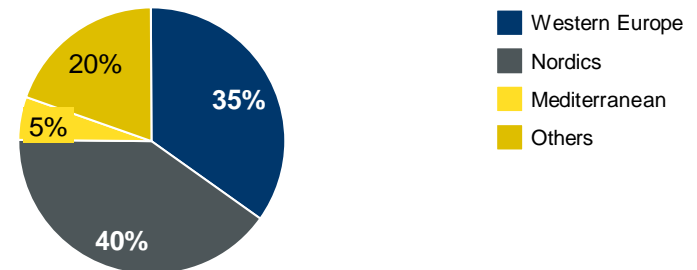
Net sales % of total sales 2015

Industrial footprint



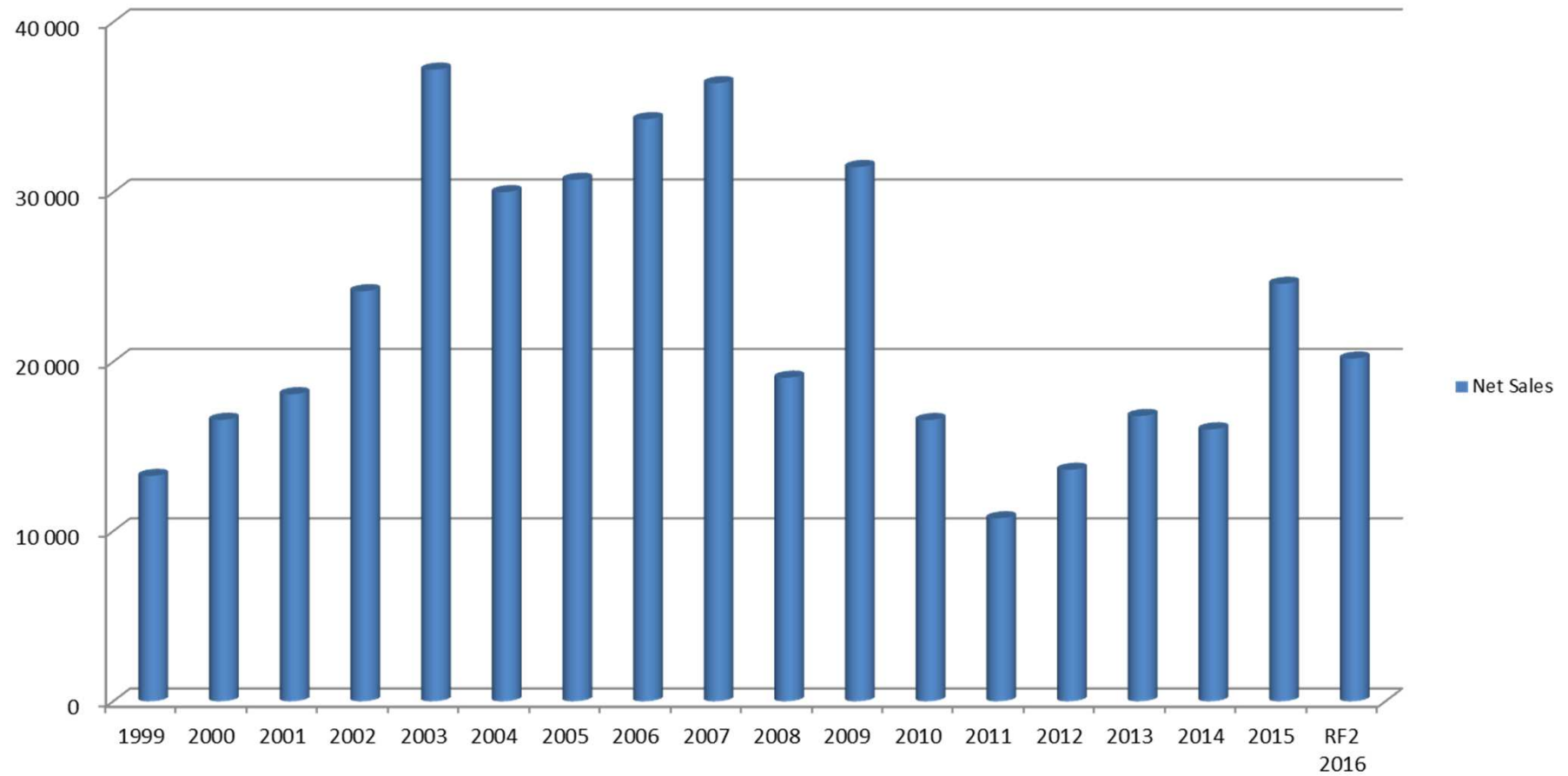
For countries where Consolis has both building and infrastructure operations, coloring indicates the primary business line

