ARCHITECT OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2026

Rules of entry & eligibility:

- For the purposes of these awards the word "building" includes any structure - whether new, restored, rehabilitated or converted - that contains an element of executed design work

- All the projects on the panel must have been designed by an individual architect or architectural firm whose principals are registered with ARB apart from the Interior category. The Interior Architect category is open to members of the British Institute of Interior Design. The principals of practices entering the Employer category must also be registered with ARB.

- Practices can enter as many categories as they wish to

- A minimum of TWO and a maximum of FOUR projects should be entered into each category. Your entry should reflect a body of work in a particular area, e.g. housing. (Different rules apply for 'One off Small Project of the Year' and 'One off Major Project of the Year' whereby only one project needs to be submitted, Best Architect Employer of the Year, the Digital design innovation and optimisation award and Manufacturing/Industry Partner Award)

- Only one completed building or project from outside the UK can be entered into each category. (Different rules apply for Young Architect & Best Architectural Employer)

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Your entry presentation

- Please prepare your entry as electronic A1 scale landscape presentation panels in pdf format. For entries with two panels please submit these as separate pages in one pdf document.
- Your entry must include one built project within the year December 1 2024 – 1 December 2025. Other projects can be built, or unbuilt, but completed projects must have been finished within the last 3 years, after 1 December 2022.
- A maximum of TWO panels showing a minimum of TWO and a maximum of FOUR projects should be submitted
- Please include the name of the practice and the title of the category you are entering on your entry
- Please make a clear distinction between completed projects and uncompleted or unbuilt work including the completion dates. You may choose to use separate boards to display the two types
- For each project in the entry, please include:

- Name of practice, the project's name, location, client, dates for the commencement and completion of construction and contract value
- A concise 100-250 word description of the project, conveying the challenge of the brief, the design intent, and key facts
- As many photographs, sketches and/or visualisations as you feel appropriate
- At least one plan and one section drawing. A location plan is recommended, particularly for the public realm and placemaking category.