

# makin headlines...

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## Awards a plenty



Makin Architecture is delighted to announce we have again had recognition with two commendations in the 2009 MSA Awards.

**Xantium Carbon Zero Apartment Scheme  
Commendation - Un-built Residential Scheme**

This scheme was the first Carbon Zero Apartment scheme to be designed for construction in Manchester. Xantium will have 61 apartments designed to meet 'Code 6', the highest possible rating in the new system to measure the sustainability of new homes. In addition four commercial units at street level will achieve the highest 'BREEAM Excellent' rating. In order to achieve net carbon emissions of zero, every component specified in the design had to be renewable, sustainable and/or ecologically sound. Rated A or A+ in the Green Guide.

### **79 Piccadilly - Commendation Conservation - Conservation category**

These grade 2 listed offices above shops were dilapidated and no longer used. We converted the space into 25 apartments, made up of 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom and studio flats to appeal to a variety of city dwellers. Ornate Victorian balustrades, tiles and ceilings were restored and refabricated giving common areas a grand feel and any subdivision took into consideration original features so they remained intact and on view. Externally the building fabric was renovated and re-rendered to contrast with the Gothic stone features.

Our Client Eastern Green was recently awarded a **Built in Quality Award** for the Piccadilly scheme by Manchester City Council. The awards were presented to just eleven outstanding construction projects selected from a total of more than 2600 buildings. Quite an achievement!



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