At Allford Hall Monaghan Morris we make buildings that are satisfying to use and beautiful to look at; an architecture that is defined by the experience of users who should be able to understand and use each building with ease and enjoyment.

AHMM Awards Summary:

RIBA Stirling Prize 2015
35 RIBA Awards
3 Stirling Prize Shortlistings
7 Housing Design Awards
9 British Construction Industry Awards
5 British Council for Offices Award
19 Civic Trust Awards
18 AIA Awards
6 MIPIM Awards
8 World Architecture Festival Awards

Burntwood School - RIBA Stirling Prize 2015
We believe in making places
Over the years, the practice has demonstrated the agility, innovation and commitment to designing and delivering ‘Extra Ordinary’ buildings we have become known and acclaimed for by clients, peers, the media and public since the practice’s founding in 1989.

We value strategic architecture
For us, a project begins with a strategy, not a design solution. This strategy arises from understanding the fundamental drivers of a brief and the parameters, problems and opportunities it represents. It includes a richer definition of context as political, economic or social as well as architectural.

Good architecture is legible and robust
We search for the chances to create good architecture in every site, budget and programme. And whilst this might involve a complexity of thought, it yields a simple, legible proposal that can flex in response to change but still remain true to the core of the brief. Only then does a design idea emerge, an idea that will be robust enough to survive the pressures that can be expected on the way to the finished building. Its execution may involve us drawing on previous projects, but always testing against the overall framework for the new.

Our architecture resonates with people
For the last 25 years this way of seeing has allowed us to make architecture that resonates with clients and critics and responds to changing construction techniques. We design houses and housing, schools and sports buildings, exhibition spaces and offices and healthcare facilities, as well as the odd bus station and art gallery; interestingly, we are now building hybrids of many of the above.

We create projects internationally
Our work is also international, with overseas projects currently underway in Amsterdam, Ghana and the United States that feature commercial, retail, residential, amenity and educational elements.

Our work is recognised with awards
Our projects have been recognised with a plethora of national and international awards including the 2015 RIBA Stirling Prize. Other awards include: 35 RIBA Awards, 4 Stirling Prize Shortlistings, 8 British Construction Industry Awards, 5 British Council for Offices Award, 17 Civic Trust Awards, 8 Housing Design Awards, 7 AIA Awards 6 MIPIM Awards and 6 World Architecture Festival Awards.
**Practice Awards**
AJ120 Clients’ Choice 2015
AJ100 Practice of the Year 2013
AJ100 Fastest Growing Practice 2013
Building Magazine: Architectural Practice of the Year 2013
BD Education Architect of the Year 2012
AJ100 Most Sustainable Practice 2011
Building Magazine: Architectural Practice of the Year 2009
BD Healthcare Architect of the Year 2009
BD Architect of the Year: Richard Feilden Award 2008
BD Affordable Housing Architect of the Year 2008
RIBA London: Building of the Year Award 2008
BD Office Architects of the Year Awards 2006
National Homebuilder Awards 2006: Best Portfolio

**Work highlights**
AEP Fitness Center
Urban Land Institute award:
Best Large Scale Infill Development Project 2015
American Architecture Awards 2016
AIA Central States Region Excellence Awards 2016
Architect's Newspaper Best of Design Award:
Building of the Year, Southwest Category: Honorable mention 2016
AIA/COC_Merit Award Commercial Architecture 2016
University of Amsterdam
WAN Education Award 2015
AIA International Region:
Merit award for Architecture 2014
AJ Retrofit - International Innovation 2014
AJ Retrofit - Overall Winner 2014

Burntwood School
RIBA Stirling Prize 2015
RIBA National Award 2015
AIA International Award - Merit Award for Architecture 2015
Civic Trust Award 2015
New London Architecture Award: Education 2015
RIBA London Region Award 2015
Concrete Society Award 2014
Wandsworth Design Award 2014

North London Hospice
RIBA National Award 2013
Building Better Healthcare Award - Grand Prix 2013
Building Better Healthcare Award - Best Community Healthcare Design 2013
Building Better Healthcare Award - Best Primary Care Design - Highly Recommended 2013
New London Architecture - Best Healthcare Building 2013
WAN Healthcare Award 2013
Civic Trust Award 2013
Civic Trust Award:
Special Award for Sustainability 2012
Brick Awards 2012 - Architects Choice Award