Net sales by region
% of total sales, 2015



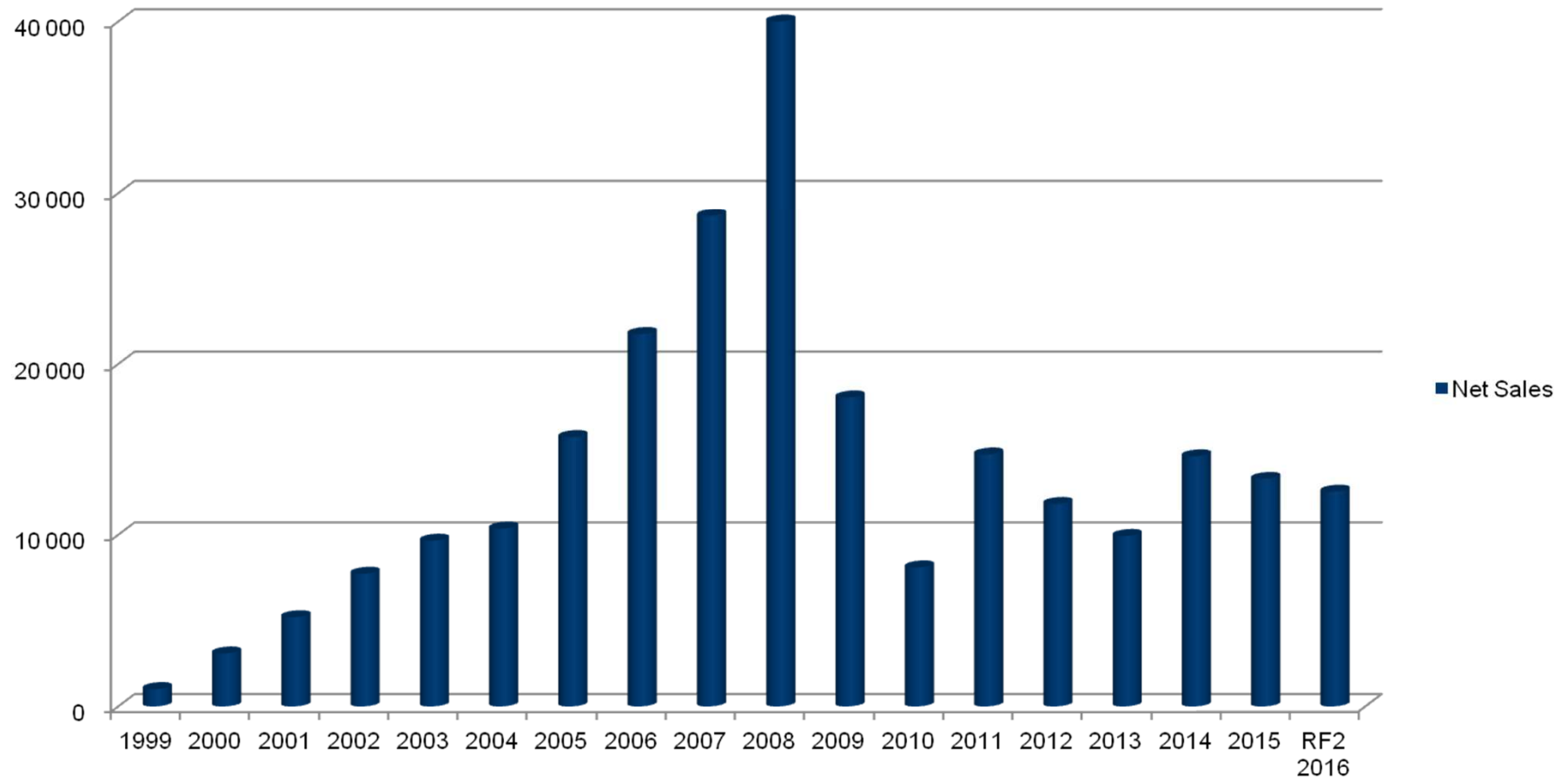
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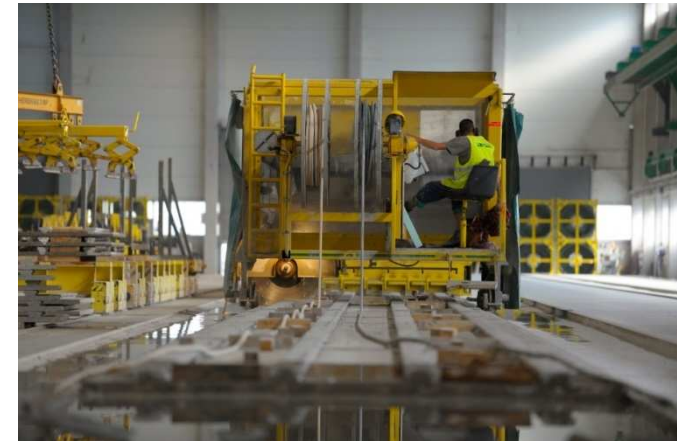
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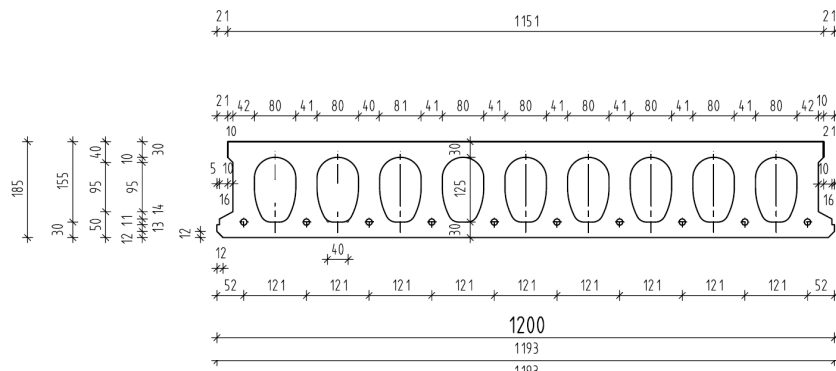
2. Hungary – HC production

