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One of the rooms at Leven Manchester, which is set to have a soft opening in October. Credit: Leven Manchester

## New hotel to open in Manchester's Gay Village

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Leven Manchester is taking over the 33,000 sq ft historic cotton mill at 40 Chorlton Street.

Set to open in October, the 42-key hotel is the result of a joint venture between Manchester-born brothers Joshua and Ben Senior and Wellbrook Hospitality. Joshua Senior purchased the property for £3.3m.

Previously, 40 Chorlton Street was set to be the Cotton Yard, an aparthotel scheme from Staying Cool. However, the project fell through due to Covid-related issues, according to the Staying Cool website.

Leven Manchester retains nods to the building's industrial heritage, showcasing its red brick walls, timber floors and Crittall windows. It softens this warehouse look with velvet sofas and leather armchairs in the lobby.

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Halliday Meecham is the architect for Leven Manchester. Joshua Senior and Timothy Griffin of Wellbrook oversaw the interior design.



Credit: Leven Manchester

Rooms range from the standard "Life Size" room to a two-bedroom duplex penthouse suite, known as "Living the Dream." Guests can enjoy room service and complimentary house-made breakfast smoothies. Stays start at £89.

Leven boasts a day-to-night lounge where you can try its own-blend coffee, made in collaboration with Origin, as well as cocktails.

"At Leven, you can stay for a coffee, or stay for a cocktail. Stay for a day or a year," said Timothy Griffin, principal for Wellbrook. "We want to offer a beautiful, flexible space for every need – it's a hotel with freedom at its heart for both the modern traveller and the local crowd. We are super excited to be bringing this new player to Manchester's flourishing hotel scene."

Joshua Senior said: "Manchester is buzzing right now, with many fantastic new businesses opening – it's a brilliant time to be bringing a new hotel and a new hangout to the city."

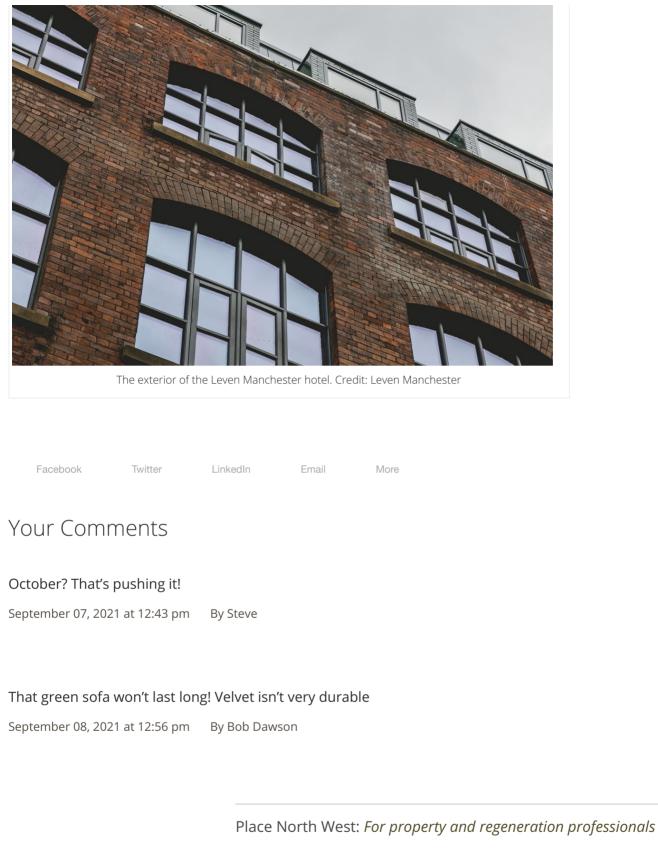
The Senior brothers and Wellbrook Hospitality already have further plans in the works for Leven. These include a 1,700 sq ft cocktail bar and 4,000 sq ft restaurant. These developments will take place in phase two of the project. They will be located on the ground and basement levels.

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