

HONG KONG

Nominations briefing

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AWARDS
2026

About the RICS Awards



As part of our ongoing commitment to raise the profile of industry professionals and to show the benefit of teams working closely together, the Awards aim to demonstrate the positive impact that the built environment has on individuals and communities and also to promote the role that the profession has in making projects a reality.

RICS Awards

The RICS Awards showcase the most inspirational initiatives and developments in land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. They recognise outstanding achievement, teamwork and companies.

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How to submit:

1. Choose your categories

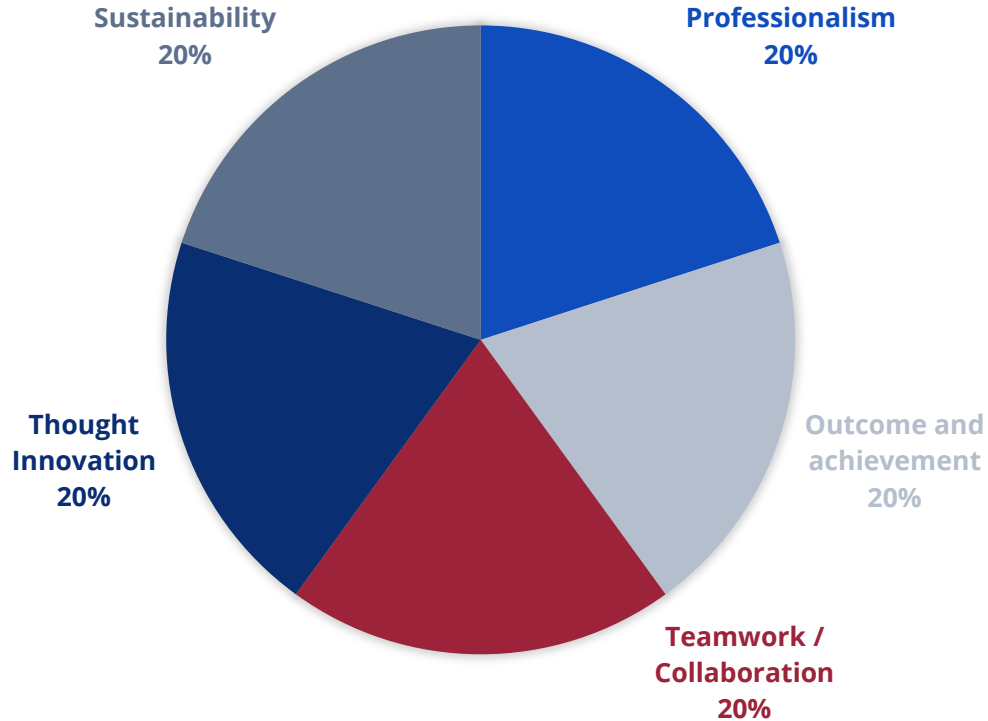
Award Categories and Criteria – Team Awards



Agency Team of the Year	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
Construction Project Management Team of the Year	Acknowledging companies, teams, in-house teams, the service provider or contractors who were engaged in project management of a construction project. 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. Nomination must cover a construction project that satisfies the date requirement in the "Award Entry Rules".
Facilities Management Team of the Year	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. The award is open to facilities management service providers or teams within property owner organisations who deliver services in-house.
Property Management Team of the Year	Awarded to a company, team or consortia responsible for outstanding tenant relationship management, financial management and asset management. Nominated team may be a service provider or the inhouse team of a property owner.
Quantity Surveying Team of the Year	Celebrating the success of quantity surveyors, this award recognises teams engaged in outstanding quantity surveying projects including but not limited to cost planning, tax depreciation, and contract management.
Refurbishment/Revitalisation Team of the Year	Awarded to an in-house team of a property owner or a service provider responsible for a project or initiative which demonstrates the refurbishment or revitalisation of an existing building asset. Nomination should highlight professionalism, value and improvement, such as any major breakthrough in respective field.
Research Team of the Year	Acknowledging teams, consultancies, academic institutions and agencies responsible for engaging in research projects associated with the built environment. Nominated team must operate or station in Hong Kong.
Valuation Team of the Year	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.