- *Casting technology: Elematic slipformer*
- *3 lines of 120 m / 2,40 m wide*
- *Product types:*
 - *HCS 185*
 - *HCS 200*
 - *HCS 250*
 - *HCS 300*
- *Upper-ribbed*
 - *55+55 => 65+135*

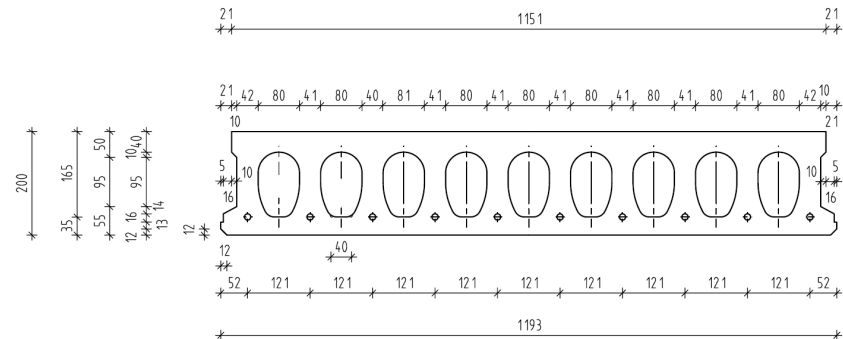


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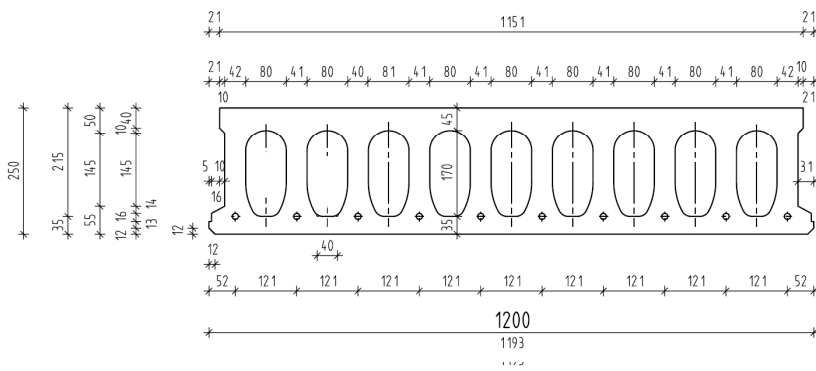
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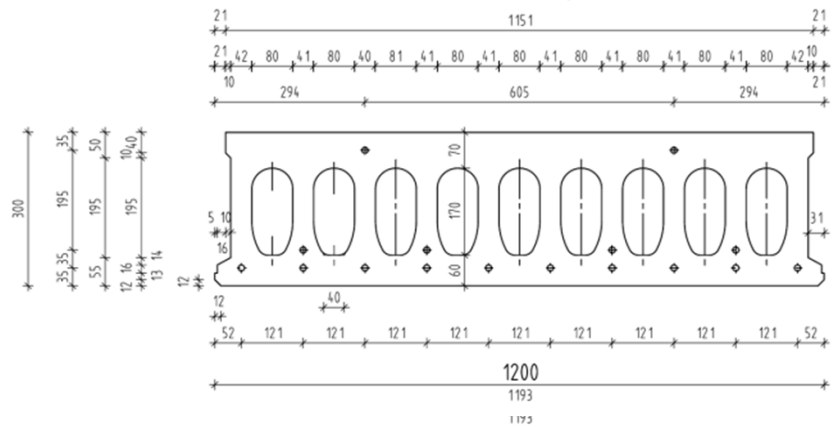
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2. Romania – HC production

