

MALAYSIA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL



Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2026

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Submission Deadline: 29 May 2026

Established Member of



Advancing Net Zero



Award Night



Sustainability Leader



Circularity Champion



Climate Champion



Sustainability Partners



Honouring Excellence in Malaysia's Built Environment

The malaysiaGBC Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2026 recognise individuals, organisations and projects driving measurable progress in sustainability across Malaysia's buildings, cities and communities.

First established in 2014 as a biennial programme, the Awards have evolved into a national benchmark for leadership in sustainable development — recognising excellence, innovation and real-world impact.

As the climate transition accelerates, the role of buildings and cities has never been more critical. The Awards recognise those leading this transformation — advancing climate action, strengthening resilience and rethinking how our built environments are planned, delivered and operated.

Aligned with the World Green Building Council's (WorldGBC) global and Asia Pacific priorities, the programme reflects a shared commitment to advancing net zero carbon, resilience and wellbeing, while scaling high-impact solutions across the region.

Selected recipients may be nominated to represent Malaysia at the WorldGBC 2026 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards.



Award Recognition & Impact

National Recognition

Position your work among Malaysia's leading sustainability initiatives, with achievements validated by an independent panel of industry experts. **Supports differentiation in proposals, tenders and stakeholder engagement.**

Regional Visibility

Finalists and recipients gain exposure through malaysiaGBC platforms and, where applicable, the World Green Building Council's Asia Pacific network — strengthening regional visibility. **Elevates your profile with partners, clients and collaborators**

Industry Credibility

Recognition reinforces technical credibility, builds stakeholder confidence and strengthens brand positioning in a sustainability-driven market. **Strengthens ESG positioning, investor confidence and long-term value.**



Schedule & Key Dates

SUBMISSION

Call for Nominations Opens
1 April 2026 | Wednesday

Online Briefings
7 April 2026 | Tuesday
10:00am - 11:00am

8 April 2026 | Wednesday
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Submission Deadline
29 May 2026, 11:59PM | Friday

JUDGING SESSION

Judging Session
10 June 2026 | Wednesday

Announcement of Results
17 June 2026 | Wednesday

**Nomination Deadline —
WorldGBC 2026 Asia Pacific
Leadership in Green Building
Awards**
26 June 2026 | Friday

AWARDS CEREMONY

**malaysiaGBC Leadership in
Sustainability Awards
Ceremony**
13 August 2026 | Thursday

**WorldGBC 2026 Asia Pacific
Leadership in Green Building
Awards Ceremony (Hong Kong)**
10 December 2026 | Thursday

**Timeline subject to changes*



Nomination Fee

malaysiaGBC Member:
RM 450 per nomination

Non-member:
RM 900 per nomination

- All fees are inclusive of 8% SST.
- Nomination fees are non-refundable.



Payable to:
Malaysia Green Building Council

Account No.:
5142 5353 3659

Bank:
Malayan Banking Berhad (MBB)

Selection for the WorldGBC 2026 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards

Selected recipients may be invited to represent Malaysia at the **WorldGBC 2026 Asia Pacific Leadership in Green Building Awards**.

An additional submission fee of USD 400 will apply for entries selected to proceed to the regional awards. This fee is not included in the malaysiaGBC nomination fee.



How to Submit

Complete your entry in four simple steps:

STEP 1: REGISTRATION

- Complete the Nomination Form at: mgbc.org.my/nominationform2026
 - An invoice for the nomination fee will be issued via email.
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STEP 2: PAYMENT

- Make payment and email the payment slip to: awards@mgbc.org.my
 - Full payment must be completed before the submission deadline.
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STEP 3: PREPARE SUBMISSION

- Download the submission template at: bit.ly/awardsubmission2026
 - Prepare your entry in accordance with the submission guidelines.
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STEP 4: SUBMIT ENTRY

- Email your completed submission and supporting documents to: awards@mgbc.org.my
- **Submission Deadline:** 29 May 2026 (Friday), 11:59 PM



Submission Guidelines

Submission Requirements

- A submission will only be considered complete upon receipt of the nomination form, supporting documentation and full payment.
- Submissions must be received by the submission deadline. Late submissions may not be accepted.
- Submissions should primarily reflect work undertaken within the past three years.
- Multiple submissions may be made for different projects or categories..

