

## News Release

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Accordia, Cambridge by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios/Alison Brooks Architects/Maccreanor Lavington,

## Cambridge housing scheme Accordia is shortlisted for the RIBA's prestigious Stirling Prize 2008

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) East has announced that **Accordia**, a high density housing scheme in Cambridge, is among the six buildings which have made it on to this year's Royal Institute of British Architects shortlist for *The RIBA Stirling Prize in association with The Architects' Journal* . The £20,000 prize is awarded to the architects of the building that has made the greatest contribution to British architecture in the past year. The Cambridge project received an RIBA National Award last month and The Stirling Prize shortlist has been drawn from the 16 RIBA National Award winners and the RIBA European Award winners who are eligible for the prize.

**Accordia**, Cambridge by Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios/Alison Brooks Architects/Maccreanor Lavington, is high density housing at its very best. Beautifully

thought-through houses are linked by a series of public, semi-public and private but visible open spaces, making the whole development a joy to walk through. Houses and flats have good-sized, well-proportioned rooms with views out ranging from the urban views to rural pasture. This development proves that good modern housing sells, that a committed local authority can have a very positive influence on the design, that a masterplan with a range of architects can be successful and that the very best architecture does not need to rely on gimmicks. This will be a project that will be much referred to and used as a future case study.

The RIBA Stirling Prize jury, which will visit all six shortlisted buildings and then meet for a final time on the day of the presentation to pick the winner, which comprises architecture specialists and lay judges from the arts. The 2008 judges are **Gordon Murray** – architect, Murray Dunlop Architects; **Shelley McNamara** – architect, Grafton Architects; **Ben van Berkel** – architect, UN Studio in the Netherlands; **Kieran Long** – Editor, *The Architects' Journal* and **Lauren Laverne** – presenter of BBC's *The Culture Show*.

The winner of the *The RIBA Stirling Prize in association with The Architects' Journal* will be announced in Liverpool on Saturday 11 October 2008 and broadcast on Channel 4 on Sunday 12 October..

Previous winners include Barajas Airport by Richard Rogers Partnership, The Scottish Parliament by EMBT / RMJM Ltd, 30 St. Mary Axe by Foster + Partners, the Laban Centre by Herzog & de Meuron, Gateshead Millennium Bridge by Wilkinson Eyre Architects, and the Museum of Modern Literature at Marbach am Neckar, Germany.



The RIBA is proud to have Autodesk, Buro Happold and SIV Architectural Career Management as Associate Sponsors of the RIBA Stirling Prize 2008.

The other five buildings competing for this year's title are:

1. **Amsterdam Bijlmer Arena Station**, Amsterdam, Netherlands by Grimshaw/ARCADIS Architecten
2. **Manchester Civil Justice Centre**, Manchester by Denton Corker Marshall
3. **Nord Park Cable Railway**, Austria by Zaha Hadid Architects
4. **Royal Festival Hall**, London by Allies and Morrison
5. **Westminster Academy at the Naim Dangoor Centre**, London, Allford Hall Monaghan Morris

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### Notes to Editors:

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2. ***The RIBA Stirling Prize in association with The Architects' Journal***  is the UK's most prestigious architectural prize and is awarded annually to the architects of the building which has made the greatest contribution to British architecture in the past year. The RIBA awards programme was re-organised in 2007 in a pyramid structure. The RIBA Awards are judged and presented locally and the the RIBA National Awards are judged and presented nationally. The RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist is selected following further visits to winners of the RIBA National Awards and of RIBA European Awards for buildings in the rest of the EU.
3. From 2008 the RIBA Stirling Prize becomes a 'built or designed in Britain' prize, for which only buildings in the UK designed by RIBA chartered members and International Fellows, or buildings in the rest of the EU by practices whose principal office in the UK, will be eligible.
4.  Established in 1895, *The Architects' Journal* has consistently been at the forefront of architectural publishing. Its weekly news coverage, comprehensive building studies and in-depth technical and practice features make it essential reading for the profession, and its incisive commentary makes it a must-read for opinion formers. The AJ is the UK's leading independent architectural magazine, whose authoritative voice has informed generations of architects. For more information on the RIBA Awards visit the AJ website at [www.ajplus.co.uk](http://www.ajplus.co.uk)
5. The RIBA Awards and RIBA Stirling Prize are managed by the RIBA Trust. 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 (live on Channel 4); the

Royal Gold Medal; International and Honorary Fellowships; Architecture Week (with Arts Council England and the Architecture Centre Network); a full programme of lectures, exhibitions, tours and other events; and an education programme.

6. For further information go to [www.architecture.com/awards](http://www.architecture.com/awards)