

## **Best New Build Project**

### **LJMU Student Life and Sport Buildings by Sheppard Robson**

The two linked buildings bring together a multiplicity of uses within an external structure that provides civic presence and puts down a marker for future development. The internal spaces could easily have been disjointed and chaotic, but are well considered and resolved within a contextually strong and controlled form. The massing of the building creates convincing civic space that starts to realise a relationship with the surrounding area, one that will hopefully provide the urban impetus for forthcoming adjacent buildings. The two buildings accommodate by far the most complicated programme of uses of all the shortlisted projects, but the spaces are inviting and comfortable, offering places to socialise, study and find support. Having been open for three years, finishes are in very good condition and the LJMU team clearly take great pride in the buildings' upkeep and maintenance.