Production technology / facility / capacity



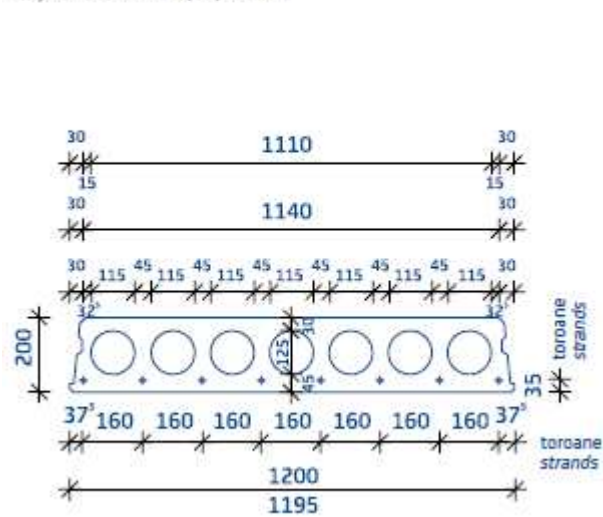
- *Extruded Concrete Technology*
- *three production beds x 80m long*
- *max 280 sqm / day production capacity → 71.500 sqm / year*
- *cut to requested length according to designer's needs.*
- *C50/60 concrete quality, reinforced exclusively with strands, according to design calculation*
- *Technology for two section type castings, FGP 200 and FGP 320*
- *Can be used for both industrial and residential slabs*



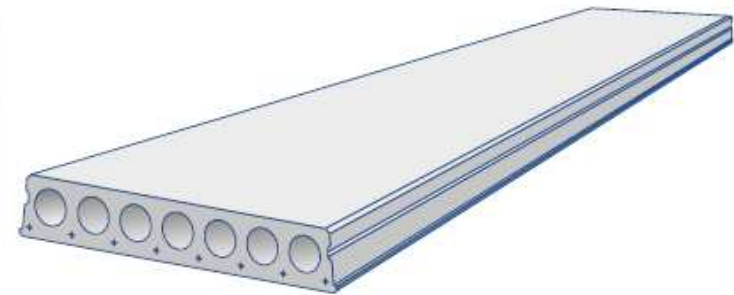
2. Romania – HC production

Hollow core slabs 200 mm - FGP 200

Secțiune caracteristică / Specific section



H (mm)	I (mm)	TIP		
		Cod produs	Număr toroane	Diametru toron (mm)
200	1200	FGP-200/A	6	9.3
		FGP-200/B	8	
		FGP-200/C	6	12.9
		FGP-200/D	8	

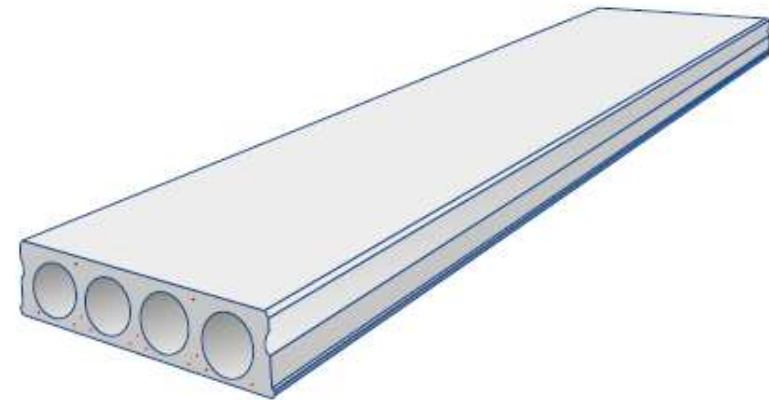
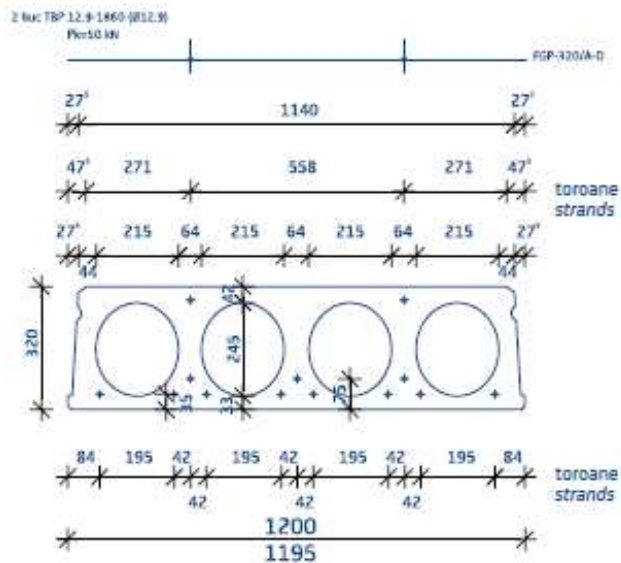


