

#### ALESCO CITY GUIDES



## MANCHESTER

Manchester is the UK's capital of the North: a modern, vibrant city with a hugely diverse population and culture.



Named as the best UK city to live in

## **OVERVIEW**

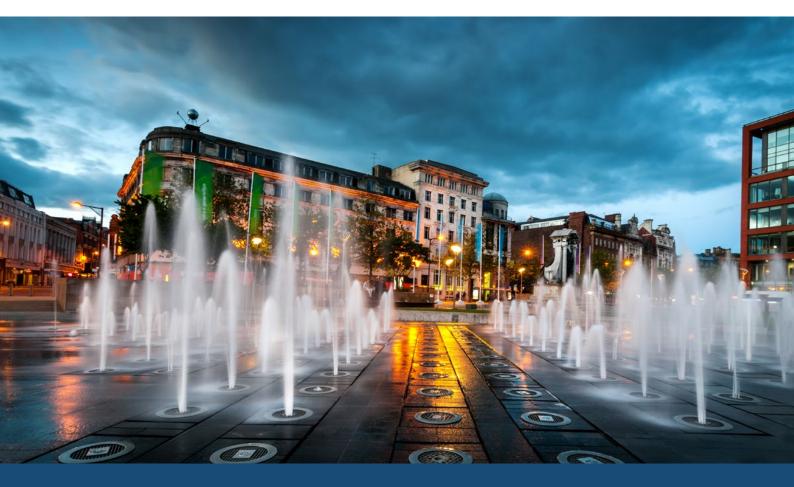
The city transformed from a powerhouse of the industrial revolution through its cotton industry in the 18th and 19th centuries to be one of the UK's main digital hubs in the 21st.

Thanks to intensive regeneration, investment and development over the last decade, Manchester has become the <u>second-largest economy</u> in the UK and been ranked as the <u>best city</u> to live in the UK.

**10.1%** rental yields in 2018

**16.2%** price growth in 2018

population growth between 2002 and 2015





Home to the biggest purpose-built <u>media</u> location in Europe



Second largest city region economy in the UK



Highest job growth in the UK



## ECONOMY

Greater Manchester represents the second largest city region economy in the country, with a Gross Value Added (GVA) of £62.8 billion.

The city has been growing faster than any other in the UK: between 2002 and 2015 the <u>population increased</u> by 149% and jobs by 84%. Key to this growth has been the tourism sector and the significant regeneration and development projects that have led to countless companies relocating from elsewhere in the UK.

As the third most visited city in the UK by overseas tourists, Manchester's tourism sector is worth  $\pm$ 7.9bn and supports over 94,000 jobs.

Meanwhile, "Northshoring" – where companies move or open an office in North England to avoid the high costs of London and the south – is becoming an increasingly common practice, with the likes of AstraZeneca, Siemens, Barclays, BBC, Google, Kellogg's and RBS establishing a presence in Manchester in recent years. £62.8bn

Gross Value Added (GVA)

<u>↑84%</u>

Increase in jobs

£7.9bn

Tourism sector



## **EDUCATION**

<u>One hundred thousand students</u> attend Great Manchester's four universities, attracted by the city's unique combination of worldclass education, excellent graduate job opportunities and low living costs. Campuses are based around Oxford Road in the south of the city, making this one of the key investment areas.





# CULTURE

Manchester is renowned for its musical and sporting prowess. Take That and Oasis both hail from the city, as do the likes of M People and The Hollies.

Football is a massive part of Manchester city life thanks to Premiership powerhouses Manchester City and Manchester United. Art and history lover? Whether you're looking for exciting contemporary art galleries, specialist museums or collections of worldrenowned artists, the city has something for everyone. Highlights include the Museum of Science and Industry, Imperial War Museum North, Whitworth Art Gallery, The Lowry, HOME and the Manchester Art Gallery. In the The Economist's Global Liveability Index 2019, Manchester was named as the best UK <u>city to live in</u>. The index ranks 140 global cities on factors including political and social stability, crime rates, education and access to healthcare.

# REGENERATION AND **DEVELOPMENT**

The media and creative industries play a vital part of this thoroughly modern metropolis. The city has become the second largest creative hub in Europe, thanks to  $\pm 3.5$  bn of investment in recent years.

The hub includes MediaCityUK in Salford, a 200-acre site home to the likes of the BBC, ITV, Ericsson and Salford University. In fact, it's <u>the biggest purpose-built</u> media location in Europe, with over eighty creative and digital companies. <u>The</u> <u>£800m NOMA scheme</u> is one of the largest development projects in North West England and aims to transform 20 acres of Manchester City Centre, creating 4 million square foot of office, retail, residential and leisure spaces. The first phase – One Angel Square, the new headquarters of the Co-operative Group – opened in 2013. In January 2020, Amazon opened its Manchester headquarters in the Hanover building. The entire scheme is set to be completed by 2029.

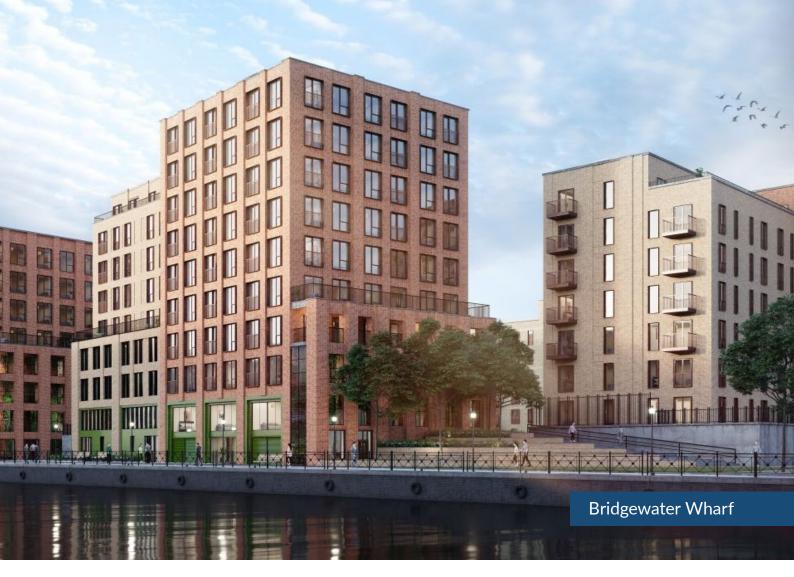
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## CONNECTIONS

Manchester is easily accessible by road. The main motorways include the M66, M60, M56, M61, M62 and M67, providing access from all areas of the UK. The city has two major railway stations, Victoria and Piccadilly, serving routes across the UK. The hotly anticipated high-speed train service – HS2 – will cut journey times between London and Manchester to just 68 minutes. Manchester Airport is the third largest in the UK, offering flights all around the world.





## **PROPERTY**

Despite its unique blend of culture, media, education and liveability, Manchester's house prices are surprisingly low.

While the national average house price in the UK is now <u>around £280K</u>, prices in Manchester and Salford stay well under that at just <u>over £190K</u>. As a result, both investors and prospective homeowners can achieve real 'bang for their buck' in the city. £280K

average house price in the UK

prices in Manchester





### **GET IN TOUCH**

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