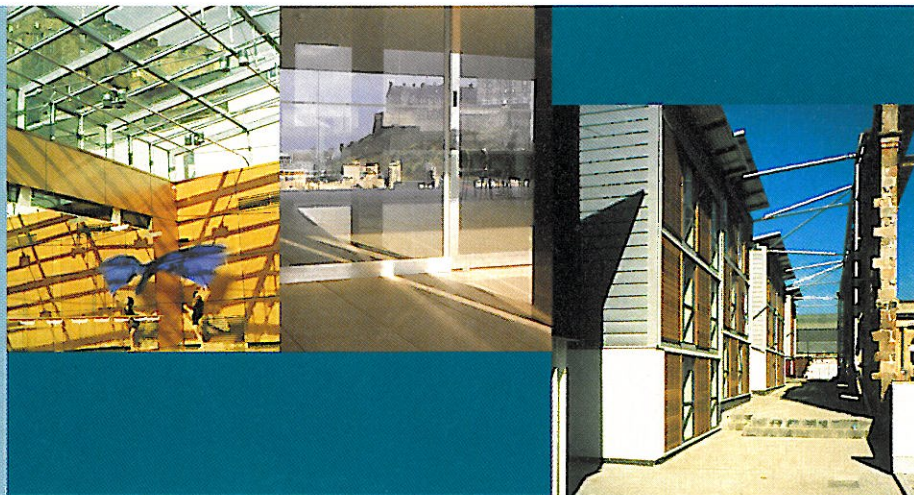


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Scotland

Edinburgh

Dance Base

owner

Dance Base

Client Representative

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architect/designer

Malcolm Fraser Architects

quantity surveyor

Brotchie Partnership

structural engineer

Cundall Johnston & Partners

services engineer

KJ Tait

landscape designer

Ann Kelly

main contractor

HBG Management

Almost buried under Edinburgh Castle, this site is incredibly complex in terms of its topography, history and context, yet the architects have threaded this building through it with great skill. The delicate exterior can be glimpsed from the Grassmarket and acts as a new lower parallel to the earlier galleried tenements. The use of daylight is carefully controlled and beautifully executed: hidden wall-head glazing offering quiet washes of light, an oculus creating an intense square, and a huge raised glass roof in the principal studio opening the building to superb views of Edinburgh Castle above. The building has been designed to be fully accessible for people with disabilities.

Scotland

Edinburgh

Point Conference Centre

owner

Andrew Doolan

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Andrew Doolan

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Andrew Doolan Architects

quantity surveyor

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structural engineer

John Brennan Associates

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Kantel

This is a thoroughly excellent reworking of the listed 1937 TW Marwicks building, which provides a stimulating environment for conferences and extra rooms for the Point Hotel. The original 1930s façade was intended to be clad in black granite but subsequently this was dropped in favour of sandstone. The granite has now been fitted to the façade at the ground floor. The restoration of the bronze grid curtain walling above permits a view of an inner white box-like structure, created by a second façade a metre back from the other punctuated by sliding doors. The detailing of the rooftop pavilion is immaculate with floor to ceiling glazing enabling one of the most spectacular views of Edinburgh.

Scotland

Glasgow

Graham Square

owner

Molendinar Park Housing Association

developer

Molendinar Park Housing Association

architect/designers

Richard Murphy Architects
Page & Park Architects
McKeown Alexander

quantity surveyor

Brown & Wallace

structural engineer

Ove Arup & Partners

services engineer

Ove Arup

landscape designer

CD Environmental Design

main contractor

John Dickie Construction

Graham Square is part of the old cattle market area of Glasgow, which had become run down and in desperate need of regeneration. Glasgow City Council's North Gallowgate Project provided the brief for the redevelopment, which incorporated both streetscaping works and housing projects, to create a new urban neighbourhood and public spaces. The old Market Hotel, which was listed but totally derelict, had to be reconstructed rather than refurbished. Other aspects of the site, such as the listed façade of the former meat market, also had to be retained in the design concept. The result has been a transformed area, which is truly a model and standard for future urban housing. Its innovative working of its context highlights the potential for unashamedly bold yet successful juxtapositions of old and new buildings in our historic environments.