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7 Buildings in the North West win national architecture award

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) is pleased to announce the winners of the 2009 RIBA Awards. 7 winners in the North West will today win an RIBA Award.

The winning projects range from the renovated Midland Hotel in Morecambe to the Liverpool One Masterplan, with the judges commenting that the latter has created ‘a vibrant and economically successful retail, leisure and mixed-use quarter – an entirely revitalised city centre that now connects properly with the Docks,’ whilst the architect of the former received praise for restoring ‘the glory of an original design by Edward Paley’ and adding ‘a layer of lively contemporary design’.

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The 7 buildings in the North West that have won RIBA Awards are:

1. 13b Paradise Street, Liverpool, Allies and Morrison
2. BDP Studio, Manchester, BDP
3. Liverpool One Masterplan, Liverpool, BDP

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4. Midland Hotel, Morecambe, Union North
5. Paradise Street Bridge, Liverpool, Wilkinson Eyre Architects
6. Private House, Stockport, MBLA Architects + Urbanists
7. Three Towers, Manchester, Union North

RIBA Awards for architectural excellence will be presented across the country today with 103 buildings in the UK and Europe winning awards (97 in the UK and six in the rest of the EU).

RIBA President Sunand Prasad said about the 2009 RIBA Award winners:

'The RIBA Awards are a thermometer to indicate the state of health of British architecture and for 2009 the results are good: both quality and quantity have been maintained. This year's list accurately reflects both the diversity, and the workload of UK architecture, with more schools and health buildings than usual winning awards. It is particularly heartening to see more schemes that are about regenerating our cities, towns and countryside. These awards, which are judged on a regional basis, reflect and reward the good things that are going on all across the UK, and they also form the basis of what promises to be another interesting year for the RIBA Stirling Prize.'

The North West winners were announced at a ceremony last night (20 May 2009) at Urbis, Manchester which was sponsored by Steelcase.

The RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist will be drawn from the 103 RIBA Award winners. The RIBA Stirling Prize, in association with *The Architects' Journal* and Crystal Digital Technology is awarded to the architects of the building that has made the greatest contribution to British architecture in the past year. The prize will be presented at Old Billingsgate, London on Saturday 17 October 2009 and broadcast live on Channel

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2. RIBA Awards 2009 – North West Information and Citations:

Chair of Jury: Philip Gumuchdjian

Regional representative: Rod Hughes

Lay assessor: Sir Duncan Michael

13b Paradise Street

Liverpool

Architect: Allies and Morrison Architects

Client: Liverpool PSDA

Developer: Grosvenor

Structural engineer: Waterman Structures (London)

Services engineer: SP (Birmingham)

Construction Partnership: Gosvenor and Laing O'Rourke

Contract Value: £45m

Date of occupation: October 2008

Gross internal area: 30,705 sq m

Allies and Morrison have created a building that acts as the focus of the Liverpool One development. Its elegant facades are of an impressive scale that generate strong symbolic links to Liverpool's grand 19th century architecture. The project is less of a building and more of an articulated urban block. It links Paradise Street with Chavasse Park, dealing with public flow on

four sides and providing three levels of activity. Its robust and elegant stone façade is consistently detailed to give strong horizontal banding, and its texture gives a robust and almost rusticated finish reminiscent of the dock warehouses that historically occupied the site. This skin is broken on the west side allowing views out across the park to Albert Dock and beyond.

BDP Studio

11 Ducie Street, Manchester

Architect:	BDP
Client:	BDP/Town Centre Securities
Structural engineer:	BDP
Services engineer:	BDP
Quantity surveyor:	AYH
Contractor:	Kier North West
Contract Value:	£10.3m
Date of occupation:	September 2008
Gross internal area:	3840 sq m

BDP have pulled off a commercially viable, high-quality office building in functional, aesthetic and environmental terms, providing themselves with an office/studio that extracts full advantage from the limited site. Each floor creates a strongly characterised and beautifully detailed flexible workplace. However the remarkable feature of the building is its commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, as Manchester's first BREEAM Excellent -rated office building. Maximum benefit is taken of the north light façade facing the canal basin, whilst a protective south (street side) a stainless steel clad hull shades the building from solar gain. It is naturally vented, with a very low energy requirement.

The scheme represents a clear expression of its constructional materials, (wood, concrete, glass and steel) and is detailed to a very high standard.

Liverpool One Masterplan

Liverpool

Architect:	BDP
Client:	Grosvenor
Contractor:	Laing O'Rourke & Balfour Beatty
Structural engineer:	Waterman Partnership
Services engineer:	WSP
Quantity surveyor:	Davis Langdon
Access consultant:	Nightingale Associates
Contract Value:	£500m
Date of occupation:	October 2008
Gross internal area:	Over 200,000 sq m

The Liverpool One Masterplan has single-handedly reversed the fortunes of the city by bringing a new social and economic vibrancy to what was 42 acres of derelict but historic buildings at its heart. The result is a vibrant and economically successful retail, leisure and mixed-use quarter – an entirely revitalised city centre that now connects properly with the Docks.

BDP set down generous public space networks and rigorous yet flexible design briefs and have worked with a broad range of architects to evolve the plan and deliver buildings of a very high quality. That one project has been able to deliver sufficient critical mass to regenerate a city of such importance is the result of an outstanding client with vision and commitment to delivering design excellence and urban coherence.