Award Categories and Criteria – Team Awards cont.

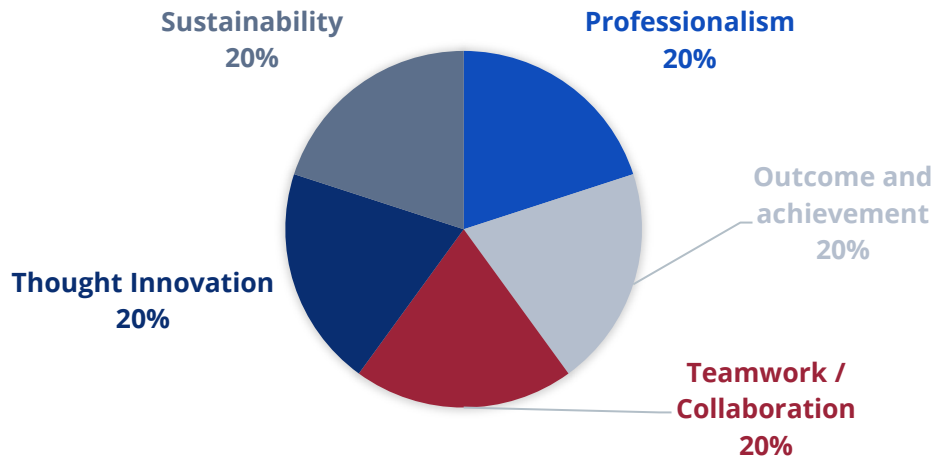
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Award Categories and Criteria – Project Award

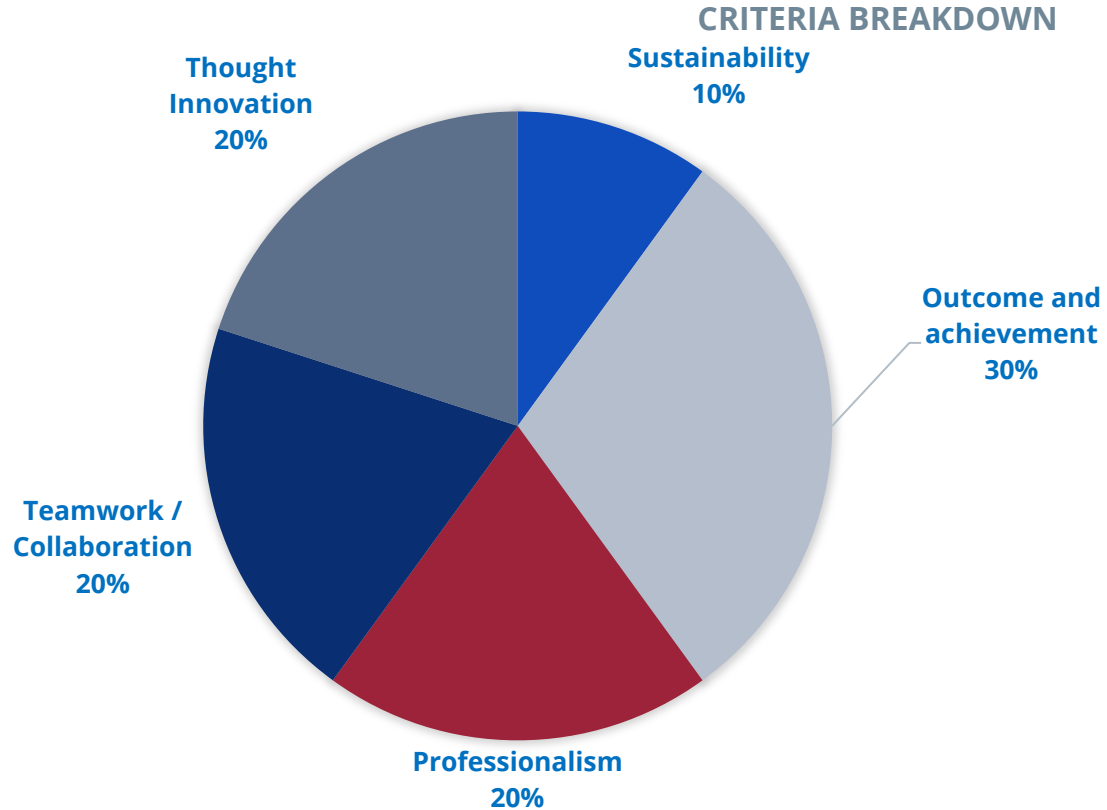
<p>Commercial Property Project of the Year</p>	<p>This award honours outstanding commercial property development and management, whether shopping mall, office, leisure, culture, tourism or mixed use. We are looking for evidence of a commercially successful project in market positioning, development, operation and management. Nominated projects should have started use within the 2025 calendar year or achieve significant success in operation through innovative management measures during the period. Nominator can be the project owner, developer, manager or the service provider.</p>
<p>Corporate Social Responsibility Project of the Year</p>	<p>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. Nominated project must show a well-rounded application of corporate social responsibility values and ideas. Nominated project and major/key team member must operate or be located in Hong Kong.</p>

