

## Yo! Sushi founder Simon Woodroffe to launch new age space-saving flats in Manchester

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A block of futuristic Japanese-style apartments could arrive in [Manchester](#) as soon as this Autumn as part of the latest venture from Yo!Sushi founder Simon Woodroffe.

The former Dragons' Den entrepreneur has revealed plans to launch his first "Yo! Homes" in New Islington, [Ancoats](#) if a land deal goes ahead in coming weeks.

The super compact-apartments are being hailed as the answer to cramped city living with their revolutionary space-saving design features.

Each apartment has the same footprint as the average studio flat and makes the most of the room available with hidden storage, hatches in the floor and concealed furniture.

This means a bed, kitchen, lounge, dining area and bathroom are squeezed into 40 square-metres and appear through sliding doors, the ceilings and floor with a gentle push or with the click of a button.

Woodroffe says his latest product is marketed at urban dwellers of all backgrounds looking for affordable properties in urban areas.

It is understood Woodroffe is collaborating with developers [Urban Splash](#) to seal the land deal and secure planning permission in coming weeks.

## Yo! Sushi founder's space-saving flats in Manchester



After that, Woodroffe has his sights set on cities across the world such as Manhattan, Buenos Aires, Tokyo and Shanghai.

He said he was attracted to Manchester's "forward-thinking" attitude to new ideas and business.

He told the M.E.N: "Manchester is a very happening city at the moment in my opinion.

"London is bursting its banks in terms of space and Manchester offers a great alternative.

"Here we can get a clean site to build a spectacular building rather than cramming something into a tiny back street in Shoreditch.

"Manchester is a very co-operative city and they want to do new things.

"You get a good hearing from the authorities and everyone is very keen on doing something new.

"The city leaders have a really positive attitude and we're keen to work with them.

"I want people to walk into these apartments and think wow, why haven't we done this before."

Each apartment is box built in a factory and then delivered to the site whole.

The flats then click together 'like Lego blocks'.

Both Woodroffe and Yo!Home managing director Jack Spurrier remained tight-lipped on the asking price for an apartment, but it is reported they could go on the market for around £150,000.