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IBP REGIONAL JOURNALISM AWARDS SUCCESS CONTINUES

The IBP Regional Journalism Awards continued the success of its inaugural year with a well attended awards ceremony recognising the outstanding talent of journalists writing about the built environment in the North West.

The awards are designed to showcase the growth, development and regeneration of the property sector in the North West, with entries showcasing design, construction and property journalism at its very best.

The ceremony, held at The Lowry Galleries in Salford Quays, was hosted and awards winners announced by Felicity Goodey Chair of Central Salford URC and former award winning journalist as the BBC's Industrial Correspondent.

Underlining the importance of regeneration and the continued improvement of Salford and Manchester's built environment Ms Goodey highlighted the worth of good journalism, describing her own journey into regeneration from that field. She described her affection for the North West of England, particularly Salford, and her experience in delivering The Lowry Galleries project to the City and more recently her new appointment to lead the BBC to Peel's Media City:UK project.

The Awards were split into five categories:

- **Best Regional Article in a National Newspaper** was won by Riazat Butt of The Guardian for her article 'Manchester Passion', reporting on the North West media revival with particular focus on the BBC's move to Salford Quays. Also short listed was David Ward of The Guardian.
- **Best Article in a Regional Newspaper** was won by Larry Neild, City Editor for the Liverpool Daily Post, on his coverage of the proposed 'Manhattan skyline for Wirral in the UK's biggest regeneration project' by Peel Holdings. Also short listed was Paul Unger of the North West Enquirer.

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- **Best Regional Article in a National Business Magazine** was won by Heather Greig-Smith, Deputy Features Editor of Property Week for her work involving Grosvenor's Liverpool One scheme and the impact this will have on the city. Entries for this category were especially high in numbers and as such short listed entries came from Management Today, Estates Gazette and Property Week.
- **Best Article in a Regional Business Magazine** was won by Lisa Miles of North West Business Insider for her profile 'It's good to talk' a working lunch with George Downing of Downing Developments focusing on his work in Liverpool. Also short listed was Neil Tague of North West Business Insider.
- **Best Commercial Supplement** was won by Heather Greig-Smith, Deputy Features Editor for Property Week for her coverage of the plans for Manchester's London Road fire station and its owner, hotels tycoon, Alex Langsam. Also short listed was David Quinn of Estates Gazette.

An additional commendation went to Building for its 'Oh Manchester' edition focusing on 'The Making of Manchester' bringing the region into national focus in what is hoped to be the first of many of its kind.

The encouraging growth of these awards means that the IBP have committed to holding the event in autumn of 2007 with venue and event details to be released shortly.

The awards were supported by a high profile, independent judging panel:

Stuart Lyell, Project Director at Allied London Properties

Robert Shaw, Chief Executive, Castlewood Developments

Colin Sinclair, Chief Executive of MIDAS

Peter Gallagher, Director, Head of Agency, Dunlop Haywards (North West)

Colin Harvey, Director of Bovis Lend Lease UK North

Steve Parry, Managing Director, Neptune Developments

Rupert Goddard Associate Director of Aedas Architects

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Gerald Bowey, Chief Executive of International Building Press comments:

“Commercial organisations are given a voice through our media in informing the public of the progressive work taking place in the North West’s built environment. These stories, themes and the industry issues debated are widely echoed across mainstream UK and international media as testament to the high quality journalism within this sector.

We relish the opportunity to thank and recognise those people involved and hope to do so throughout the growth of these awards year on year.”

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