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Award Categories and Criteria – Special Category Team Award

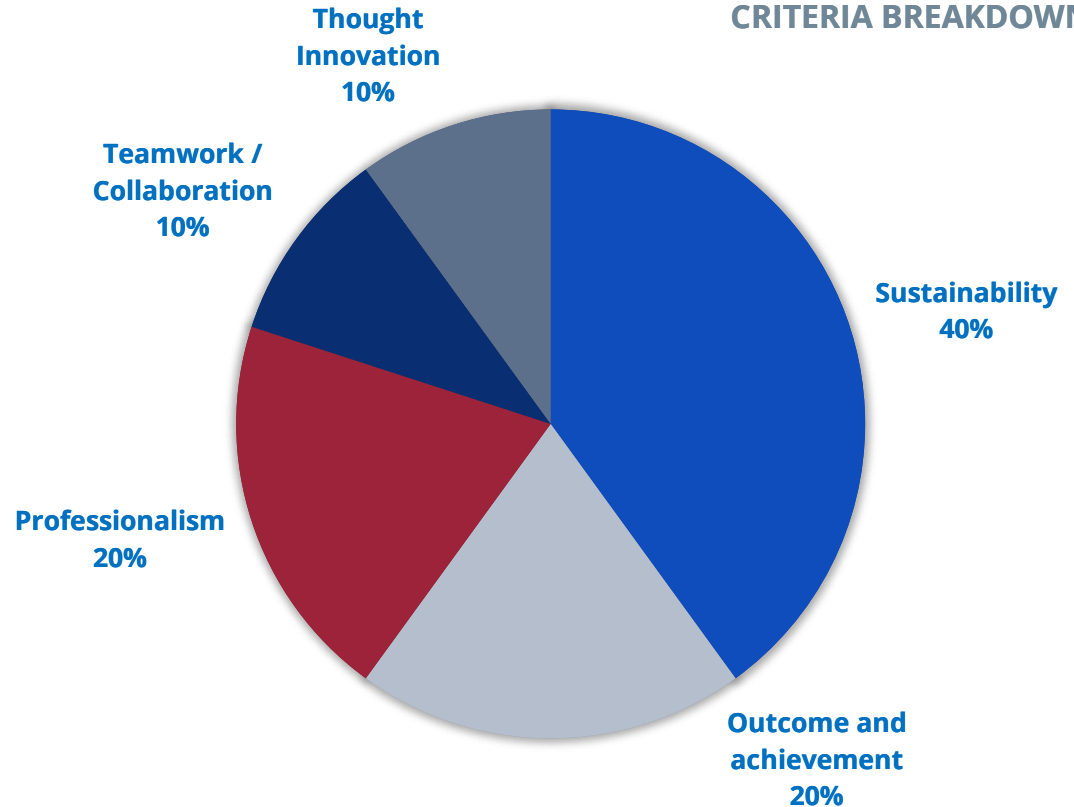
Best Deal of the Year	This award recognises one outstanding transaction related to leasing, buying or selling. Nominated transaction must be from a project executed within the 2025 calendar year.
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Award Categories and Criteria – Special Category Team Awards

