

FALCONER CHESTER HALL HOTELS

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Design intelligence, commercial flair.



01// The Vincent, Southport



The Vincent is a 60-bedroom, six floor boutique hotel on Lord Street, Southport's main boulevard. The £11 million new-build development replaces a vacant ABC cinema, demolished with Listed Building Consent. It includes a brasserie at ground level, a function room and bar on the first floor, four storeys of bedrooms and a rooftop gym, spa and luxury suite.

Steel framed with composite flooring, the building has an elegant front elevation of Limestone rainscreen cladding, zinc cladding and aluminium windows with stainless steel features and lighting, giving it a distinctive contemporary identity that integrates perfectly into the existing streetscape.



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Hard Days Night, Liverpool





The idea of creating a Beatles themed hotel in Liverpool has been gathering support since the late 1980s. However, a suitable location and the finance to make the vision a reality only came together in 2004 when plans were finalised to convert one of Liverpool's cherished city centre buildings into a luxurious four-star hotel.

Previously known as Central Buildings, the Grade II listed building dates back to 1884. Designed by Thomas C Clarke, it was constructed in a classical style with imposing marble columns enhancing the front elevation and a magnificent internal spiral staircase. The £4.5 million conversion and two-storey rooftop extension provides 120 hotel rooms, two bars, two restaurants and a wedding chapel.

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Speke Airport Hotel, Liverpool



The redevelopment of the former Liverpool Airport terminal, a superb Art Deco building with Grade II listed status, was carried out on behalf of Neptune Developments at a cost of £12.6 million. The hotel provides 168 four-star standard bedrooms and conference facilities. We also refurbished the adjacent hangar buildings to provide leisure facilities for the hotel, including a gym, squash courts and a swimming pool.

The importance of the building, and the affection in which it is held, made us especially proud to be commissioned to undertake the project, and we were delighted when it was awarded both the RICS Outstanding Achievement in Regeneration 2002 and the LAS Conservation Award 2002.

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Marriott Hotel, Queen Square, Liverpool



One of the major features of the vibrant Queen Square area in the heart of Liverpool city centre, the Marriott Hotel was created at a cost of £13 million. The four-star, 146 bedroom hotel includes a gymnasium and two restaurants. Significantly, it also incorporates a dramatic series of enhancements to the public area, making an important contribution to the success of this lively new focal point for the city. The work was awarded the Royal Town Planning Institute's 'Best Major Project' award in 1999.

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Hope Street Hotel, Liverpool



The former police headquarters building in Hope Street, Liverpool, provides the core of a £4 million extension to the adjacent Boutique Hope Street Hotel. The project adds 38 bedrooms, new reception and guest areas and rooftop conference facilities to the hotel, almost doubling the accommodation.

The extension is a partial refurbishment of the existing three-storey concrete-framed building, with a steel and timber framed structure adding four more floors. The elevation is principally frameless glazing with a limestone-clad frame, fronted by a free-standing obelisk which brings a sense of visual harmony with the adjoining historic buildings.

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The Quarter Hotel, Liverpool



The proposed centrepiece of the £100 million 'Quarter' development, this is one of the most distinctive elements of the whole project. Eight accommodation floors clad in anthracite and black zinc float above a two-storey recessed base containing meeting rooms, a spa and ancillary facilities, making a bold statement that contrasts with the more subtle approaches taken elsewhere and brings a dramatic focal point to the southern approach to the city.

Randomly arranged pod windows add texture to the façade, and the full-height curtain wall wraps round the gable to incorporate a two-storey glazed link between the hotel and the adjacent 23-storey glass tower, providing a visual connection with the inner core of the development.

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Skelhorne Street



New Brighton Waterfront, Wirral



Left: Situated opposite Lime Street station in one of Liverpool's finest locations, the Skelhorne Street project combines two hotels, one four-star and one three-star, into a single contemporary structure that will form a striking first impression for visitors arriving in the city by train.

Behind its gently curving limestone façade, the dramatic 16-storey structure will include 398 hotel bedrooms in addition to conference facilities, meeting rooms, three restaurants and a gymnasium. The project will also bring extensive public realm improvements to the surrounding area. The total cost will be around £30 million.

Above: The revitalisation of New Brighton on the Wirral is part of the ambitious scheme for the Mersey Waterfront. The masterplan includes a ten-screen cinema, restaurants, bars and a supermarket alongside more unusual amenities such as a sailing school.

For the 60-bedroom Premiere Inn hotel, an integral part of the scheme, we have combined design with environmental benefits by creating impressive elevations using two tonnes of recycled glass, with stainless steel signage and lighting. The effect draws maximum advantage from the hotel's premium corner position with views towards Fort Perch Rock and Liverpool Bay.

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The King's Gap Hotel, Wirral



The Kings Gap Hotel at Hoylake is situated opposite the Royal Liverpool Golf Course in a conservation area, placing serious constraints on any redevelopment. However the hotel, which has a history of under-performing, was keen to take advantage of the tremendous success of the Open Golf Championship held at the course in 2006.

Our planned £7 million refurbishment of the existing building and addition of two contemporary bedroom wings takes full account of the sensitivity of the area. Using white render and Welsh slate to harmonise with the surrounding buildings, the project adds 66 bedrooms and suites, and brings the hotel up to contemporary 'boutique' standards.

10// Hoole Hall, Chester



The Hoole Hall Hotel had a history of lack of investment with a consequent lack of performance, so when new owners took over, they began an extensive programme of extension and refurbishment costing £15 million. The work they commissioned will increase capacity to 112 bedrooms with scope for a further 38, alongside function rooms, bars, restaurants, meeting rooms and a large spa facility.

The spa is an especially exciting part of the project. It will provide facilities not yet available anywhere in the region, including six different water experiences at various temperatures and eleven treatment rooms. The hotel will also offer a gymnasium, swimming pool and yoga studio.

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The Wireworks, Warrington



12// Hydraulic Tower, Wirral



Left: The Wireworks is a five-acre site in central Warrington which will be the focus of a mixed-use development combining leisure, commercial and residential amenities with extensive improvements to public spaces. The anchor of the £130 million project will be a new hotel located at the junction of Tanners Lane and Winwick Street, on one of the main routes into Warrington. This will be a pivotal building within the masterplan.

The 150-bedroom hotel is being designed as a boldly contemporary tower structure, in which the cladding of lightweight zinc complements a distinctive, modernistic profile.

Above: The £4.5 billion masterplan developed by Peel Holdings for land and buildings associated with Wirral Water covers over 500 acres. An extensive mixed-use development, it includes renovation of the site's superb Hydraulic Tower pumping station, a listed building, as a major feature of a new hotel, restaurant and leisure complex.

Forming the first phase of the development, the hotel will incorporate 98 bedrooms housed in a contemporary stand-alone structure which makes sympathetic visual reference to the existing tower. The use of a rich variety of materials including copper, glass and red sandstone emphasises the harmony between new and retained architectural elements.

Coming Soon//



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Rumford Place Hotel, Fontenoy
Street Hotel, The Wellington Rooms,
Southport Promenade Hotel

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