Midland Hotel

Marine Road West, Morecambe

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Architect:	Union North
Client:	Urban Splash
Structural Engineer:	Ramboll Whitby Bird
Services Engineer:	Abacus Consult
Quantity Surveyor:	Simon Fenton Partnership
Access Consultant:	HCD Group
Contractor:	Urban Splash Build
Contract Value:	£11m
Date of occupation:	June 2008
Gross internal area:	5008sq m

In their Midland Hotel renovation Union North have restored the glory of an original design by Edward Paley and added a layer of lively contemporary design. Their trademark approach has resurrected and made relevant a derelict regional landmark.

The project has carefully upgraded and repaired the existing fabric, preserving important historic features, most notably the wall plaques by Eric Gill. Reorganising the interior of the hotel and adding discrete extensions has provided a modern efficient and functional hotel environment without losing the character of the existing building.

Interior spaces have been developed with flair and originality to create a range of remarkable public spaces, as well as stylish and comfortable bedrooms.

Paradise Street Bridge

Canning Place, Liverpool L1

Architect:	Wilkinson Eyre Architects
Client:	Grosvenor
Structural Engineer:	Arup
Services Engineer:	Arup
Quantity Surveyor:	Davis Langdon
Contractor:	Tuchschnid Constructa

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Contract Value:	£2.4m
Date of occupation:	June 2008
Gross internal area:	57 sq m

Wilkinson Eyre have created a bridge, a three dimensional optical illusion that shamelessly transforms a simple link between car park and store into a magnificently sculptured urban gateway. Internally the tapering window elements and illuminated wall panels create alternate views of the city and docks and at night it becomes a remarkable piece of lit sculpture.

The Arup structure is quite simple but by offsetting the footway on top of a cranked structure and wrapping the bridge in triangular planes, the bridge becomes an almost Escher-like illusion, with elements of the bridge apparently disappearing to a single line.

Symbolically and functionally this project creates wonder, then curiosity: all in the simple act of walking from a car park to a shop.

Private House

Bramhall, Stockport

Architect:	MBLA Architects + Urbanists
Client:	Private
Structural Engineer:	Scott Hughes Design
Contractor:	Construction North West
Contract Value:	£452,000
Date of occupation:	February 2008
Gross internal area:	286 sq m

A remarkable partnership between architects MBLA and the family has created a contemporary home which rejoices in its use of light, space and enclosure. The project generates a sense of calm delight. The single storey building sits in a street of suburban villas and creates a refreshing and challenging response to the mores of suburbia. The L-shaped plan encloses

the entire private garden which becomes an external room once the full height glazed screens to the main living space are opened.

The house celebrates light, making repeated use of rooflights in almost all rooms. It also has a pleasing simplicity of materials and details which makes the home at once intimate and also robust in its architectural form.

Three Towers

Dalton Street, Collyhurst, Manchester

Architect:	Union North
Client:	Urban Splash
Structural Engineer:	Joule Consulting Engineers
Services Engineer:	Latham Miller
Quantity Surveyor:	Simon Fenton Partnership
Landscape Architect:	Gross Max
Contractor:	Urban Splash Build
Contract Value:	£13.8m
Date of occupation:	April 2007
Gross internal area:	13,182 sq m

The project addresses the cost-effective refurbishment and re-emancipation of existing council tower blocks, an architectural and social problem of national relevance. Union North have taken three thoroughly unpromising 60s blocks and created a new sense of community with a strong visual identity and contemporary interior styling.

The external cladding solution creates a dramatic façade through the use of wood veneer panels and of an irregular glazing module. This provides a dynamic skin to the towers which also thermally upgrades the whole building. Extra floor space has been created by the simple expediency of including formerly external balconies into the internal floor plan. This enables more pleasant living spaces to be created, combining what were separate kitchens and living rooms into single spaces.

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3. The RIBA is delighted to confirm that Crystal Digital Technology will be generously supporting the RIBA Stirling Prize 2009. Crystal Digital Technology joins *The Architects' Journal* as principal sponsors of the prize; Autodesk, Ibstock and SIV Architectural Recruitment will also support the prize as associate sponsors. For more information on our sponsors please visit their websites www.architectsjournal.co.uk, www.crystalcg.com, www.autodesk.co.uk, www.ibstock.com and www.siv.co.uk.
4. The RIBA Stirling Prize jury comprises architects and lay judges from the arts. The 2009 judges include Edward Jones – Dixon Jones, Sam Jacob – FAT, Thomas Heatherwick – Designer and Sir John Sorrell – Chair of CABE.
5. The RIBA Trust manages the cultural assets of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), including the internationally recognised collections of the British Architectural Library. It is the UK's national architecture centre, delivering the RIBA Awards and RIBA Stirling Prize (broadcast on Channel 4); the Royal Gold Medal; International and Honorary Fellowships; a full programme of lectures, exhibitions, tours and other events; and an education programme.
6. 2009 marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of the RIBA. To celebrate this milestone the Institute is looking forward to a programme of special events to be held throughout the year that aims to show the breadth of our activities throughout the world of architecture, engage an even wider public and celebrate the benefits to society of good design. For further information visit www.architecture.com
7. The RIBA Awards 2009 North West Announcement was sponsored by Steelcase. Steelcase, the global leader in the office furniture industry, helps people have a better work experience by providing products, services and

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