

Maccreanor Lavington: Practice Profile

Maccreanor Lavington is an award-winning architectural practice established in the early nineties by Gerard Maccreanor and Richard Lavington. Working from offices in London, Rotterdam and Shanghai, Maccreanor Lavington has built up a diverse portfolio of both individual buildings and large-scale urban design projects, and has particular expertise in housing, mixed-use developments and regeneration.

Our architecture is calm but uplifting, contemporary yet timeless. Rather than shout for attention, our work is deliberately background in character, seeking to create 'ordinary' places for living and working. It is always born out of close collaboration with the clients, consultants and stakeholders. We value good communication and approachability and have been rewarded with many long-standing client relationships.

We make it our job to understand the business needs of our clients, delivering cost-effective yet high quality design solutions. This is underpinned by a rigorous understanding of the site context and an ability to provide sustainable development that fits in with the character of the environment and its community. On a brownfield site where there is no existing community, we have the vision to create a new urban fabric where the eventual end-user will want to live or work, achieving this through attention not only to materials and detailing, but to careful integration of public space.

Our philosophy is fabric-first design and we build robust, well-made buildings that will last. While sustainability is hugely important to us – we have designed to Passivhaus and Code for Sustainable Housing Level 4 and 5 standards – we choose to embed rather than express this sustainability overtly in our designs.

Our work has been recognised by numerous prestigious awards. In 2014, Saxon Court and Roseberry Mansions received an RIBA National Award, a Civic Trust Special Award for Brick, and a Camden Design Award, and in 2013 received the Residential Award at the New London Architecture Awards. Our metro station project in Amsterdam was awarded an RIBA Europe award in 2014 and Accordia, our housing project in Cambridge, received the RIBA Stirling Prize in 2008. More recent accolades include the Community Consultation Award at the 2013 Housing Design Awards for our Evolution South project in Edgware, and our work on the Olympic Legacy Communities Masterplan received the Masterplan prize and was named Overall Winner at the New London Architecture Awards 2012.

The work of practice has been cited as a case study in various publications on housing, schools and urban design, and we are on four of the Greater London Authority and Transport for London's architecture, design and urbanism panels.



Accordia, Cambridge: Winner of the 2008 RIBA Stirling Prize

Gerard Maccreanor: Director



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BSc(Hons). BArch(Hons) First Class RIBA

Gerard established Maccreanor Lavington in 1992 with Richard Lavington, and oversees the Rotterdam office. Gerard has extensive experiences in residential, hotel, retail, and mixed-use projects, as well as large-scale masterplans and urban regeneration projects in both the UK and the Netherlands.

Recent projects under Gerard's direction include, the successful planning application for 2000 new homes at Barking Riverside; The Surrey Quays shopping centre masterplan; the appointment of the office to the Olympic Legacy Masterplan team and the on-going appointment as masterplanner within the Royal Docks, an area of over four square kilometres of London, by the London Development Agency and Mayor's Office.

Gerard was appointed to the CABE (Council for Architecture and the Built Environment) National Design Review Panel in 2009 and to the CABE Eco-Town Design Review Panel in 2010. He is also a member of the CABE Supermarket Design Guidance Team.

Gerard has taught at many university schools of architecture including Bartlett and Westminster in London, Canterbury, Bath, Belfast, The Technische Universiteit Delft and The School of Architecture, Stockholm.