

RICS South Asia Awards 2025

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. We recommend drafting your responses within a word document and then copying and pasting them into the online submission form.

Team Awards

Category	Description	Criteria
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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
Best Office Park of the Year	To recognize a commercial property used as office premises providing amenities for commercial and recreational facilities, etc. and showcased exceptional designs for the properties developed. The eco-friendly commercial property which uses less water, is energy efficient, conserves natural resources, generates less waste and provides healthier space. The project should be completed in the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%

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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 are delivering services in-house. The project should be completed in the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20%

	distribution sector, setting a new standard for excellence. The project should be completed in the 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 2023 or 2024. 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.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 2023 or 2024. 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 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 managed in 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%

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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%

Individual Awards

Category	Description	Criteria
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<p>Construction Professional of the Year</p>	<p>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 2023 or 2024. 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.</p>	<p>Professionalism 20%</p> <p>Teamwork / Collaboration 20%</p> <p>Outcome and Achievement 20%</p> <p>Thought Innovation 20%</p> <p>Sustainability 20%</p>
<p>Property Professional of the Year</p>	<p>Presented to an outstanding individual involved in valuation, property management, facilities management, valuation or acquiring/selling or leasing a commercial, industrial or retail property. The Property Professional of the Year award recognises achievement in property projects during 2023 or 2024. 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.</p>	<p>Professionalism 20%</p> <p>Teamwork / Collaboration 20%</p> <p>Outcome and Achievement 20%</p> <p>Thought Innovation 20%</p> <p>Sustainability 20%</p>
<p>Emerging Achiever of the Year</p>	<p>The future of our profession rests on the shoulders of emerging professionals. The emerging achiever award acknowledges one outstanding individual who has achieved</p>	<p>Professionalism 20%</p> <p>Teamwork / Collaboration 20%</p> <p>Outcome and Achievement 20%</p>

	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.	Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
Woman of the Built Environment Award	The Woman of the Built Environment award recognises women working within departments / disciplines of a real estate organisation that have created an impact, outstanding contributions and achievements within the industry. The award celebrates inspirational role models to inspire the next generation of diverse professionals.	Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Outcome and Achievement 20% Thought Innovation 20% Sustainability 20%
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.	RICS will provide recommendation(s) on the worthy recipient for the judging panel's consideration.

Special Category Team Awards

Category	Description	Criteria
Design Project of the Year	This category recognizes 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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.	Thought Innovation 30% Outcome and Achievement 20% Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Sustainability 10%
Proptech Company of the Year	Recognizing the start-ups, and aspiring entrepreneurs in the prop tech industry that have harnessed technological innovation to revolutionize 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	Thought Innovation 30% Outcome and Achievement 20% Professionalism 20% Teamwork / Collaboration 20% Sustainability 10%
Sustainability Award	This award demonstrates how innovation, design or construction techniques have been	Sustainability 40%

	<p>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 2023 or 2024 calendar year.</p>	<p>Outcome and Achievement 20%</p> <p>Professionalism 20%</p> <p>Teamwork / Collaboration 10%</p> <p>Thought Innovation 10%</p>
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Team Awards Assessment Criteria

Professionalism	<p>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.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors and suppliers (if applicable).</p> <p>Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.</p>
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	Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.
Teamwork / Collaboration	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p> <p>RICS Standards adopted</p>
Outcome and Achievement	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p> <p>What projects has the team successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management e.t.c.)</p> <p>What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience</p>
Thought Innovation	<p>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?</p> <p>How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p>

	<p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability	<p>Does the team demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles? e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation</p> <p>Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</p> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <p>Does the team make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of its projects?</p> <p>Does the team make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of its projects?</p> <p>Social Impact:</p> <p>Does the team engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by its projects?</p> <p>Does the team promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</p> <p>Health and Well-being:</p> <p>How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</p>

Individual Awards Assessment Criteria

Nominations in the individual awards category 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>	<p>Recognised third party endorsements as professionally outstanding. How does the Individual demonstrate the highest standards of professionalism and service?</p> <p>Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Adoption of international standards will be an advantage but is not essential.</p> <p>How does the Individual’s professional advice help deliver a positive impact on the environment?</p>
<p>Teamwork / Collaboration – 20%</p>	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets and with stakeholders.</p> <p>A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion and their work. How does the individual embrace diversity and contribute to a more inclusive profession?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p>

	RICS Standards adopted
Outcome and achievement – 20%	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p> <p>What projects has the Individual successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management e.t.c.)</p>
Thought Innovation 20%	<p>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?</p> <p>How is Individual delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the Individual demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability – 20%	Does the Individual demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles? e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation

	<p>Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</p> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <p>Does the Individual make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of projects?</p> <p>Do the Individual make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of projects?</p> <p>Social Impact:</p> <p>Does the Individual engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by projects?</p> <p>Does the Individual promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</p> <p>Health and Well-being:</p> <p>How has the Individual actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</p>
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Special Category Awards Assessment Criteria

Design Project of the Year

Professionalism	<p>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.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors and suppliers (if applicable).</p> <p>Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.</p> <p>Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p> <p>RICS Standards adopted</p>
Outcome and Achievement	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p>

