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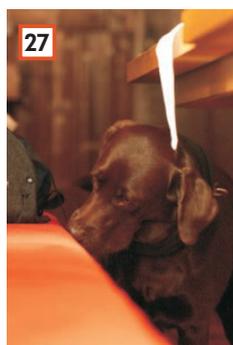
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What's around the next pest corner?

With the future surrounding Brexit still swirling around us, it's encouraging to see that the mood within pest control remains very positive. Pests are certainly immune to politics! Quite what effect our withdrawal from the EU will have is still uncertain – the biggest effect is likely to be on the price of imported products, your pest control products, should the £ fall further.

This uncertainty is not putting off the expansion plans of some pest control companies, judging by their plans for world dominance, as reported in this issue for both Rentokil and Terminix. Whilst closer to home, NBC has plans for expansion too. Listening to the Rentokil press conference, when the company's interim results were released, was very revealing, as reported on pages 12 & 13. At ground level, Rentokil often attracts considerable negative comment, but hats off to the top management for running a very profitable British-based company.

Once again, as has become something of an annual habit, we are delighted to include in this issue extensive coverage regarding bed bugs. They may not be the number one bread and butter pest for professionals, but they do still attract considerable research and product development. If the experiences of Mark Porter and his team are anything to go by (see pages 20 & 21), there are still some monster infestations out there.

With the autumn round of exhibitions almost upon us, we look forward to meeting as many of our readers as possible. Do come up and say 'Hello'.

Frances Helen

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