Angel Building
BCO Test of Time Award 2015
AJ Retrofit Award 2012
RIBA Award for Architecture 2012
3R Awards: Office Category 2011
British Construction Industry Award: Judges Special Award 2011
British Council of Offices Award:
Refurbished & Recycled Workspace 2011
British Council of Offices National Award:
Refurbished & Recycled Workspace 2011
Civic Trust Awards: Commendation 2011
Concrete Society Award:
Rejuvenation Award & Certificate of Excellence 2011
New London Award for Working 2011
Regeneration & Renewal Award:
Design Excellence 2011
RIBA Award for Architecture 2011
RIBA Stirling Prize: Shortlist 2011

**Westminster Academy at The Naim Dangoor Centre**
AIA Award 2010
Building Magazine:
Public Building of the Year Award 2009
Civic Trust Award 2009
RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist 2008
RIBA Award for Architecture 2008
RIBA National Award for Architecture 2008
RIBA London Building of the Year 2008
RIBA Sorrell Foundation Schools Award 2008
BCSE Award Inspiring Design:
Secondary School 2008
Design Week Wayfinding and Environmental Graphics Award 2008
Best Incorporation of Daylight & Light Architecture Design Award 2008
DesignShare Citation Award 2008
Specialist Schools and Academies Trust Future Vision Award 2007

**Adelaide Wharf**
Building Magazine:
Housing Project of the Year 2009
Civic Trust Award 2009
Civic Trust Special Award for Best Housing Project 2009
GLA London Planning Awards:
Best New Place to Live 2009
Hackney Design Award 2009
CABE Building for Life 2008
Housing Design Award 2008
RIBA Award for Architecture 2008
RIBA National Award for Architecture 2008
World Architecture Festival:
Highly Commended 2008

**Other awarded projects**
10 New Burlington Street
New London Award (NLA) for Offices 2015
RIBA London Region Award 2015
MIPIM Future Projects Award - Old and New 2013
WAF Future Project Commercial Mixed-Use Award '13

10 New Burlington Street & 1 New Burlington Place
Civic Trust awards, Commendation 2017
119 Farrington Road
WAF Future Project, Office Award 2016

61 Oxford Street
RIBA London Region Award 2016
RIBA National Award 2016

**Alconbury Incubator**
RIBA East Region Award 2015
BCO Award - Projects up to 2,000m² category 2014

**Alconbury Weald Club**
Wood Awards, Commercial & Leisure category 2016
Structural Timber Awards, Best Commercial Project 2016

**Anne Mews**
Sunday Times/British Homes Affordable Housing Development Award 2013
BCIA: The Prime Minister's Better Public Building Shortlist 2011
BCIA: Regeneration 2011

**ARK All Saints Academy and Highshore School**
Civic Trust Awards: Commendation 2015

**Barbican Centre**
RIBA Award for Architecture 2007
Design Week Wayfinding & Environmental Graphics Award 2007

**Barking Central**
NLA for Joint Overall Winner 2011
NLA for Placemaking 2011
RIBA Award for Architecture 2011
Building for Life Award 2010
Building for Life Silver Standard 2010
Housing Design Award 2010
London Planning Awards:
Best New Public Space 2010
World Architecture Festival: Commended 2010
Brick Awards:
Best Use of Brick and Clay Products 2009
British Construction Industry Awards:
Local Authority Award 2008
European Prize for Public Urban Space 2008
MIPIM Best Mixed Use Award 2007
**LEVEL Urban Apartments**

**Battleship Building**
Royal Fine Arts Commission Trust Award
Building of the Year 2002

**Bream Street**
Housing Design Awards, Future Project 2016

**Broadgate Club**
RIBA Award for Architecture 1998

**Camley Street**
New London Award for Mixed Use 2015

**CASPAR**
British Construction Industry Award 2001
Egan Demonstration Project 1999

**Cobalt Place**
Housing Project of the Year, Building Awards 2016
Structural Timber Awards, Best Private Housing 2016
Brick Awards - Best Large Housing Development 2016

**Church Street**
Housing Design Award 2007
CABE Building for Life Award 2009
Brick Awards - Best Public Housing Development 2009

**Clearwater Yard**
Civic Trust Award 2004 - Commendation
RIBA Award for Architecture 2003

**Crown Street Buildings**
Housing Design Award 2006
Leeds Architecture Awards 2006
National Homebuilder Design Awards: Best Mixed Use Development 2006
Housing Design Award 2001

**Chobham Academy**
Acoustic Design in the Built Environment - Blue Ribbon Awards 2014
Civic Trust Award 2014
World Architecture Festival Award 2014

**Hart Building**
AIA Central States Region Design Award - Citation Award for Adaptive Reuse 2013
AIA Central States Region Design Award - Honor Award for Restoration 2013

