



AWARDS
2026

Call for Entries



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The RICS Awards showcases the most inspirational individuals, teams and initiatives in land, real estate, construction, and infrastructure.

Nominations are now open for the RICS South Asia Awards 2026. The Awards are open to all working within the built and natural environments, celebrating the talents and achievements across the sector, highlighting the impacts across local and national communities.

How it works

There are five team categories, seven project award categories, three special award categories and four individual categories to enter, as well as the Lifetime Achievement Award. Each category demonstrates and celebrates the highest professional standards, pioneering better places to live and work, and creating a force for positive social impact. If you think your project could be a winner, then send us your entry via our [Awards platform](#).

Experts from the judging committee will score each application and the winners will be announced at the South Asia Awards ceremony in September 2026.



2025 Winners



Elite by Awfis
Best Co-Working Space Award



SPVC
Valuation Team Award



DLF Cyber City Chennai
Best Infrastructure Project Award



ZYETA - STONEX, Bengaluru
Design Project of the Year



Assetz Marq 2.0
Best Residential Project Award



RDash
Proptech Company of the Year



Nexus Select Malls
Corporate Social Responsibility Project Award



DLF Cyber City Hyderabad
Sustainability Award



Vestian - Hyundai Mobis
Facilities Management Team Award



Lochana Silva FRICS
(USLS Chartered Valuers)
Property Professional of the Year



Cushman & Wakefield Project Management Team for Smartworld DXP
Project Management Team Award for Construction



Aarti Gupta MRICS
(Turner & Townsend)
Emerging Achiever of the Year



Cushman & Wakefield Project Management Team for PepsiCo India Capability Centre, Hyderabad
Project Management Team Award for Office Fitout



Yashwanth Nanduri
(Linesight)
Emerging Achiever of the Year



JLL India
Real Estate Agency Team Award



Vijayalakshmi Prasad MRICS
(TVS Emerald Ltd.)
Woman of the Built Environment



Categories

Team Award Categories

Facilities Management Team Award: Awarded to a company, team or consortia responsible for the delivery of outstanding facilities management services. These services might ensure functionality, comfort, safety and/or efficiency of the built environment by integrating people, place, process and/or technology. Open to facilities management service providers or teams within property owner organisations who deliver services in-house. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Project Management Team Award for Construction: Acknowledging companies, teams, in-house teams, the service provider or contractors who were engaged in project management of a construction project during 2024 or 2025. The successful applicant will demonstrate excellence in such areas as quality control, time management, budget control, procurement and commercial management to deliver the outcome sought by the client. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Project Management Team Award for Office Fitout: Acknowledging companies, teams, in-house teams, the service provider or contractors who were engaged in project management for office fitout/design project during 2024 or 2025. The successful applicant will demonstrate excellence in such areas as quality control, time management, budget control, procurement and commercial management to deliver the outcome sought by the client. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Real Estate Agency Team Award: This award acknowledges companies, teams and/or consortia demonstrating excellence in providing agency services related to the acquisition, sale, or leasing of properties in the office, retail, industrial or residential sectors. The projects should be managed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Valuation Team Award: This award recognises teams involved in valuation services which uphold international standards and give confidence to end-users for their objectivity, independence and reliability on both commercial and/or residential projects. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Special Category Awards

Design Project of the Year: This category recognises an exceptional designer or design firm that has demonstrated outstanding creativity, innovation, and expertise in transforming interior spaces within real estate developments. This award honours the designer's ability to enhance the functionality, aesthetics, and overall appeal of interior spaces, creating environments that elevate the quality of life for residents, tenants, or visitors. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Proptech Company of the Year: Recognising the start-ups, and aspiring entrepreneurs in the prop tech industry that have harnessed technological innovation to revolutionise the real estate industry, offering cutting-edge solutions, digital platforms, and disruptive technologies that enhance efficiency, transparency, and customer experience, while making a significant impact in the prop tech sector of real estate.

Sustainability Award: This award demonstrates how innovation, design or construction techniques have been utilised by a team or client to address environmental challenges and improve the sustainability of the project outcome. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.



