



January set the precedent for **a year full of action**. It's amazing to see how many positive developments and announcements came out of the city-region, in the space of just a month.

China's reopening to the world brings new opportunities to resume in-person visits for commercial links, study, and tourism. To support this, Hainan Airlines now offers direct flights to Beijing from Manchester Airport, which just announced its final phase of the £1.3bn Transformation Programme.

I was pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the impact of this investment for [International Trade and Investment](#) recently, and I'm looking forward to seeing this come to life.

In January, MIDAS welcomed [delegates from Japan](#) and Australia, and hosted His Excellency, Mr Doraiswami [India Commissioner in the UK](#), to GM, all of which resulted in fresh ideas for collaboration and potential new projects based on our mutual interests.

Ambitions and challenges were discussed and debated at [Convention of the North](#), but overall one message came out of the day; we're better working collaboratively than in competition.

Looking ahead, place marketing events in the coming months will take Greater Manchester to the global stage and we can't wait to reveal all we have planned.

Best wishes,

Rhys Whalley, Acting Managing Director, MIDAS and Executive Director Manchester China Forum

Meet the Experts

Each month, MIDAS speaks to professionals from Greater Manchester's key sectors to get an update on the latest developments.



MIDAS Meets Nicola McCormick, Chief Operating Officer at Pro Manchester

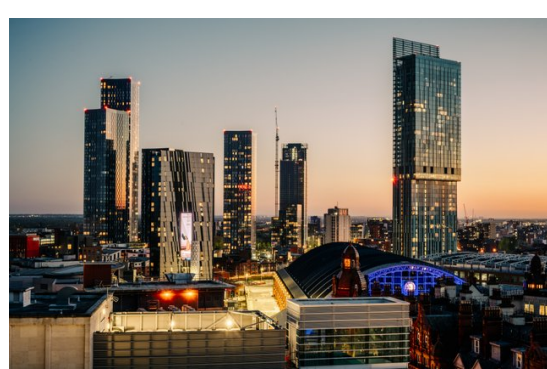
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MIDAS Meets Ahsan Zafar, Senior Process Engineer at Bouygues Energies & Services

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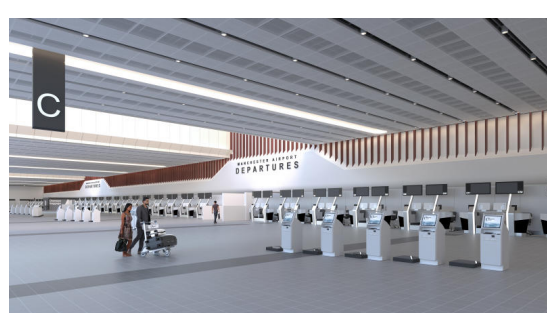


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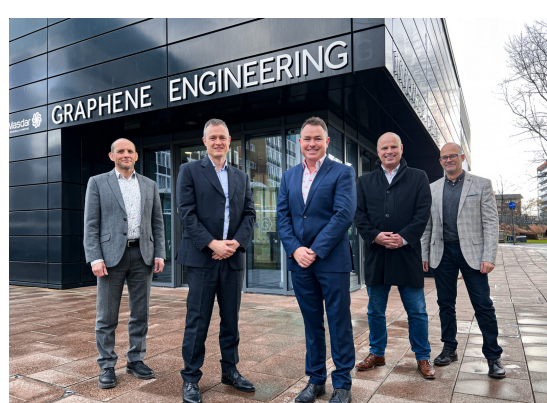
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Events



Jobs fair

Thursday 16th February 2023
11am-1pm
BNY Mellon, One Piccadilly Gardens, Manchester M1 1RN
Invitation only. Bringing together local employers and candidates from refugee backgrounds

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Breaking Barriers Jobs Fair

Breaking Barriers is currently supporting over 200 refugees based in Greater Manchester to increase their access to meaningful employment.

Joining the Jobs Fair on 16th February as an exhibiting employer, will provide the opportunity to get in front of job seekers from diverse refugee backgrounds to introduce your business and discuss live roles and opportunities for the months ahead.

All refugee clients have the right to work in the UK and are seeking employment across a variety of sectors and levels.

Contact Shaun Whaites (S.Whaites@breaking-barriers.co.uk) for further information about exhibiting by 9th February.

[Check out other upcoming events](#)

Property Spotlight



Deansgate Square is Manchester's premier development and has already transformed the city skyline. Located in the southern end of the city centre core, all four towers enjoy unmatched views of the city and beyond. The development features over 92,000 sq ft of exceptional residential amenity across The Club, the roof garden, concierge and business gallery.

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Service Spotlight

As well as assisting new investors by making introductions to relevant networks, suppliers and education establishments, we can advise on raising the firm's profile in the city region by advising on PR activity plans to support a company's arrival in Manchester.



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