**Holy Trinity**
RIBA Regional Award for Architecture 2013

**Johnson Building**
RIBA Regional Architecture Award 2008

**Jubilee Primary School**
AIA Award for Architecture 2004
Civic Trust Award 2004
RSA Art for Architecture Award 2002
RIBA Award for Architecture 2003

**Kentish Town Health Centre**
British Construction Industry Award: Public Building £5-£50m 2010
Building Magazine: Public Building Project of the Year 2010
Civic Trust Award 2010
RIBA Stirling Prize shortlist 2009
RIBA Client of the Year 2009
RIBA Award for Architecture 2009
LIFT Award for Best Design: Healthcare Project 2009
Building Better Healthcare Award for Design Champion of the Year 2009
Building Better Healthcare Award: Best Primary Care Design 2009

**Kingswood Academy**
RIBA Yorkshire National Award 2013
RIBA Regional Award for Architecture 2012
RIBA Regional Client of the Year 2013

**Kirk Balk Community College**
RIBA Award for Architecture 2012
RIBA Regional Client of the Year 2012

**Lake Taxoma Dockominiums**
AIA Central Oklahoma Chapter Award - People's Choice Award 2014
AIA Central Oklahoma Chapter Award - Residential Architecture Merit Award 2014

**Latitude House**
Camden Design Awards 2008
Housing Design Award 2006
National Homebuilder Design Awards: Highly Commended 2006
Natural Stone Awards: Highly Commended 2006

**LEVEL Urban Apartments**

**Millennium Products**
AIA Central Oklahoma Citation Award 2012

**North Croydon Medical Centre**
Civic Trust Award 2000 - Commendation
RIBA Award for Architecture 1999

**Notley Green Primary School**
Civic Trust Award 2001
RIBA Award for Architecture 2000
RIBA Sustainability Award 2000
Royal Fine Arts Commission Trust Award: Building of the Year 2000
British Construction Industry Award: High Commendation 2000
CIBSE Award for Innovation
Millennium Product Status 1999
Egan Demonstration Project 1999

**Notting Dale Village**
MIPIM Best Mixed Use Award - Commendation 2008

**No 1 Oxford Street**
WAF Future Project - Mixed use Awards 2016

**Oaklands College The Discovery Centre**
RIBA London Regional Award for Architecture 2013

**The Hart Building**
AIA Central States Region Design Award - Citation Award for Adaptive Reuse 2013
AIA Central States Region Design Award - Honor Award for Restoration

**Poolhouse**
RIBA Award for Architecture 1996

**Raines Court**
British construction Industry Awards: Best Practice 2004
Housing Design Award 2004
RIBA Award for Architecture 2004
Housing Design Award 2001
Housing Forum Demonstration Project 2001
Rock Style Exhibition
FX Award TypoGraphic Award: Exhibition Design 2001

**Royal Court Theatre**
AJ Retrofit - Cultural buildings: Cinemas and theatres 2016
AJ Retrofit - Overall Winner 2016
BCI Award - Building Project of the Year 2016

**Sunshine House**
Building Better Healthcare Award: Best Primary Care Design 2008
Building Better Healthcare Awards: Building Design Judges Special Award 2008
RIBA Award for Architecture 2008

**Tea Building**
AJ retrofit Award 2012
RIBA Award for Architecture 2012
AJA Award for Interior Architecture 2006

**Tooley Street**
British Pre-cast Awards-Supreme Project 2008
BCI Innovation Award shortlist 2009

**Unity**
RIBA National Award for Architecture 2007
RIBA Award for Architecture 2007

**Walsall Bus Station**
Civic Trust Commendation Award 2002
RIBA Award for Architecture 2001

**Waverley School**
RIBA Regional Award for Architecture 2014

**Work & Learn Zone - Millennium Dome**
Future Projects Experimental Catagory 2013

**Westminster Bridge Road**
London LABC - Best High Volume New Housing Development 2016

**White Collar Factory Prototype**
World Architecture Festival

**William Street Quarter**
RIBA London Region Award 2015

**Yellow Building**
RIBA Award for Architecture 2009
British Construction Industry Awards Shortlist 2009
MIPIM Best Mixed Use Award Commended 2008
World Architecture Festival: Highly Commended 2008
New Scotland Yard

client: MOPAC, Metropolitan Police Service
completion: 2016
location: London
cost: Confidential
size: 9225 m²

New Scotland Yard is a new headquarters building for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS). Combining a new public realm, glazed entrance and roof pavilions and the remodelling and extension of the existing Curtis Green Building, the development creates a welcoming, open face for the organisation in the heart of Whitehall.

