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Presidential Team 2026

Together towards tomorrow



Meet our new Presidential Team

As our most senior team elected by Governing Council, RICS' Presidential Team act as ambassadors for the profession. They work with the CEO and Executive Team on issues facing the built environment, from urbanisation to technology and climate change.

Each member serves a one-year term, progressing from Senior Vice President to President Elect to President. The President also serves as Chair of the Governing Council.

At the start of this year, Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS IRRV (Hons) became the 144th President of RICS, having held the role of Acting President since March 2025. Maureen Ehrenberg FRICS CRE became President Elect, with Susanne Eickermann-Riepe FRICS joining the Presidential Team as the new Senior Vice President.

This document is a manifesto that lays out the team's priorities for the year ahead. Their focus is to enrich the member experience, empowering members from all backgrounds with relevant skills in what is a fast-moving, ever-changing profession.

The Presidential Team provides expert leadership in setting RICS' strategy, so that our members have the resources needed to meet the challenges facing our profession with confidence and to move with purpose, together towards tomorrow.

Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS IRRV (Hons) RICS President 2026



'The role of RICS as both an industry- and consumer-facing organisation has never been more important or more exciting.'

Nick is a Fellow and the President of RICS.

At RICS, he has served as Chair of Governing Council, Chair of the Global Members Committee, Chair of the MENA Market Advisory Panel, and as a member of the RICS Board.

He now lives and works in the UK, having previously served as Co-Chairman and Managing Director of the CBRE Middle East Region, which he established in 2004. He left CBRE at the end of 2024, after 37 years, to focus on his RICS presidential role.

Nick is a GlobalScot and the Scottish government's Trade and Investment Envoy to the UAE, receiving the First Minister's Award for Services to Trade and Bilateral Relations in 2023. He was appointed OBE in the King's Birthday Honours List in 2024.

Nick is a member of the International Advisory Council to the Dubai Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) and the Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation. He is the former Chair of the Lillian Sutton (SoC) Endowment Charitable Trust.

He holds the Reserve Decoration and was named by *Arabian Business* as one of the 100 most influential people in the UAE in 2017, and in 2023 as one of the Top 100 Executives in the UAE.



Nick's priority areas

- Increase RICS' influence and inspire trust among governments and regulators – internationally, nationally and locally.
- Secure representation at important decision-making forums to ensure RICS and its members' voices are heard.
- Close the skills gap by facilitating and leading collaboration between industry, academia, education and policymakers.
- Bring together like-minded organisations to equip RICS members with the knowledge, skills and experience they need to succeed throughout their careers.
- Through public appearances, highlight RICS as a world-class member organisation that is recognised as being at the forefront of responsibly enhancing the built and natural environment to serve the public interest.
- Contribute to an enriching experience for all members by:
 - boosting demand for their services
 - elevating their professional reputation and
 - fostering pride in RICS membership.

Maureen Ehrenberg FRICS CRE RICS President Elect 2026



'Our focus will be on ensuring that RICS remains at the forefront of the sector's digital transformation – championing innovation and adaptability while continuing to serve the public interest through robust regulations, standards and guidance.'

Maureen is Executive Managing Director of Strategic Growth and Solutions Development for SIREAS global real estate advisers.

Before joining SIREAS, she founded Blue Skyre IBE LLC in 2020, which was acquired by Lessen LLC (a PropTech company). Previously, Maureen served as Global Head of Strategic Real Estate Operations for WeWork, International Director and Global President of JLL Integrated Facilities Management Services, Global Head of Integrated Facility Management Services at CBRE, Executive Vice President of Grubb & Ellis Company, and President and CEO of Grubb & Ellis Management Services, Inc.

Maureen is a management trustee for the International Union of Operating Engineers, Chair of the Real Estate Advisory Committee for the New York State Teachers Retirement System and a board member of Let's Pave. She has served on the Global Boards of CoreNet Global, IFMA and OSCRE, and was Global Chair of the Board for IFMA. She is a founding member of Executive Women in Corporate Real Estate.

