

## Norwood Property Lunch & Awards: Resolution Property, Helical Bar and charity are big winners

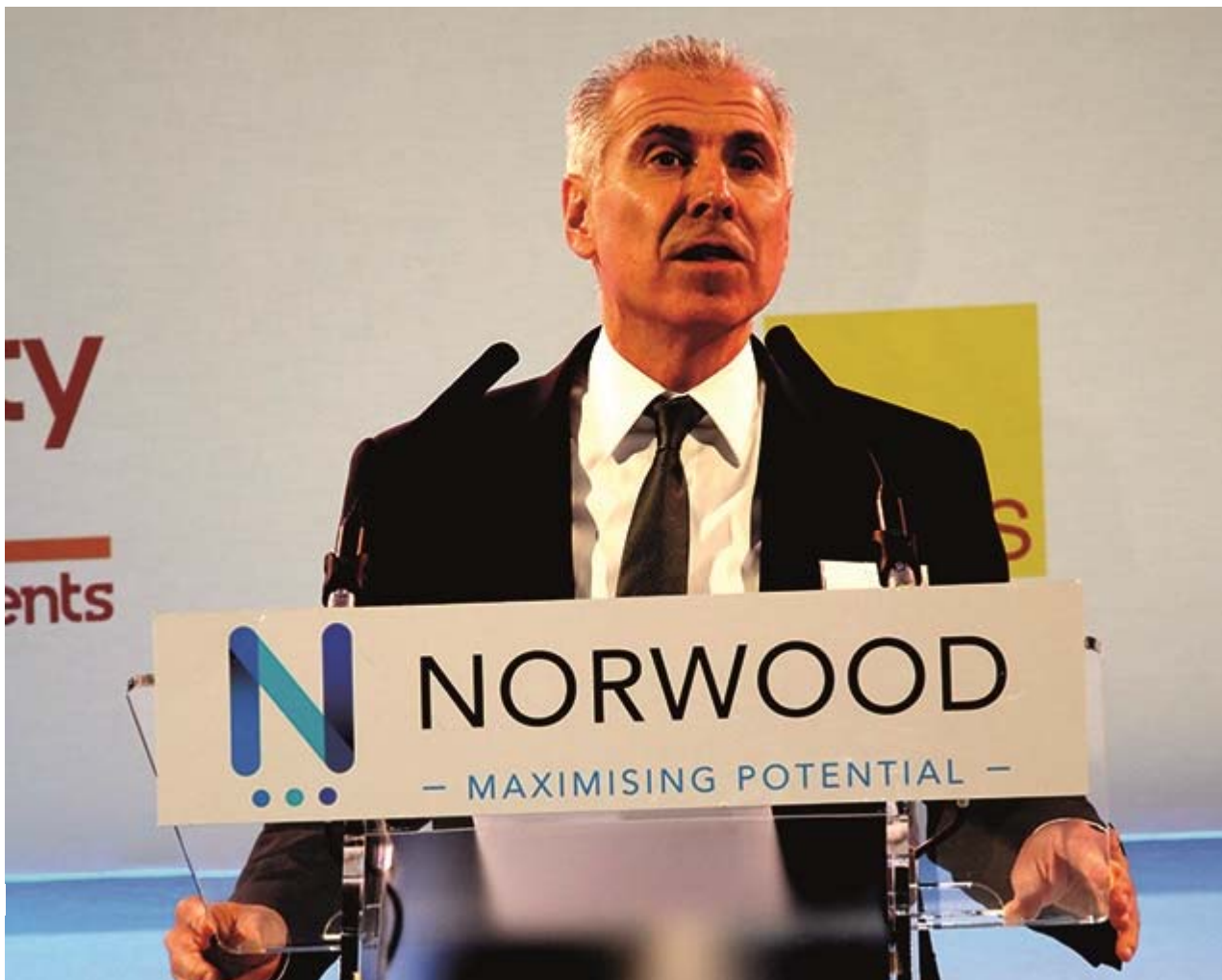
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The leading lights of property were out in force last week at the Norwood Property Lunch & Awards, where they were lauded for their work and also raised a huge amount for charity.

A record 800 of the biggest names in property turned out for the Norwood Property Lunch & Awards last week – raising a whopping £600,000 for the 7,000 vulnerable young people and their families supported by the charity.

Held at the London Hilton Park Lane on 17 June, the event, which Property Week is proud to support as media partner, kicked off with a lively auction that raised £24,400. Martha Lomanto then took to the stage to give a touching account of the way Norwood had helped her two sons, Giuseppe and Lawrence, who have learning disabilities and autism.

Mark Pollack, co-chair of the Property Lunch Committee and director of Aston Chase, said: “It is truly inspiring to see so many people gathered together for the same purpose, and a wonderful reflection on the socially responsible attitude that our industry holds towards charitable giving.”



Aston Chase director Mark Pollack is co-chair of the Property Lunch Committee – Source: [Sharon Green Photographic](#)

After the meal, guest speaker, veteran journalist and broadcaster Andrew Marr gave a moving tribute to murdered MP Jo Cox and **delivered a withering attack on the EU referendum debate** ahead of yesterday's vote. "We have had the worst, ugliest, grimmest, political debate that I can remember in my time studying and reporting politics over the last 35 years," he said. "She was better than that, we are better than that and actually, most of the leaders of both sides of the campaign are better than that."

The mood was understandably subdued after his speech, but was lifted again with the announcement of this year's award winners by Property Week editor Liz Hamson.

Commercial Deal of the Year was won by Resolution Property for **the sale of the Alphabeta building in Shoreditch**, while Helical Bar won Commercial Development of the Year for **its 350,000 sq ft mixed-use scheme, The Bower, on Old Street**.



Stanhope picked up the Residential Development of the Year award for his part in **Meyer Spenhill portfolio**.

Last but not least, Derwent London supremo John Burns took to the stage to accept the event's final award, for lifetime achievement.

Soning, who founded James Andrew International, said: "I have been very fortunate to have spent 33 years of my career in the real estate industry. Franco Sidoli once said to me: 'You don't need to take drugs in this business; every day has a high – and an occasional low.' He was certainly right. Thank you for this great honour that I shall always remember."

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