Environmental Impact Award	This category recognises teams involved in projects where innovation, design or construction techniques have been utilised to address environmental challenges and improve sustainability.
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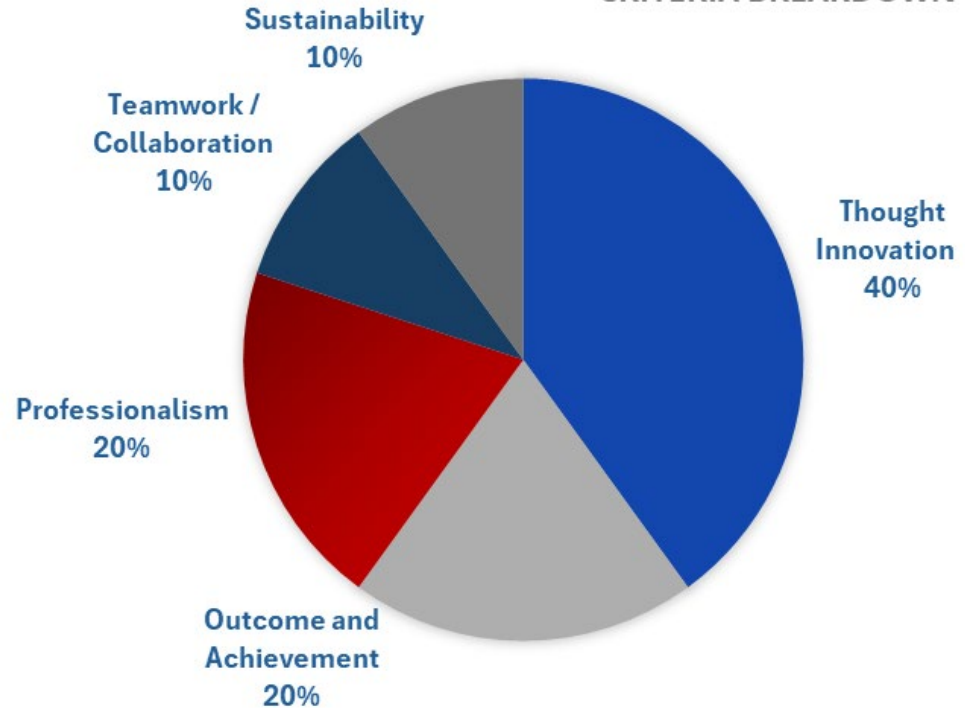
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Award Categories and Criteria – Special Category Awards cont.

