

# News

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## **Muse retains North West Developer of the Year title**

Muse Developments has been crowned the coveted title of Developer of the Year for the second year running at Insider's North West Property Awards in what has been described as a 'fiercely fought contest'.

The awards, held at Manchester Central, gathered more than a thousand of the region's top property professionals to celebrate the region's achievements over the last 12 months.

Muse made a significant impact on the North West landscape in 2015, with seven major projects on site across a range of sectors, with a total construction value of £85 million. Its achievements include the completion of One City Place, a 70,000 sq ft speculative office building in Chester's new £100m Business Quarter and agreeing terms with international law firm Freshfields to take 80,000 sq ft at One New Bailey at English Cities Fund's New Bailey scheme in Salford.

Another highlight for the company was being selected by Conwy County Borough Council as preferred development partner for its first project in Wales - a town centre scheme in Colwyn Bay which includes a new Council office and the redevelopment of a Grade II Listed civic building.

The judges said it was impossible to look beyond Muse as they produced a broad spectrum of projects and created real momentum.

Mike Horner, regional director for Muse said: "We're absolutely delighted to be recognised by our industry peers as the best developer in the North West for two years in a row.

"We wouldn't have been able to achieve this accolade without the continued support of all our partners, advisers and professional teams. We work extremely hard to overcome barriers to development, working closely with our partners to kick start even the most challenging schemes.

"2016 is another exciting and busy year for us and we'll continue to work with our partners to create vibrant new places and communities, bringing about sustainable urban renewal."

Miri Thomas, Insider's editorial director, said the high standard of entries demonstrated that "the property sector is back with a bang" in the North West. "At a glance you can see the region is a hive of activity," she said.