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Project Award Categories

Best Co-Working Space Award: The co-working space should include scale-able office spaces, cafeteria, conference rooms and leisure components, plus the latest technology. It should demonstrate excellence at a conceptual, development and delivery level. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Best Infrastructure Project Award: Awarded to a contractor or client for timely and cost-effective completion of large infrastructure projects like roads, bridges, ports, airports, etc. The parameters of excellence include quality, safety, speed, cost effectiveness and value engineering. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Best Office Park of the Year: Recognising an outstanding commercial property used as office premises, providing amenities for commercial and recreational facilities, etc. and showcasing exceptional designs for the properties developed. The commercial property should be eco-friendly, which uses less water, is energy efficient, conserves natural resources, generates less waste and provides healthier space. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Best Residential Project Award: This award is for the best residential projects as defined under various government schemes. The evaluation for this award will be based on innovative design, spaces, amenities and value for residents. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Corporate Social Responsibility Project Award: This award demonstrates excellence in the application of corporate social responsibility values and ideas to create better places and spaces for the community, the environment and future generations. This award is for those who have invested in people, society and the community, without any benefit to their main line of business. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Data Center Project of the Year: This award recognises projects from across South Asia that have pushed the boundaries of data center design and construction over the past year, with innovative new technologies used and novel engineering, design, and construction strategies deployed throughout the build process. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Industrial & Warehousing Project of the Year: This category recognises the exceptional real estate developer who has successfully executed a groundbreaking warehouse development project, catering to the unique requirements of clients, delivering state-of-the-art facilities, and showcasing exemplary design, functionality, and efficiency in the logistics and distribution sector, setting a new standard for excellence. The project should be completed in the 2024 or 2025 calendar year.

Individual Award Categories

Construction Professional of the Year: Presented to an outstanding individual for excellence in quantity surveying, project management, land or building surveying or building control. The Construction Professional of the Year award recognises achievement in construction projects during 2025. The successful candidate will demonstrate how their work has combined the highest professional, ethical and industry standards to deliver superior results and outcomes for clients and stakeholders.

Real Estate Professional of the Year: Presented to an outstanding individual involved in valuation, property management, facilities management or acquiring/selling or leasing a commercial, industrial or retail property. The Real Estate Professional of the Year award recognises achievement in real estate projects during 2025. The selected professional will represent the highest professional ethics, demonstrate their use of standards in their day to day activities and embody the excellence expected of the recipient of such a prestigious award.

Emerging Achiever of the Year: The future of our profession rests on the shoulders of emerging professionals. The Emerging Achiever of the Year award acknowledges one outstanding individual who has achieved excellence in their field. The individual selected will embody the highest standards of professionalism, be a role-model for their peers and be capable of making an outstanding contribution to the profession in the course of their future career.

The Emerging Achiever of the Year must have less than 15 years' experience to be eligible.

Woman of the Built Environment Award: The Woman of the Built Environment award recognises the outstanding contributions and achievements of women to our industry. The award celebrates inspirational role models to inspire the next generation of diverse professionals. Women from all disciplines of the industry (including design, QS, project management, marketing, finance, HR, etc.) are encouraged to enter.

The Woman of the Built Environment must have at least 15 years' experience to be eligible.

Lifetime Achievement Award: Recognising commitment to RICS and the wider profession, the Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award for built environment professionals. The presentation of this award is subject to the determination of the judging panel that the recipient is worthy of this significant honour.

Assessed on individual merit.



Lifetime Achievement Award
2025 recipient

Dr. Niranjan Hiranandani

How to Enter

Read the category criteria and guidelines carefully to make sure you enter your project in the most appropriate category and that you are clear on what the judges will be requiring for each category. Please visit our [website](#) to view the judging criteria in more detail.

Click onto our online [Awards platform](#) for full details and to submit your entry.

Your submission should clearly explain the project, team or individual and demonstrate a connection to the judging criteria, highlighting a commitment to professionalism and ethics.