PropTech Innovation of the Year	This award will recognise innovative technologies that create efficiency and value in process of buying, selling, leasing, marketing, operation management and finance in various space assets, including but not limited to Internet, digitalisation, AI, IoT, 5G, VR, blockchain and other applications in the real estate industry.
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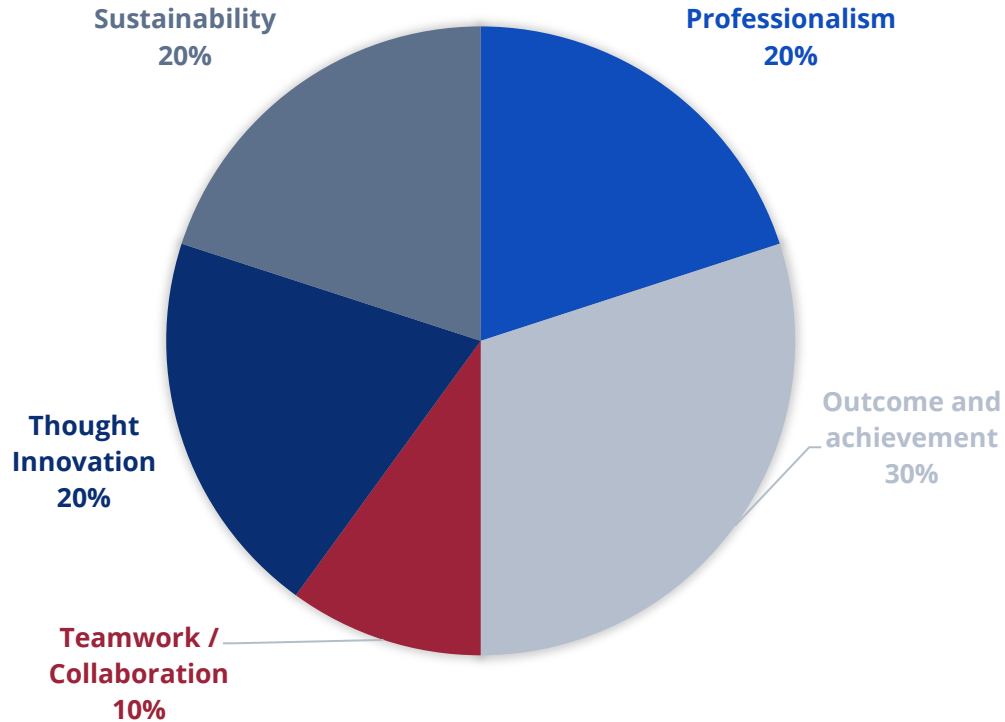
Award Categories and Criteria – Individual Awards



Emerging Achiever of the Year	<p>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.</p> <p><i>The Emerging Achiever of the Year must have less than 15 years professional experience working in the built and/or natural environments to be eligible.</i></p>
Woman of the Built Environment Award	<p>The woman of the built environment award recognises the outstanding contributions and achievements of senior 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 are encouraged to enter.</p>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<p>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.</p>

Award Categories and Criteria – Individual Awards cont.

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How to submit:

2. Understand the entry rules

Entry rules



Please visit the RICS Awards webpage for the full list of entry rules:

➤ [Rics.org/awards](https://www.rics.org/awards)

Some points to note:

- The project(s) and key team members/individual must be located in Hong Kong.
- The project(s) referenced in the nomination need to have been worked on in 2025, but not necessarily completed.
- A company may submit a maximum of 2 nominations within the same category (including joint nominations). Each nomination must be for a separate team and project.
- The Emerging Achiever of the Year must have less than 15 years professional experience working in the built and/or natural environments to be eligible.
- A fee of HKD 3,500 is due per nomination and is non-refundable. This nomination fee includes one ticket to the 2026 Hong Kong Annual Conference on 3 July.

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How to submit:

3. Prepare your nomination materials

What you need for your nomination

Required materials:

- Region and category you are submitting for.
- Nominator and Nominee contact details.
- Text responses for the online form:
 - a) A 500-word introduction
 - b) Responses to each applicable element of the judging criteria (professionalism, outcome and achievement, teamwork/collaboration, thought innovation and sustainability).
 - c) A 100-word summary of the nomination for marketing purposes.
- A copy of the nominee's company logo.
- A photograph of the team/individual nominated.

•Please ensure confidential information is clearly labelled 'RICS Awards in Confidence'.

Required materials – Individual categories only:

- At least 1 testimonial (1 page, PDF upload).
- For Emerging Achiever, nomination must be accompanied by the Nominee's full CV with references, to verify eligibility, and a short video (max 2 minutes).

Optional materials:

- Up to 3 testimonials (1 page each, PDF upload).
- Up to 5 additional photographs of the nominated team/individual and project(s) referenced in the submission.
- Up to 3 pieces of other appropriate supporting material, such as technical documentation, media clippings, floor plans, etc. (Maximum of 4 pages per piece of supporting material).
- Any materials exceeding this limit may not be considered.