- Manufactured with extruded concrete technology, on 90 m continuous tracks, with cut-to-length according to designer's requests
- Using C50/60 concrete class, reinforced exclusively with strands according to a design calculation.

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Hollow core slabs 320 mm - FGP 320

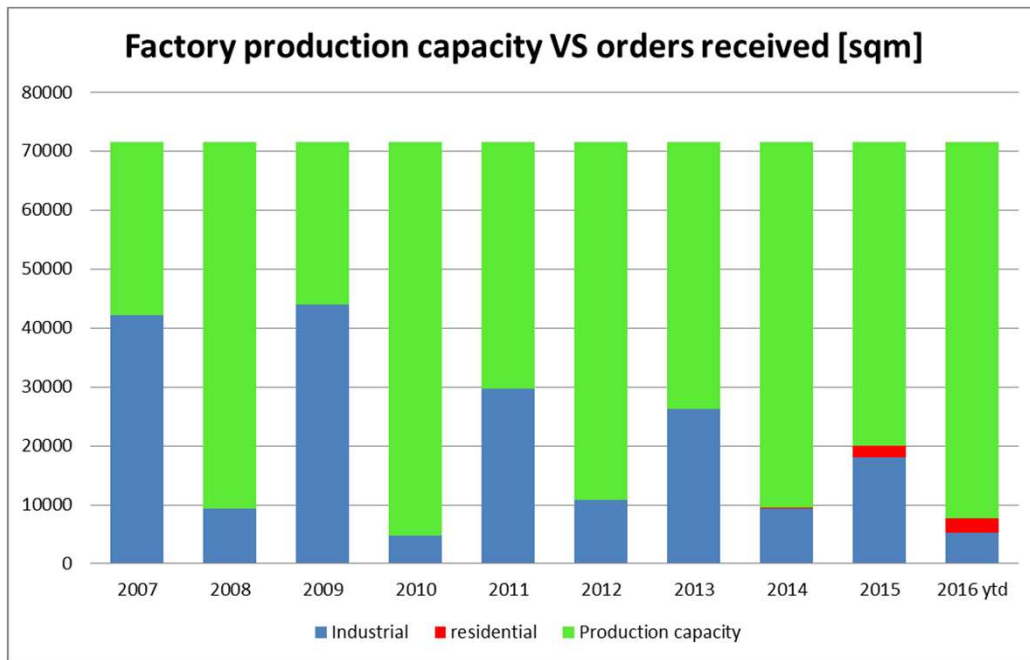
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3. Romania – HC indicators : loading vs. production capacity, market analysis

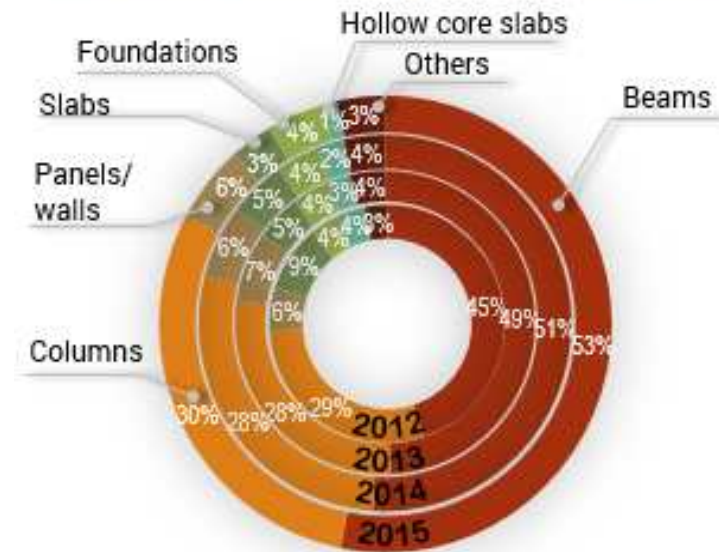
ASA Cons Romania – HC production statistics



Market analysis made by specialized company

Building structures | breakdown by type | volume | 2012 - 2015

Total ('000 m3): 2012=147 ; 2013=131 ; 2014=150 ; 2015=128



→ Years with Volumes > 50 % of plant production capacity were influenced by one-off big yearly impact project (big shopping centers)

