



AWARDS
2026

RICS South Asia Awards 2026

Categories & Criteria



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Awards Submission

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.



Project Awards Categories

Best Co-Working Space Award

The co-working space should include scale-able office spaces, cafeterias, 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

Recognizing 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 recognizes 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 recognizes 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.



Project Award Assessment Criteria

<p>Professionalism</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Teamwork / Collaboration</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team, and with stakeholders. • Resources optimization. How were resources effectively utilized 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.
<p>Outcome and Achievement</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable success of the project against predefined targets. • 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.
<p>Thought Innovation</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was an innovative approach used to deliver the outcome? • Was there significant innovation in design? • How was technology applied to deliver the outcome?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Sustainability</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

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. The award is 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.

Team Awards Assessment Criteria

<p>Professionalism</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Teamwork / Collaboration</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Outcome and Achievement</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Thought Innovation</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?
<p>Sustainability 20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?

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.

Design Project of the Year Award Assessment Criteria

Professionalism 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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<p>Teamwork / Collaboration</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Outcome and Achievement</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience?
<p>Thought Innovation</p> <p>30%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

<p>Sustainability</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?
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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.

Proptech Company of the Year Award Assessment Criteria

Professionalism 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
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<p>Teamwork / Collaboration</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Outcome and Achievement</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Thought Innovation</p> <p>30%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

<p>Sustainability</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How has the team actively contributed to people’s health and well-being?
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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.

Sustainability Award Assessment Criteria

<p>Professionalism</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognised third party endorsements of the project as professionally outstanding. • 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 how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.
<p>Teamwork / Collaboration</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

<p>Outcome and Achievement</p> <p>20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>Thought Innovation</p> <p>10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?

<p>Sustainability</p> <p>40%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Climate change mitigation (i.e. carbon reductions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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? <p>Climate change adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the project increase asset resilience to climate change (e.g. extreme weather events)? • How does the project increase resilience to climate change? <p>Resource efficiency and circular economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)? <p>Air, water and soil pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the project minimise (or reverse) the emission of pollutants to air, water and soil? <p>Biodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the project create the right conditions to increase the biodiversity of the local area? <p>Water use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were efforts made to quantify and reduce (fresh)water use <p>Land use</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the project deliver a change in land use that resulted in a positive environmental impact?
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Individual Awards

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 property management, facilities management, valuation 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.

Individual Awards Assessment Criteria

Nominations in the individual awards categories are assessed alongside two overarching criteria:

- Recognised outstanding performance and achievement in the workplace; and
- Recognised contribution to the profession and the wider community with a weighting against five categories, which are:

<p>Professionalism 20%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?
<p>Teamwork / Collaboration 10%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders. • A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in their work. How does the individual embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession? • Contribution of the Individual to social outcomes. • Demonstration of RICS Standards adopted.
<p>Outcome and Achievement 30%</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurable success of achieved outcomes against predefined targets. • Client and or occupier/user or public satisfaction – including testimonials. • Demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management, etc.).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Thought Innovation 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Individual 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 Individual demonstrated resilience and adaptability?
Sustainability 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p>Environmental impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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? <p>Social impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Individual engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by projects? Does the Individual promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability? How is the Individual creating better places and spaces for future generations? <p>Health and well-being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How has the Individual actively contributed to people's health and well-being?

Lifetime Achievement Award Assessment Criteria

Assessed on individual merit	RICS will provide recommendation(s) on the worthy recipient for the judging panel's consideration. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have they contributed significantly to the profession? How?• Have they contributed significantly to RICS? How?• What have they done for the future of the profession?• How have they displayed exemplary professionalism throughout their career?
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