Maureen's priority areas

- Use RICS' global reach and reputation to be a convener working to unite the profession and serve the public interest.
- Identify how rapid changes in the industry affect interconnected areas of practice. Use this to inform appropriate responses, drive thought leadership and highlight how technology is driving some of this change impacting the profession.
- Promote a culture of collaboration and alignment in the global real estate sector, to unify standards and qualifications in order to advance the profession and the industry.
- Champion innovation in areas such as intelligent buildings, smart portfolios, energy management, carbon reduction, digital twins, AI and analytics – for a healthier, safer and more sustainable built and natural environment.
- Support the profession's digital evolution: provide guidance and information on the direction of PropTech, as applied and information technologies rely more on real estate data standards, and explore the need for standards and regulation on the adoption of blockchain/cryptocurrency within professional practice areas.

Susanne Eickermann-Riepe FRICS RICS Senior Vice President 2026



'Ours is an organisation of members, and fostering engagement and collaboration at all levels will be integral to developing a globally relevant and influential network that drives positive change across the built and natural environment.'

With a career spanning 40 years, Susanne, who is a civil engineer by background, holds extensive experience in senior roles and board positions at the top of the surveying profession. She brings with her a wealth of expertise working in the real estate industry, including 18 years as a partner of PwC WP GmbH.

Susanne served as Chair of the RICS European World Regional Board and as a member of the Global Members Committee until 2025. Among other roles, she is also Chair of the Board at ICG Institute, a member of the Supervisory Board at Austrian Real Estate GmbH and a non-executive director at CTP NV, Europe's largest listed owner, developer and manager of logistics and industrial real estate.

Her other board positions include Member of the Sustainability Board at BIG Austria, Chair of the Real Estate Commission at DGNB in Germany, Member of the ZIA ESG Commission in Germany, Member of the Global Leadership Board of FuturePlace in Sydney, Member of the Advisory Board of DREA in Austria and Deputy Chair of the Real Estate Commission at DVFA in Germany.

Susanne's priority areas

- Strengthen the global influence and recognition of the profession.
- Collaborate with senior industry figures and organisations to broaden RICS' reach and impact.
- Ensure RICS is member-led and remains globally relevant by contributing to regional member strategies that reflect the needs of members in relevant markets.
- Contribute to RICS' ongoing adaptation of its products and services to remain in step with changing behaviours, technology use and regional trends.
- Commit to local engagement and support as the foundation for creating a truly global network and strategy.



Presidential Team strategic objectives

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Deliver an enriching experience to all members

- Engage with members, relevant stakeholders and staff across RICS' global markets to increase member satisfaction, engagement and participation in RICS' boards and committees.
- Contribute to members feeling supported and valued by their institution through participating in events and actively seeking feedback from the membership.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Attract and retain a diverse membership

- Contribute to a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion inside RICS by modelling RICS' values and embedding equity and accountability into leadership decisions.
- Work with partners to highlight the life-changing opportunities the surveying profession offers, making it accessible and appealing for all.
- Work to attract a future generation of qualified members from all stages of life, including school and university students, career changers and returners.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Empower members with relevant skills and capabilities

- Champion a culture of learning and improvement among surveyors, ensuring that RICS is equipping members with the relevant skills to tackle a wide variety of issues.
- Advocate for RICS' standards and training through engagement with governments, industry partners and stakeholders.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Uphold confidence in the profession

- Increase RICS' influence among key decision-makers by participating in meetings and roundtables with influential organisations, encouraging standards adoption and hosting senior delegations.
- Represent RICS members at industry conferences and events internationally, showcasing the impact our profession has on furthering the public interest.
- Champion the adoption of emerging technologies, both among members and within RICS.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

Provide leadership, expertise and influence

- Advocate for RICS members' expertise on the global stage, positioning them as the leading voice on all aspects of the built and natural environment.
- Position RICS as a thought leader by building worldwide recognition for our unique products and services.

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. As a member-led chartered professional body working in the public interest, we uphold the highest technical and ethical standards.

We inspire professionalism, advance knowledge and support our members across global markets to make an effective contribution for the benefit of society. We independently regulate our members in the management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others supports their professional practice and pioneers a natural and built environment that is sustainable, resilient and inclusive for all.

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