→ 2014, *the 1-st delivery* for the Construction Residential Segment



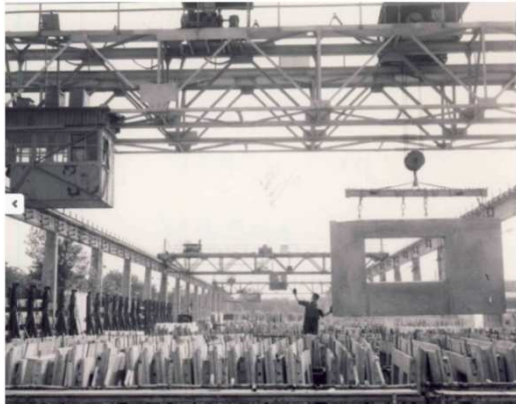
4. Precast & HC perception in EE – Hungary - „Life under 60 sqm.”

- Condominium housing construction boomed since 1960 for 30 years
- Cheap and quick solution for standardised living and tackling the demographic pressure
- Technology imported from Soviet Union, later Danish Larsen-Nielsen technology used
- In Hungary ~ 800.000 condominiums are housing 1/5 of the population



4. Precast & HC perception in EE - Romania

Precast Factories in Communism period



- Before 90's, precast concrete elements were used only for residential segment, blocks of flats with several floors (4 → 10)
- Quality was very poor, living comfort also
- People living their own private houses were also obliged to commute to blocks of flats, houses being demolished for living space for building new blocks of flats
- Conclusion : precast is perceived as related to communism, bad quality, not acceptable for living spaces
- After 90's, precast solutions were used only for industrial buildings and infrastructure
- Question : **when the mentality of the people will change and precast solutions will be accepted again for residential projects ???**

End product

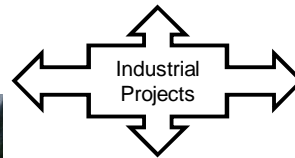


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Pictures of actual Precast Factories stockyards



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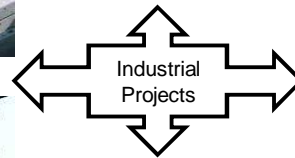


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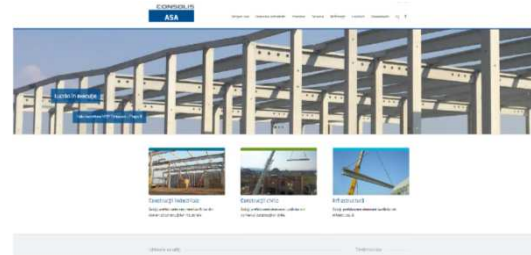
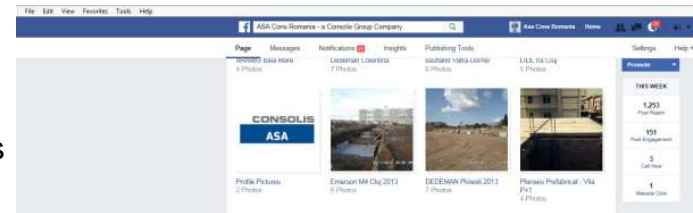
5. Actions to promote Precast & HC for residential

For uninformed people, hollow core elements are perceived as:

- old communist solution
- heavy elements
- poor thermo insulation & acoustic properties
- bad quality
- poor seismic properties
- expensive
- risky

We are actively promoting hollow core elements solution through:

- all media channels
- advertising and interviews in construction speciality magazines
- **benchmarking studies**
- own brochures
- company site
- Facebook
- YouTube
- Linked-in



Indicator / Indicator	PCP + supraperimetru / Perimetru concrete cast	Perimetru metalic / Metalic cast
Fabricarea / Production	100%	100%
Transport / Transport	85	100
Prez. montaj / Installation price	27	27
Rezistență / Resistance	100%	100%
Costul / Cost	100	100
Acoperș / Roofing	22	22
Isola / Isolation	100	100
Încalzire / Heating	24	24
Protecție / Protection	11	11
Consum / Consumption	25-45 cm	15 cm
Timp / Time	40 zile	10 zile
Perimetru / Perimeter	100	100
Consum / Consumption	100	100
Total costuri / Total costs	180	216

5. Actions to promote Precast & HC for residential

Concrete Slab Benchmarking Romania (Precast vs. Cast in Situ) – included in all our brochures and catalogues

