

# Award of Excellence SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

## West Village Suites

1685 Main Street West, Hamilton

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### Project Description:

Located within walking and cycling distance to McMaster University, the West Village Suites serves as a student residence featuring 449 student bedroom units, a fitness studio, common rooms, and much more. This building is overflowing with energy and vitality and has achieved LEED™ Platinum status. The building's many environmental features include solar power, smart meters, reflective roofing membranes, rain water collection for toilet flushing 'grey water', and many others. This mid-rise development addresses the street with storefronts and a large patio on the ground floor and student apartments on top. The overall mass of the building has been shaped and terraced to reduce shadowing and create a visually interesting silhouette.

### Jury Comments:

This impressive array of environmentally friendly features add up to an achievement of Excellence in Sustainable Design. Sustainability is also enhanced by the location of this development along a transit corridor, within walking distance to McMaster University, and close to shops and other amenities.

Architecturally, breaking the building massing into two pieces and the integration of the design of the large mechanical penthouse provides a number of important urban design strengths. Overall, the bulk of the building is reduced with thoughtful attention to proportion and by delineating the ground floor with masonry and setting cornice lines. The incorporation of commercial uses along the street creates a mixed-use building that contributes to a vibrant streetscape.