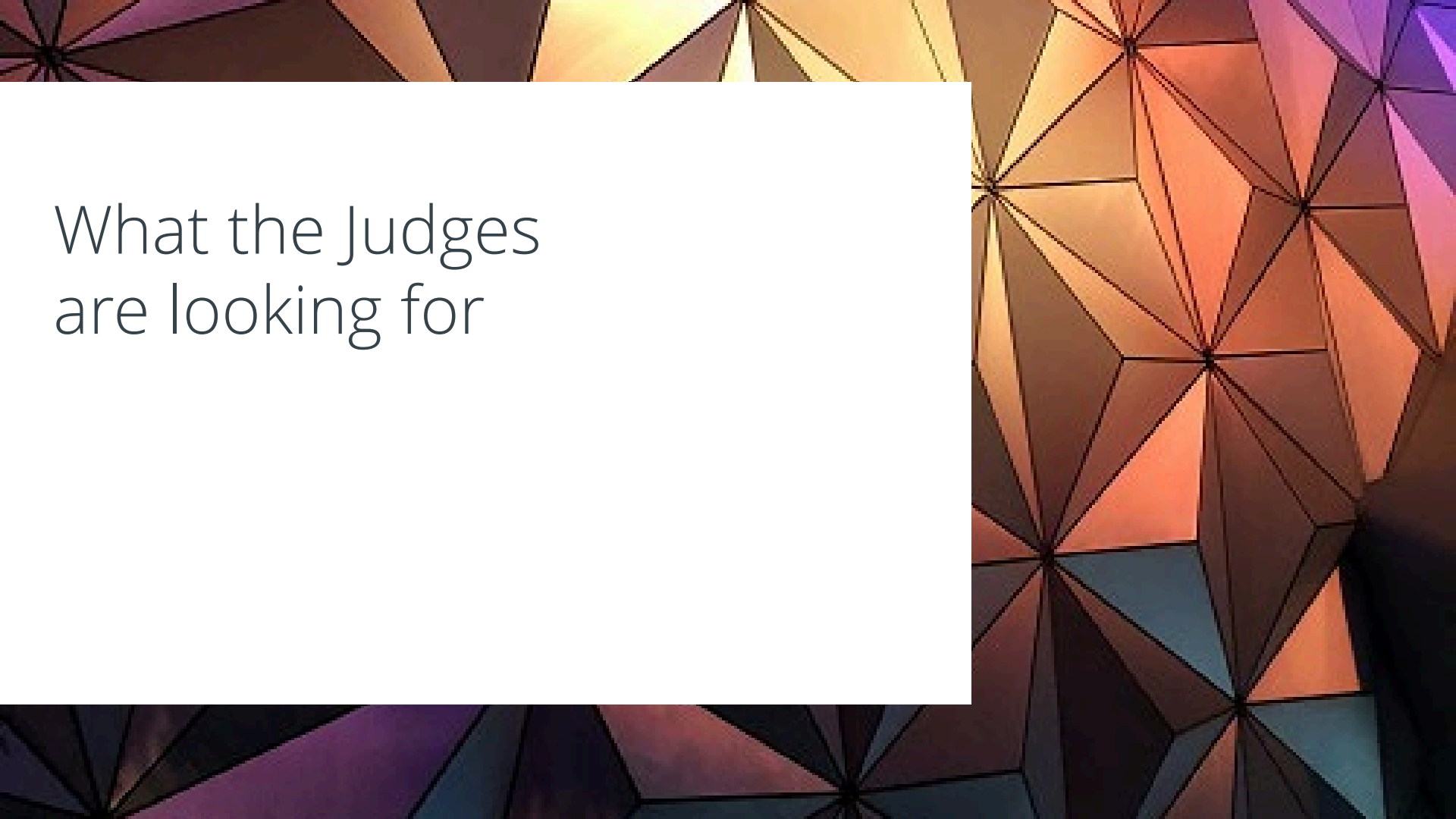
How to submit:

4. Submit your
nomination online at:
ricsAPAC.awardsplatform.com

Awards Force Demo

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2026 Judging Panel

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What the Judges
are looking for

Professionalism (For Team Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as technical, financial, legal, environmental, building regulation, sustainability and restoration where applicable, to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.
- Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors / suppliers (if applicable).
- Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.
- Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage

Professionalism (For Individual Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Recognised third party endorsements as professionally outstanding. How does the Individual demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and service?
- Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.
- Adoption of international standards will be an advantage but is not essential.
- How does the Individual's professional advice help deliver a positive impact on the environment?