Indicator / Indicator	FGP + suprabetonare / Hollow concrete slab		Planșeu monolit / Monolithic slab	
	lei/m ²		lei/m ²	
Fabricație / Production	83			
Transport / Transport	15			
Preț montaj / Installation price	27			
Macara / Crane	inclus	da		nu
Cofraj / Framework		nu	80	manoperă + material
Armare / Reinforcement	22	4kg/m ² , ø8/20	91	17kg/m ² , 2ø8/10
Folie / Foil		nu		da
Betonare / Casting	24	8 cm	45	15 cm, manoperă + material
Finisaj / Finishing	11	1 strat tinci		nu necesită alte straturi
Grosime / Thickness		25-45 cm		15 cm
Timp / Time		40 m ² /h		5 m ² /h
Personal / Personnel		4		6
Fono/Termo / Phonic/Thermal		da		nu
Total costuri / Total costs	182	mai economic și mai rapid	216	

**HC (incl. concrete topping) : 40,45 Euro / sqm
(2 days execution)**

**Cast in Situ slab : 48 Euro / sqm
(30 days execution)**

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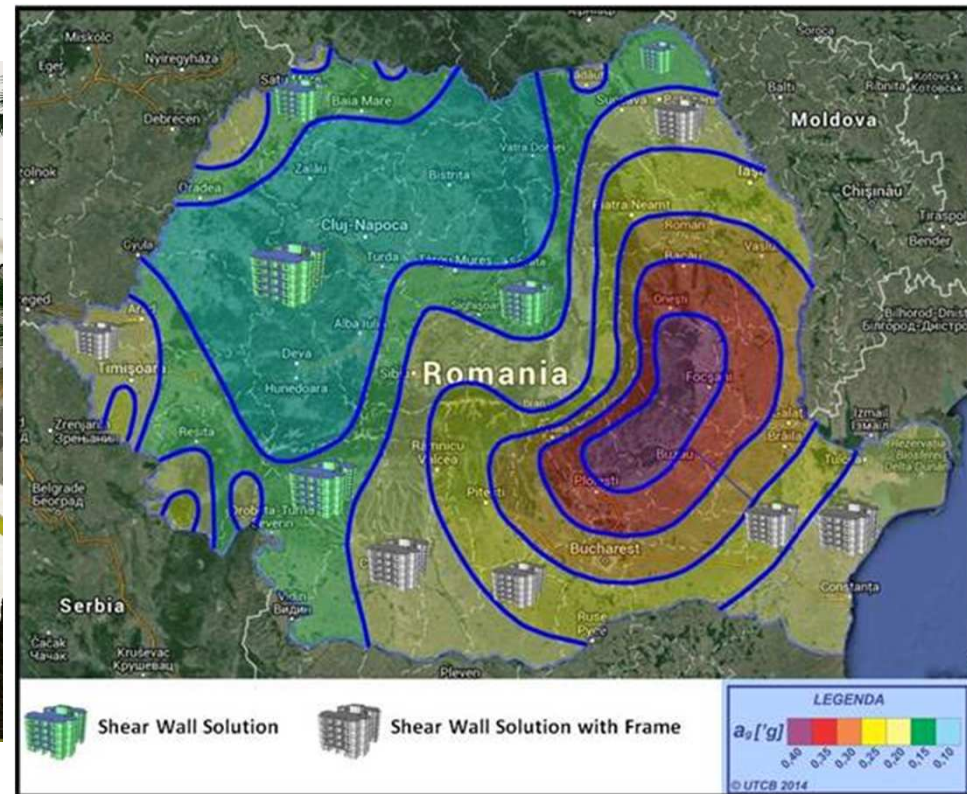
1-st step - 2014 → first residential project with HC slab elements, Sibiu, Romania



6. Projects & Hopes

Consolis R & D department is currently analyzing 2 new concepts for Romania:

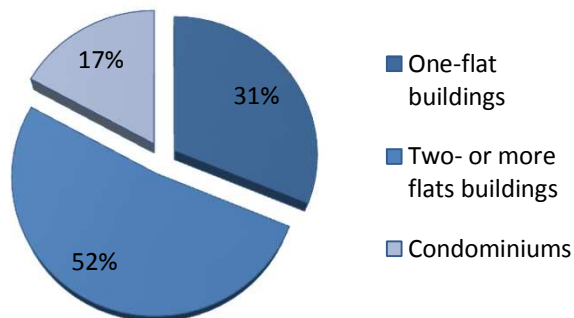
- A shear wall concept: can be placed in seismic zones of $PGA \leq 0.15g$, for example Cluj Napoca area.
- A shear wall with **frame concept**: Can be placed in seismic zones $0.15g < PGA \leq 0.25g$.
- No solution yet for a concept placed in high seismic zones $> 0.25g$



