

Meet the Winners: MHN's 2018 Excellence Awards

Developers, dealmakers, designers and others who make a difference by uniting cutting-edge tools with time-honored principles of success.

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The 2018 MHN Excellence Award winners represent the multifamily sector's most innovative and ingenious achievements. Whether transforming an obsolete property into a 21st-century community, creating a cutting-edge design, or turning around an underperforming asset, the designers, developers, executives and real estate managers recognized here set a high bar. [Outstanding executives, top property managers and future stars are also recognized.](#)

VALUE-ADD RENOVATION

[Silver: Halstead Malden Square](#)



Halstead Malden Square

Impressed with how the DSF Group managed to *"not spend as much money but implemented extensive renovations,"* the judges thought the renovations at Halstead Malden Square were *"thoughtful in colors, materials and design, instead of relying solely on construction."* Located in Malden, Mass., the 195-unit community received a Halstead brand amenity package, which upgraded and added new amenity spaces to the property. Examples of this include the company's conversion of a vacant retail space into a fully equipped cardio and strength training fitness center, the addition of the Halstead Club and Lounge that

offers karaoke, an iMAC business center and private meeting pods, and renovations to the exterior courtyard area that now features an updated firepit, life-sized games, resort-quality seating and a bocce court. During the renovations, the company had to be strategic with how and when to take the current amenities out of commission without upsetting residents, and they decided not to lease the retail space, utilizing it for resident use instead.

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