This is where you want to make it clear to the judges exactly why your submission is deserving of the award.

Please note that this will not be a PDF upload, you will need to complete free text sections within the online form, including an introduction and responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria (professionalism, outcome and achievement, teamwork, innovation, and sustainability).

Word limits have been applied to each free text box in accordance with the criteria weighting.

Your entries must comply with the rules below or they will not be considered.

The below is a check list of the procedure online and the information you will be asked for.

- Closing date – **Friday 05 June 2026**
- Cost of entry: A nomination fee of INR 4120 + 18% tax will be charged for each nomination. An invoice will be generated upon submission and payment is due at the time of entry. The nomination fee includes two tickets to the Awards dinner in September in India.
- Region: Nominated project(s) and Individuals/key team member(s) are located or operated in the South Asia region (India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives and Nepal).
- Organisation/Team/Individual Name – the name provided should be clear as it will be used throughout the entire campaign, including RICS designation (for relevant individuals making a submission)
- How should the project/team be credited? This is the credit line that will be published alongside the project/team name. This should either be your organisation name or multiple if the project was a collaboration
- Category you are submitting for (please ensure you read the guidance provided)
- Nominator and Nominee contact details
- Main body of nomination – and connection to the judging criteria
- Up to 3 testimonials (1 page each, PDF upload). For Individual Award categories, at least 1 testimonial must be supplied
- Up to 3 pieces of other appropriate supporting material, such as technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, videos, etc. (Maximum of 4 pages per piece of supporting material. Any materials exceeding this limit may not be considered)
- Your company logo in JPEG or PNG format
- A 100-word summary of the nomination for marketing purposes – what the project was and how the team/individual have showcased excellence (free text section within the form)
- At least one photograph of the nominated team/individual and up to 5 additional photographs of the nominated team/ individual and/or project(s) referenced in the submission
- For the Emerging Achiever of the Year and Woman of the Built Environment categories, the Nominee's full CV with references must be supplied to verify eligibility
- For the Emerging Achiever of the Year category, a short video of the Nominee must be supplied (maximum of 2 minutes)

Terms and Conditions (2026)

Judges will exclude any submissions that are not completed in full.

The closing date for entries is 05 June 2026 however RICS reserves the right to extend the deadline.

The judges' decision is final, and awards will be made at their discretion.

Judges reserve the right to move a project into another category if they feel it would better fit the criteria.

RICS reserves the right to use photographs and content of entries for PR and publicity purpose. By entering your images and information as part of your submission for the RICS Awards you agree to grant RICS or any third-party we deem suitable worldwide, non-exclusive, unlimited right to use, publish and print in any media.

Entrants will be deemed to have accepted these rules and procedures along with the terms and conditions and to have agreed to be bound by them when entering this competition.

By entering you are agreeing to be contacted by RICS with details of the RICS Awards.

It is the responsibility of the entrant to establish that there are no restrictions or reasons the project cannot be entered and that all interested parties have been contacted and are aware of the entry.

To help us manage and maintain the reputation of the RICS Awards you must inform us about any negative media stories relating to the entry that have occurred during the 12 months preceding the South Asia Awards Presentation Ceremony (September 2026). Negative publicity does not necessarily mean that your entry will be disallowed; however, if it is not disclosed your entry may be disqualified.

Each entry will be subject to due diligence checks (including regulatory checks and online information searches) on the relevant individual, team and firm. Nominations may not be progressed or may be withdrawn from all aspects of the awards at the absolute discretion of RICS if continuing with the nomination could damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession.

Nominees must disclose any information that could reasonably be considered to damage public confidence in the Awards, RICS or the profession. Examples include but are not limited to disciplinary findings, or ongoing regulatory investigations or court proceedings.

Entrants warrant RICS that it has the full and exclusive right to present their credentials (e.g. "Surveyor") as such. RICS accepts these credentials in good faith and cannot verify that they are correct. Accordingly, any dispute regarding entrants' credentials must be dealt with between the parties concerned and not with RICS.