7. Romania & Hungary - Main Barrier : bad reputation & lack of promotion

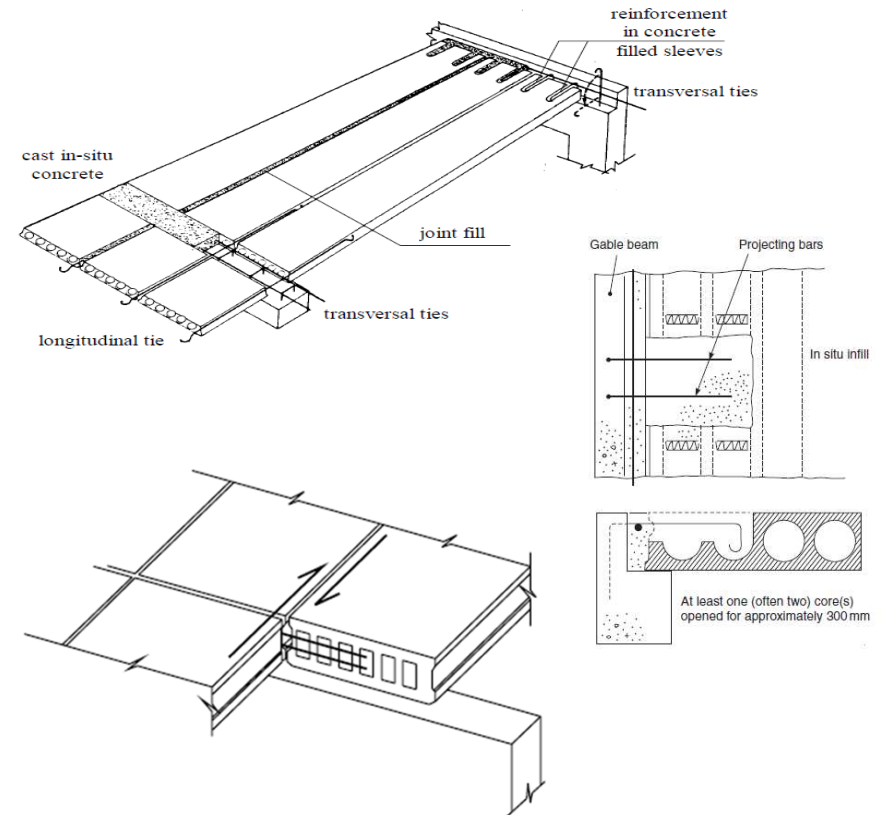
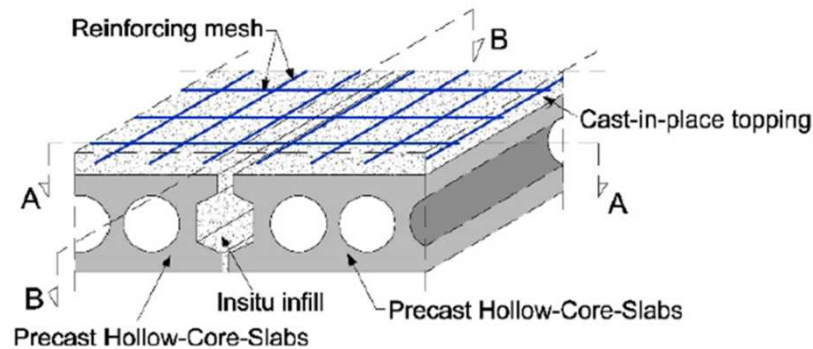
- State subsidies for renovation programs available – focus mainly on thermal insulation and facade renovations → minor image improvement for precast
- A couple of green energy and passive house type condominium projects executed, but exclusively cast-in-situ or brick constructions
- Residential market – condominium solutions :
 - **dormant in Hungary** – first sign of awakening in Q2 2016 – only in the individual house segment. No large scale housing projects in sight.
 - **growing in Romania** –residential new buildings made only & exclusively out of cast-in-situ, cellular concrete and / or bricks

Residential construction market in 2014



7. Romania - Further Barrier – Seismic Constraints

- 7 different & specific seismic areas
- particular attention / calculation needed for each area
- reinforced monolithic joints needed
- Cast-in-place topping needed:
 - ✓ Appropriate topping → drastically improves the rigidity of the diaphragm
 - ✓ Thickness of topping ≥ 40 mm if span ≤ 8 m
 - ✓ Thickness of topping ≥ 50 mm if span > 8 m
 - ✓ Mesh reinforcement connected to vertical resisting elements
 - ✓ Ties → system of reinforcement
 - ✓ Friction forces neglected



8. Thank you for your kind attention !

Conclusion : we will do our best to →

- ✓ Change and improve the perception of precast within the residential market segment
- ✓ Improve the presence of Hollow Core within the building market segment