The entrance forecourt extends the Ministry of Defence’s Whitehall Gardens, making a range of public spaces within a sculpted landscape and commemorative interventions. In conjunction with the new entrance pavilion these new landscape features mediate between the MPS HQ and the street.

External paving references the distinctive brickwork pattern of Norman Shaw’s ‘Old Scotland Yard’ to signify the organisation’s return to its original home.

The rooftop pavilion provides multi-use conference space and terraces; glazed and lit internally at night, the subtle blue glow of the pavilion and new signage symbolises the 24/7 nature of the building along with its civic purpose.
AEP Fitness Center

client: American Energy Partners LP
completion: 2015
location: Oklahoma City, USA
size: 30,000 ft²

The AEP Fitness Center extends an unused basement structure in northern Oklahoma City into a sports and leisure hub. A series of arched steel trusses are placed over an existing concrete basement. The trusses are clad with industrial-scaled profile metal sheeting to enclose a singular hangar-like volume with fully-glazed gables. Two boxes are then inserted; a single storey steel-clad volume punches through the front gable to provide an entry vestibule to the east, while a larger cube is placed within the central space containing two racquetball courts within and an adaptable climbing wall on its western face. Additional internal facilities include a basketball court, fitness studios of varied sizes, changing and locker rooms and a café. On the outside a running track, courtyards, terraces and a sunken retention pond (which doubles as a volleyball court) cater for a wide range of external activities.
The University of Amsterdam explores large-scale reinvention. Two utilitarian buildings from a previous era – part of an incomplete masterplan by Norbert Gawronski – are stripped out, sliced open, reconfigured and then knitted back into the city’s fabric to regenerate a post-war university campus in the heart of the Dutch capital. A forty-metre section of low-hung, canal-spanning building is cut out and replaced with a four-storey void.

A previously closed wall is punched through to create entry into a new triple-height passage between the two main blocks of accommodation to guide users directly to gather, orientate and efficiently distribute all faculty users to the vertical circulation cores. Outside, a new pedestrian bridge draws into play the city’s canal-scape, the neighbourhood streetscape and the campus’ half-realised secondary axis.

Inspired by Amsterdam’s historic canals, the bridge connects to a series of public rooms and commercial spaces that activate and open the buildings’ edges. Internally, elements have been removed to accommodate the university’s relocated Amsterdam Law School and the Faculty of Social & Behavioural Sciences by providing seven lecture theatres, seven seminar rooms, 86 tutorial rooms, a Law Library, a Moot Court, research offices, meeting areas, study landscapes, breakout areas, a roof terrace, 1,700 square metres of catering environments and 2,260 square metres of ground floor public gathering space.
The transformation of Burntwood School pieces together a 1950’s modernist education campus for 2000 pupils and 200 staff in south-west London. Within an existing mature landscape, six new buildings-as-pavilions develop the heritage of the existing, orchestrating a system of bespoke constructional components to bring both efficiency and delight.

The new buildings – four 4-storey teaching pavilions, a new sports hall and a new performing arts building – are placed amongst a number of retained buildings (including two by Sir Leslie Martin) to form a complete and coherent campus, with lawns, squares and a central pedestrian spine. Within each pavilion, classrooms and ancillary accommodation are arranged along a central corridor with voids and double-height spaces at each end to increase natural daylight and make connections to the exterior. The regularity of each plan is followed through to the elevation with faceted precast concrete panels that correspond to a 7.5 metre structural and classroom module; a development of the prefabricated façade work seen at Dagenham Park Church of England School.
North London Hospice

client: North London Hospice
completion: 2012
location: London, UK
cost: £1.8 m
size: 8,000 ft²

Designed to be ‘a big version of someone’s house’ to instil a domestic sense of well-being, North London Hospice offers specialist palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses. Set on a prominent corner in a quiet residential area of north London, the massing of this brick building is broken down into two north facing gables with circulation interleaved between.

A single-storey multi-pitched extension at the rear completes the L-shaped plan and frames a south-facing private courtyard for the enjoyment of patients. Conceived from both the inside-out and the outside-in, the expansive windows set around a simple palette of brick and timber, ensure a series of light and airy spaces that are well-connected – both physically and visually – with their external environment.
Angel Building is about redefinition; of an out-of-date building; of a forgotten service yard; of a fragmented street edge; and of the combination of workplace with public space. An existing concrete frame – extended vertically and horizontally to create a better contextual fit – is reused and wrapped in a highly-efficient glazed skin.

