

Premier conversion project shortlisted for property award

A property development in the capital has been shortlisted for one of the most coveted awards in the industry.

5 Melville Crescent at the West End has been sensitively restored to combine architectural elegance with modern living.



The quality of the development's design and style has led to it being shortlisted in the Best Renovation/Conversion category at The Herald Property Awards.

On the market with respected property experts Gilson Gray, the A-Listed townhouse has proven popular with buyers and just the garden level apartment remains available to buy.

The stunning three-bedroom apartment has a sleek, contemporary finish, and is on the market for offers over £815,000.

Rob McGregor, Associate Director of Property Sales at Gilson Gray, said: “It’s fantastic that 5 Melville Crescent has been shortlisted for such a prestigious award and testament to the high standard of work carried out throughout the restoration process.

“The development offers the chance to live in a luxurious apartment in one of the city’s prime locations – something that doesn’t come along all that often.

“This rare opportunity has not gone unnoticed by buyers and just the garden apartment remains for sale, such has been the popularity of the development.”



The three bedroom garden apartment comes with its own parking space, providing buyers with the ideal base in one of Edinburgh’s finest locations.

Rob added: “The West End of Edinburgh is the perfect location with it’s mix of boutique shops, bars and restuarants.

“The new owners at 5 Melville Crescent will be just a short walk from many of the country’s most famous landmarks which are littered throughout the capital.”

The Herald Property Awards for Scotland 2018 will take place on Thursday, September 27 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Glasgow.

The ceremony seeks to honour the achievements of the country’s most innovative and successful house builders and developers.

5 Melville Crescent was originally the home of Mary Walker who with her sister funded the building of St Mary’s Cathedral.

It was also the home to a chief executive of the Royal Bank of Scotland in the mid-1800s, while the pioneering children’s doctor, John Playfair, took over the property in 1888.

As well as Dr Playfair, who was world famous clinician and lecturer and President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, the building was also formerly the head office for Boots, Chemist for a time in the last century.

Renovation work by experienced contactors SJS and respected architects LBA, has created stunning apartments while retaining the building’s historic charm, character and presence.

The development is also close to attractions as diverse as Princes Street Gardens and Murrayfield Stadium, with very convenient access to Edinburgh Tram and nearby Haymarket Railway Station.