	<p>What projects has the team successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management e.t.c.)</p> <p>What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience?</p>
Thought Innovation	<p>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?</p> <p>How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability	<p>Does the team demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles? e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation</p> <p>Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</p> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <p>Does the team make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of its projects?</p> <p>Does the team make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of its projects?</p> <p>Social Impact:</p> <p>Does the team engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by its projects?</p>

	<p>Does the team promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</p> <p>Health and Well-being:</p> <p>How has the team actively contributed to people's health and well-being?</p>
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Proptech Company of the Year

Professionalism	<p>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.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Demonstration of using the most appropriate procurement method for engaging contractors and suppliers (if applicable).</p> <p>Demonstration of the ability to resolve disputes.</p> <p>Demonstration of how international standards have been adopted will be an advantage.</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</p> <p>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?</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in any process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p> <p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p>

	RICS Standards adopted.
Outcome and Achievement	<p>Realisation of revenue against a predefined target.</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p> <p>What projects has the team successfully delivered in the previous calendar year?</p> <p>Team demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (building surveying, valuation, facilities management e.t.c.)</p> <p>What steps have been taken to ensure the building's future resilience?</p>
Thought Innovation	<p>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?</p> <p>How is the firm/team delivering an innovative approach which embraces new technologies?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects or tasks that deliver a social impact?</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p> <p>How has the firm/team demonstrated resilience and adaptability?</p>
Sustainability	<p>Does the team demonstrate the adoption of sustainability principles? e.g. climate change mitigation and adaptation, waste reduction, biodiversity conservation, social value creation.</p> <p>Have the sustainability achievements of the team been quantified in numerical terms?</p> <p>Environmental impact:</p> <p>Does the team make efforts to measure and reduce the carbon emissions of its projects?</p>

	<p>Does the team make efforts to quantify and improve the biodiversity impact of its projects?</p> <p>Social Impact:</p> <p>Does the team engage meaningfully with the communities impacted by its projects?</p> <p>Does the team promote and educate stakeholders about sustainability?</p> <p>Health and Well-being:</p> <p>How has the team actively contributed to people’s health and well-being?</p>
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Sustainability Award

Professionalism	<p>Recognised third party endorsements of the project as professionally outstanding.</p> <p>Use of surveying knowledge and/or professional expertise in areas such as technical competence, finance, legal, environment, and sustainability to achieve outcomes.</p> <p>Demonstrated adherence to RICS ethics.</p> <p>Adoption of international standards will be an advantage but is not essential.</p>
Teamwork / Collaboration	<p>Effective coordination of skillsets among members of the team and with stakeholders.</p> <p>A demonstrated commitment to diversity and inclusion in the delivery of the project(s)</p> <p>Detailing of challenges overcome in the process relative to complexity e.g. what were the difficulties or unique challenges? How were these challenges overcome?</p>

	<p>Contribution of the surveyor to social outcomes</p> <p>RICS Standards deployed on the project</p>
Outcome and Achievement	<p>Realisation of nominated project against a predefined target.</p> <p>Cost effectiveness: how was cost managed against a predefined target?</p> <p>Client satisfaction (demonstrated through third party endorsements as appropriate).</p> <p>Project demonstrates best practices in appropriate profession (property, building surveying, facilities management, etc).</p>
Thought Innovation	<p>Are innovative approaches used to deliver outcomes?</p> <p>Is technology embraced within the team?</p> <p>Innovation in financing and viability</p> <p>New approaches in the planning, procurement, construction, delivery or outcome measurements on projects</p> <p>Are innovative strategies embedded on projects that deliver a social impact</p> <p>Level of creativity in overcoming challenges</p>
Sustainability	<p>How does the project demonstrate the highest commitment to sustainability?</p> <p>Has the environmental impact of the project been evaluated through an established methodology? (e.g. lifecycle assessment) Was any relevant certification achieved?</p> <p>How does the project address the following categories of environmental sustainability?</p>

	<p>Climate change mitigation (i.e. carbon reductions)</p> <p>Were the carbon emissions (embodied and/or operational) of the project (or the associated asset) measured and reduced?</p> <p>How does the carbon footprint of the project compare to conventional practices?</p> <p>Climate change adaptation</p> <p>How does the project increase asset resilience to climate change (e.g. extreme weather events)?</p> <p>How does the project increase resilience to climate change?</p> <p>Resource efficiency and circular economy</p> <p>Were efforts made to reduce resource use in comparison to conventional practices? E.g. material recovery/reuse</p> <p>Were efforts made to ensure future activities (e.g. building demolition) can contribute to a circular economy? (e.g. design for deconstruction)</p> <p>Air, water and soil pollution</p> <p>Did the project minimise (or reverse) the emission of pollutants to air, water and soil?</p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Did the project create the right conditions to increase the biodiversity of the local area?</p> <p>Water use</p> <p>Were efforts made to quantify and reduce (fresh)water use?</p>
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	Land use Did the project deliver a change in land use that resulted in a positive environmental impact?
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