A forgotten service courtyard is transformed into a six-storey top-lit public room of grand proportions, set at the heart of the building to offer a variety of spaces to convene, dine and repose. Once an unloved 1980s office building facing demolition, it is now a 355,300 square foot hub of activity that’s redefining workplace with its mix of public atrium, café, bespoke works of art and rooftop terraces.

Through re-using the existing frame, the project has its cake and eats it, saving 7,400 tons of CO₂ of embodied energy (the equivalent to running the entire new building for 13 years) while providing 40 per cent more functional area than previously.

client: Derwent London plc
completion: 2010
location: London, UK
cost: £72 m
size: 355,300 ft²
Built using modern construction methods and composed of a non-differentiated mix of privately sold, Key Worker and socially rented apartments, Adelaide Wharf explores prototypes of both making and living.

A ribbon of housing is folded into three wings to face a canal, a street and a park. The resulting U-shaped block is extruded up six storeys and then cut away at ground to allow glimpses of the leafy communal courtyard within and provide selective points of entry.

The building’s façade - composed of layers of roughly sawn larch peppered with the bright protrusions of outdoor rooms - makes reference to the warehouses of packing crates that once occupied this Hackney site. It’s now home to 147 apartments and some ground-floor offices.
Sustainability in operations and projects

Our Sustainability Toolkit outlines 12 criteria by which we measure the sustainability of our projects. Six of these relate to carbon and energy, three relate to ecology and three to people. These are reviewed on every project at every RIBA workstage.

Our approach to sustainable design and operations is supported by our Sustainability Specialist, Dr Craig Robertson. Our Sustainability Design and Assessment Toolkit and Environmental Management System have been certified as meeting the requirements of ISO 14001:2004.

Innovations introduced in the last year

Over the last year we have created new positions providing technical support to various aspects of running and designing projects as well as operations, including a Technical Consultant with extensive knowledge of construction health and safety procedures and practices. We also recently introduced our new intranet, KITE, which acts as a central source of information, best practice, policies and tools, as well as an online ‘community’ for ideas, events and discussion.

Health and safety and corporate social responsibility

AHMM’s occupational health and safety management systems are certified compliant with OHSAS18001. Our Health & Safety Manual is monitored and developed to respond to changes in activities, our business, or legislation. We provide mandatory health and safety CPD training sessions at our office.

AHMM is committed to social engagement and supports initiatives aiming to strengthen cultural diversity and gender equality across the industry. As part of this we support the Bartlett School of Architecture and Sheffield University, Open-City, the Architecture Foundation and more recently the London School of Architecture. We have a dedicated Partnerships role within our Communications team and a Partnerships Group created to encourage volunteering and other in-kind involvement in communities. We have also joined the Heart of the City initiative which supports local businesses to develop approaches and policies for community engagement and corporate responsibility.

A good employer

As an ethical employer, we are committed to developing practices, policies and benefits that support employee wellbeing and work-life balance. We also subsidise sports teams, classes and clubs. Our spring conference brings staff together each year, and in the summer we visit a UK or European city; we also offer a generous travel prize. We review salaries each year and operate a profit share scheme; we are also proud to be a Living Wage Employer, having been one of the first architecture practices to be accredited by the Living Wage Foundation.

We are proud to have a diverse and international staff. Many, including leadership roles, work part time or flexible hours, and we make provision for remote working where appropriate and practicable.

Training, research and development

Training needs are identified through our appraisal system or as a result of change or development in roles. Professional development is supported through payment of fees and study leave for architectural and support staff.

We focus on research as key part of the design process as well as an outcome that can inform future work; we always look for opportunities to capture the innovation that helps drive forward our development as professionals and as a practice.

AHMM Sustainability Toolkit

Our internal design and assessment aid addresses a range of key issues and is applied to every project at each stage.
Our London Office at Morelands Rooftop is a part new-build, part re-use UK BREEAM Outstanding ‘penthouse loft’ that emerges on top of a generous mat of former warehouses.
Beyond designing buildings

1 Skyscraper Sketching organised for young people aged 15-19 for the “Step into Architecture, Construction and Engineering” initiative
2 Green Sky Thinking launch at AHMM offices
3 FifthMan, AHMM’s in-house publishing initiative, published its first ‘proper’ book, Extra Ordinary, in May 2016

A great place to work

4 Our spring conference at the Barbican Arts Center, April 2016
5 AHMM Sketch Club, one of our several regular sports, social and cultural activities
6 AHMM Team for the Square Mile Run, raising money for homelessness charity Crisis