Format and Limits

- Submissions must be compiled into a single PDF document.
- Maximum 500 words per question (unless otherwise stated).
- Submissions exceeding these limits may not be reviewed at the discretion of the jury panel.

Supplementary Materials

- Supporting documents are intended to provide additional information to substantiate the submission and will be reviewed at the discretion of the jury panel. They are not an extension of the main submission.
- Must be submitted as separate PDF or JPG file(s).
- Must be clearly labelled and referenced in the main submission.



Award Categories

1 Business Leadership in Sustainability

ORGANISATIONS

2 Leadership in the Sustainable Built Environment

INDIVIDUALS

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

PROJECTS

4 Leadership in Sustainable Materials and Products

MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS



Award Categories

1 Business Leadership in Sustainability

1A Developer

1B Industry

2 Leadership in the Sustainable Built Environment

2A Individual

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3A Commercial - New Building

3B Commercial - Existing Building

3C Residential - New Building

3D Residential - Existing Building

3E Institutional - New and Existing Buildings

3F Biodiversity/Placemaking/Community

4 Leadership in Sustainable Materials and Products

4A Materials and Products



1 Business Leadership in Sustainability

This category recognises organisations that embed sustainability and resilience into decision-making and delivery, accelerating market transformation across the built environment.

This category includes two sub-categories:

1A

Business Leadership in Sustainability Developer

This category is open to organisations whose primary role is to initiate, develop and deliver real estate and built assets.

This includes organisations that lead the development process through site selection, investment decisions, project delivery and asset creation, whether for sale, lease or long-term ownership. This includes property developers and real estate development arms of larger groups where development is a core function.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) **Strategic Leadership and Accountability – 15%**
- 2) **Demonstrated Performance & Measurable Impact – 20%**
- 3) **Resilience and Future Readiness – 15%**
- 4) **Equity, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 10%**
- 5) **Collaboration and Market Transformation – 10%**
- 6) **Business Value – 10%**
- 7) **Portfolio and Development Model Transformation – 10%**
- 8) **Enabling Progress through Policy, Finance and Industry Alignment – 10%**

1 Business Leadership in Sustainability

1B

Business Leadership in Sustainability Industry

This category is open to built environment organisations across the wider value chain, excluding developers, that enable and accelerate sustainable buildings.

This includes, but is not limited to, architects and engineers, consultants, contractors, manufacturers and suppliers, technology providers, asset and facilities managers, investors and financiers, occupiers and corporate real estate teams, and other service providers whose work influences building performance, resilience, wellbeing, circularity and market transformation.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) **Strategic Leadership and Accountability** – 15%
- 2) **Demonstrated Performance & Measurable Impact** – 20%
- 3) **Resilience and Future Readiness** – 15%
- 4) **Equity, Wellbeing and People Outcomes** – 10%
- 5) **Collaboration and Market Transformation** – 10%
- 6) **Business Value** – 10%
- 7) **Demand, Finance, Products or Services That Accelerate the Transition** – 10%
- 8) **Tools, Transparency and Comparability** – 10%

2 Leadership in the Sustainable Built Environment

This category recognises individuals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and made a significant contribution to advancing sustainability across the building and construction sector. This includes leadership demonstrated through projects, organisations, policy, research, innovation and broader industry influence.

2A

Leadership in the Sustainable Built Environment
Individual

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Leadership and Influence - 25%
 - 2) Demonstrated Outcomes and Impact - 30%
 - 3) Resilience and Future Readiness - 15%
 - 4) Equity, Wellbeing and People Outcomes - 15%
 - 5) Collaboration and Systems Change - 10%
 - 6) Knowledge-sharing and Legacy - 5%
- Summary Statement (optional, not scored)

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3A

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance **Commercial – New Building**

This category recognises excellence in the design and delivery of new commercial buildings that demonstrate high performance in carbon, resilience, wellbeing and resource efficiency.