Professionalism (For Project Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Demonstration of professional expertise in areas such as feasibility, investment, planning, measurement, design, cost, project delivery, compliance, sustainability and/or refurbishment, to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.
- Demonstration of the ability to avoid and/or resolve disputes.
- Demonstration of ethical and professional behaviour in keeping with RICS standards

Professionalism (For Special Category Awards)

Judges will consider:

For Best Deal of the Year

- Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as feasibility, investment, planning, measurement, design, cost, project delivery, compliance, sustainability and/or refurbishment, to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.
- Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors / suppliers (if applicable).
- Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.
- Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.

Professionalism (For Special Category Awards)

Judges will consider:

For Environmental Impact Award

- Recognised third party endorsements of the project as professionally outstanding.
- Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as technical competence, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors / suppliers (if applicable).
- Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.

For PropTech Innovation of the Year

- Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as feasibility, investment, planning, measurement, design, cost, project delivery, compliance, sustainability and/or refurbishment, to achieve outcomes.
- Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.
- Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.
- Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.

Teamwork / Collaboration (For Team Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.
- A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion within the firm/team and their work. How does the
- firm/team embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?
- Contribution of the team to social outcomes.
- Demonstration of RICS Standards adopted.

Diversity: Ensuring your teams/projects include people from different backgrounds, with different perspectives and experience.

Inclusion: Listening, respecting and valuing the contributions of all team members/stakeholders regardless of their background, experience, etc.

Teamwork / Collaboration (For Individual Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Effective coordination of skillsets and with stakeholders.
- A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion and their work. How does the individual embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?
- Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?
- Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes.
- RICS Standards adopted.

Teamwork / Collaboration (For Special Category Awards)

Judges will consider:

For Best Deal of the Year & PropTech Innovation of the Year

- Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.
- Resources optimisation. How were resources effectively utilised to overcome identified challenges and difficulties.
- A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion within the firm/team and their work. How does the firm/team embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?
- Demonstration of using fair, collaborative procurement methods and or contracts for engaging contractors and suppliers will be an advantage.

For Environmental Impact

- Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.
- A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in the delivery of the project(s).
- Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes.
- Demonstration of RICS Standards adopted.

Teamwork / Collaboration (For Project Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team, and with stakeholders
- Resources optimisation. How were resources effectively utilised to overcome identified challenges and difficulties.
- Demonstration of collaboration with various stakeholders in the construction project to avoid and resolve disputes.
- Demonstration of using fair, collaborative procurement methods and or contracts for engaging contractors and suppliers will be an advantage

Outcome and Achievement (For Team Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Measurable success of team/project outcomes against predefined targets.
- Client and or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials.
- Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management, etc.).
- Challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity. What were the difficulties or unique challenges?
- How were these challenges overcome?
- Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?
- Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time

Outcome and Achievement (For Individual Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.
- Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).
- What projects has the Individual successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?
- Demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management etc.)

Outcome and Achievement (For Project Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Measurable success of the project against a predefined target.
- Client and or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials.
- How is the building/infrastructure asset performing – is it delivering as planned, has it achieved initial targets, is it well used or leased (as applicable)?
- Challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity. What were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?
- Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?
- Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time?
- Demonstration of implementation and achievement of site safety.

Outcome and Achievement (For Special Category Awards)

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For Environmental Impact Award

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- Cost effectiveness. How was cost managed effectively against a predefined target?
- Timely completion. Demonstration of how the project is managed effectively with respect to time.
- What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience?



Thought Innovation (For Team Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?
- How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?
- Innovation in financing and viability.
- Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?
- Level of creativity in overcoming challenges.
- How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?

