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10th June 2008 at the European Facility Management Conference in Manchester marked another proud moment in Edifice's history as it shared in a major award win, this time on a European scale.



EFMC 2008 saw some 600 delegates from across the world converge on Manchester for a landmark event that was co-hosted by EuroFM and IFMA. Supported by 24 professional associations and 34 academic institutions, the highlight of the three days was undoubtedly the Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony at which 12 finalists competed for awards including Partners Across Borders, FM Student of the Year, European FM Researcher of the Year and European FM of the Year.

After narrowly missing out on the Partners Across Borders award last year for its work with Microsoft, Business & Facilities – the delivery vehicle through which, on this particular project, Edifice provides its services – was a winner in the face of stiff competition from the other two finalists .

The award recognised the achievements of the team in supporting Microsoft's efforts to harmonise its approach to FM across EMEA; the project has seen dramatic reductions in the number of FM suppliers engaged, a consistent delivery of savings alongside enhanced service quality, and the implementation of a common platform for service level definition and supplier performance measurement.

Tony Angel, managing director of Edifice, commented: "Naturally, I'm delighted that the project has been recognised as an exemplar by our peers, and it reflects the quality of the delivery team's relationship with Microsoft as well as the success in rolling the project out across six countries to date. Some 18 months down the line, our challenge now is to work with Microsoft's Real Estate and Facilities team to continue to develop the appropriate strategy and approach, ensuring that the outcomes achieve all of the corporate objectives whilst still providing the right solution at a local level."



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A full case study and client testimonial can be found on the Edifice website at <http://www.edifice-fm.com/pdf/csmicrosoft.pdf>

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