Submissions should be based on a specific project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its development, design, delivery or operation. The submission should clearly identify a single project and describe its performance, outcomes and impact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) High-performance Design Integration and Delivery – 15%
- 8) Occupier Value and Long-term Asset Quality – 10%

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3B

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance Commercial – Existing Building

This category recognises excellence in the retrofit, repositioning and performance improvement of existing commercial buildings, demonstrating measurable performance improvement and high performance in carbon, resilience, wellbeing and resource efficiency.

Submissions should be based on a specific project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its design, retrofit, delivery or operation. The submission should clearly identify a single project and describe its performance, outcomes, improvement and impact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) Demonstrated Retrofit Uplift (Before/After) – 15%
- 8) Asset Longevity and Obsolescence Avoidance – 10%

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3C

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance Residential – New Building

This category recognises excellence in the design and delivery of new residential buildings that deliver high performance in carbon, resilience, wellbeing and resource efficiency, supporting healthier, more liveable homes and communities.

Submissions should be based on a specific project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its development, design, delivery or operation. The submission should clearly identify a single project and describe its performance, outcomes and impact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) Liveability, Comfort and Resilience for Residents – 15%
- 8) Community Outcomes and Inclusivity – 10%

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3D

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance Residential – Existing Building

This category recognises excellence in the retrofit, repositioning and performance improvement of existing residential buildings and communities, demonstrating measurable performance improvement and high performance in carbon, resilience, wellbeing and resource efficiency.

Submissions should be based on a specific project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its design, retrofit, delivery or operation. The submission should clearly identify a single project and describe its performance, outcomes, improvement and impact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) Retrofit Outcomes for Resident Comfort and Performance – 15%
- 8) Affordability, Durability and Practical Scalability – 10%

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3E

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance Institutional – New and Existing Buildings

This category recognises excellence in the design and delivery of new and existing institutional buildings (e.g. education, healthcare, civic and public facilities) that demonstrate high performance in carbon, resilience, wellbeing and resource efficiency.

Submissions should be based on a specific project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its development, design, delivery or operation. The submission should clearly identify a single project and describe its performance, outcomes, impact and contribution to service delivery and users.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) Continuity of Service, Safety and Resilience Outcomes – 15%
- 8) Public Value and Replicability Across Systems – 10%

3 Leadership in Sustainable Design and Performance

3F

Leadership in the Sustainable Design and Performance
Biodiversity/ Placemaking/ Community

This category recognises excellence in projects that enhance biodiversity, create meaningful places and strengthen communities (e.g. public realm, parks, urban regeneration, nature-based solutions and community-led or ecological initiatives), demonstrating strong outcomes in biodiversity, climate resilience, wellbeing, resource efficiency and community value.

Submissions should be based on a single project and may be submitted by any organisation or project team involved in its development, design, delivery or operation. Entries should clearly describe the project's performance, outcomes and impact.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Carbon and Energy Performance Outcomes – 20%
- 2) Resilience, Risk and Adaptive Capacity – 20%
- 3) Health, Wellbeing and People Outcomes – 15%
- 4) Nature, Resources and Circularity – 10%
- 5) Replicability, Transparency and Contribution to Market Transformation – 5%
- 6) Articulating the Business Case – 5%
- 7) Transformative Socio-Ecological Integration and Stewardship – 25%

4 Leadership in Sustainable Materials and Products

4A

Leadership in Sustainable Materials and Products

This category recognises excellence in the development, manufacturing and application of sustainable materials and products that contribute to low-carbon, circular and high-performance built environments.

Submissions may include products, material systems, emerging technologies or innovations that demonstrate measurable improvements in embodied carbon, resource efficiency, durability, health and circularity across their lifecycle. Entries should clearly describe the material or product, its intended application and its performance outcomes, including how it enables improved environmental and social outcomes in the built environment.

JUDGING CRITERIA

100%

- 1) Environmental Performance and Embodied Carbon – 30%
- 2) Circularity, Durability and Resource Efficiency – 25%
- 3) Application, Performance and User Outcomes – 20%
- 4) Market Impact, Scalability and Innovation – 25%

Learn More

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Enquiries

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