Thought Innovation (For Individual Awards)

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Thought Innovation (For Special Category Awards)

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For Environmental Impact Award

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For Best Deal of the Year

- Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?
- How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?
- How was technology applied to deliver the outcome?
- Any smart information technology applied for document control and communication to enhance productivity?
- Innovation in financing and viability.
- Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?
- Level of creativity in overcoming challenges.
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Thought Innovation (For Special Category Awards)

Judges will consider:

For PropTech Innovation of the Year

- Was an innovative approach used to deliver an outcome? What was this approach (technology, planning, procurement, construction) and why was this used over more conventional solutions?
- Was there significant innovation in design?
- How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?
- How was technology applied to deliver the outcome?
- Any smart information technology applied for document control and communication to enhance productivity?
- Innovation in financing and viability.
- Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?
- Level of creativity in overcoming challenges.
- How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?

Thought Innovation (For Project Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Was an innovative approach used to deliver the outcome?
- Was their significant innovation in design?
- How was technology applied to deliver the outcome?
- Any innovative technology applied to enhance site safety (if applicable)?
- Any smart information technology applied for document control and communication to enhance productivity?
- Demonstration of development and use of innovative materials.
- Use of innovative construction techniques and methods to increase productivity.
- Use of smart information technology for project management and contract administration

Sustainability (For Team Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Does the team demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles (e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation)?
- Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?

Environmental impact:

- Does the team make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of its projects?
- Does the team make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of its projects?

Social impact:

- Does the team engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by its projects?
- Does the team promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?
- How is the team creating better places and spaces for future generations?

Health and well-being:

- How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?

Sustainability (For Individual Awards)

Judges will consider:

- Does the Individual demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles (e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation)?
- Have the sustainability achievements of the Individual been quantified in numerical terms?

Environmental impact:

- Does the Individual make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of projects?
- Does the Individual make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of projects?

Social Impact:

- Does the Individual engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by projects?
- Does the Individual promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?

Health and Well-being

- How has the Individual actively contributed to people's health and well-being?

Sustainability (For Project Awards)

Judges will consider:

- What is the quantitative analysis of sustainability metrics and achievements.
- Demonstration of creating better places and spaces for future generations.
- Demonstrated adoption of sustainable development principles.
- Demonstration of how waste was minimised.
- How has carbon been minimised? Have carbon reduction targets been met?
- Social Impact. Does the project improve sustainability in the community and improve the community more broadly?

For Best Deal of the Year & PropTech Innovation of the Year Award)

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- Social Impact. Does the project improve sustainability in the community and improve the community more broadly?

Sustainability (For Environmental Impact Award)

Judges will consider:

- How does the project demonstrate the highest commitment to sustainability?
- Has the environmental impact of the project been evaluated through an established methodology (e.g. lifecycle assessment)? Was any relevant certification achieved?
- How does the project address the following categories of environmental sustainability?

Climate change mitigation (i.e. carbon reductions)

- Were the carbon emissions (embodied and/or operational) of the project (or the associated asset) measured and reduced?
- How does the carbon footprint of the project compare to conventional practices?

Climate change adaptation

- How does the project increase asset resilience to climate change (e.g. extreme weather events)?
- How does the project increase resilience to climate change?

Resource efficiency and circular economy

- Were efforts made to reduce resource use in comparison to conventional practices (e.g. material recovery/reuse)?
- Were efforts made to ensure future activities (e.g. building demolition) can contribute to a circular economy (e.g. design for deconstruction)?

Air, water and soil pollution

- Did the project minimise (or reverse) the emission of pollutants to air, water and soil?

Biodiversity

- Did the project create the right conditions to increase the biodiversity of the local area?

Water use

- Were efforts made to quantify and reduce (fresh)water use

Land use

- Did the project deliver a change in land use that resulted in a positive environmental impact?



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Any questions?

Key dates – Hong Kong Awards 2026

Nominations close: 8 May 2026

Finalists announced: 21 August 2026

Winners announced at the Hong Kong Awards Ceremony and
Dinner on 23 October 2026

(further details will be available soon)



Thank you

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