



## GRI AWARDS GLOBAL 2025 – GENERAL REGULATIONS

### 1. ABOUT THE AWARDS

The GRI Awards are a recognition by the GRI Club of companies that have excelled in the global real estate market, representing excellence and innovation in the sector with projects that serve as benchmarks in their respective categories.

### 2. AWARD COORDINATION

The GRI Awards were launched in 2019 and are organised by the GRI Club. This institution brings together leaders from companies operating in the real estate industry across more than 110 countries.

Founded in 1998 in London, GRI Club fosters relationships and connections among executives to generate new business opportunities, as well as promote closer ties and partnerships between the public and private sectors, encouraging the growth of both industries through the production and distribution of content.

### 3. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION AND PARTICIPATION

The GRI Awards Global 2025 are open to professionals operating in the global real estate market. Any company from any country may submit projects for the awards within the announced deadline. All project submissions must be accompanied by a submission fee, with different tiers available depending on the number of categories for which the project is nominated.

- **Eligibility:**

Companies must ensure that the projects or transactions meet the eligibility criteria specific to each category. For all award categories, submitted projects must comply with the following conditions:

- Projects must be completed or scheduled for completion in at least one phase between **January 2024 and December 2030**.
- There is **no limit** to the number of projects a company may submit, as long as each submission meets the eligibility criteria.
- A single project may be submitted in **multiple categories**, provided it meets the specific requirements of each. The project will be evaluated independently in each category.
- Projects previously submitted to past editions of the GRI Awards may be resubmitted for the 2025 edition **as long as they were not winners in their categories** in those past editions.
- Projects that do not meet these criteria will be **automatically disqualified**.

- **Submission Fee:**

Only after confirmation of payment of the **submission fee of USD 800 per project** will the project be officially eligible for evaluation and participation.



- **Refund Policy:**

There will be **no refund** of the submission fee under any circumstances, including for projects that are not selected as finalists.

- **Deadlines:**

All submissions must be completed by the specified deadline.

- **Information Provided:**

All required information, such as project details, company details, and nominators' information, must be properly filled out. Incomplete entries will not be considered.

- **Authenticity:**

All information provided must be truthful and verifiable. Misrepresentation may result in disqualification.

- **Disclosure Authorisation:**

By submitting their projects, companies acknowledge and agree that all provided information, including project descriptions, company names, and photos, may be used by the GRI Awards for promotional purposes, including but not limited to marketing materials, publications, and event presentations.

- **Cancellation of Award Categories:**

If a category does not receive at least three eligible project submissions by the final submission deadline, that category will be automatically removed from the awards program. In such cases, companies that submitted projects in the affected category will be notified and may choose to:

- (i) transfer their submission to another eligible category, provided the project meets the new criteria, or
- (ii) receive a **full refund of the submission fee**. This refund exception applies only to this specific scenario.

- **Integration with Regional GRI Awards:**

Projects awarded **1st place in equivalent categories** at regional GRI Awards editions (Brazil, Europe, Mexico, India, Andean) may be considered as **automatic finalists (Top 10)** for the GRI Awards Global 2025 or 2026, depending on the timeline of each regional ceremony.

#### 4. AWARDS STRUCTURE

Winners will be determined in three stages:

1. Project submissions will be received through the official awards website.
2. A judging panel composed of professionals from the real estate sector, academics, and representatives from associations and unions (who do not have any competing projects) will evaluate the submissions.
3. Up to 10 projects per category will move forward for a final vote composed of:
  - The judging panel



- Public voting

The weight of the public vote will be equivalent to a single judge's vote. In the case of a technical tie, GRI Club reserves the right to cast the deciding vote.

**5. CATEGORIES** The GRI Awards Global 2025 will include the following categories, with the following considerations:

- **Person of the Year:** This category will not be open for public submissions. It is a tribute awarded by the GRI Club to a distinguished leader previously selected by the regional real estate industry. There will be no public voting, and GRI Club retains full discretion to nominate and honour any executive in this category without consent or participation of the public.
- **Inspiring Female Leader of the Year:** This category will not be open for public submissions. It is a tribute awarded by the GRI Club to a distinguished leader previously selected by the regional real estate industry. There will be no public voting, and GRI Club retains full discretion to nominate and honour any executive in this category without consent or participation of the public.
- **Fundraising of the Year:** Celebrates the most notable fundraising initiative supporting real estate developments or transactions.
- **Institutional Investor of the Year:** Recognises the institutional investor with significant transactions, diversification efforts, and positive impacts in the European market.
- **Residential Project of the Year:** For developers who delivered residential projects between 2024 and 2025, or with construction completion scheduled up to December 2030. If the project is divided into multiple phases, at least one phase must meet these delivery or forecast criteria.
- **Industrial & Logistics Project of the Year:** Recognises excellence in logistics and/or industrial real estate projects, including warehouses, logistics parks, or Built-to-Suit (BTS) facilities.
- **Corporate Project of the Year:** Highlights office or corporate real estate projects that exemplify innovation, sustainability, and design.
- **Retail Project of the Year:** Recognises delivery or expansion of shopping centres, retail parks, outlets, or strip malls with a minimum GLA of 5,000 square meters.
- **Hospitality Project of the Year:** Celebrates the best in hotel or hospitality projects, whether greenfield or retrofit, with a minimum of 40 rooms.
- **Build-to-Rent (BTR) Project of the Year:** For developers delivering top-quality residential-for-rent properties across economy, mid-range, or luxury markets.
- **Data Centre Project of the Year:** Honours innovative real estate developments supporting data storage and technology infrastructure.



- **Retrofit Project of the Year:** For impactful retrofit or repurposing of existing real estate assets.
- **Sustainability Highlight of the Year:** Rewards projects that demonstrate outstanding ESG performance, innovation, and sustainable practices.
- **Architectural Highlight of the Year:** Celebrates architectural excellence and creativity in real estate project design.
- **Social Action Project of the Year:** Recognises companies with outstanding volunteerism, philanthropy, or social responsibility initiatives in the real estate sector.
- **Transaction of the Year:** Awards outstanding real estate transactions, based on volume, complexity, and market impact. Only transactions involving asset purchase/sale are eligible. Transactions must have a financial volume equal to or greater than EUR 50 million to qualify.
- **Real Estate Destination of the Year:** Recognises cities or municipalities offering the most attractive investment environment and positive local impact.
- **Proptech of the Year:** Honours proptech companies offering innovative solutions across the real estate value chain.

## 6. JUDGING PANEL

The judging panel will be composed of qualified professionals, academics, and representatives from associations and sector unions. No panel member may have any connection with a project nominated for the award.

Evaluation criteria will include:

- Presentation and clarity of project information
- Innovation and impact
- Relevance to the category
- Sustainability and ESG principles (when applicable)

## 7. FINALISTS AND WINNERS

Up to 10 projects will be selected as finalists per category. From these, the top 3 will be disclosed, and the winners will be announced during the awards ceremony in Abu Dhabi.

The GRI Awards Global 2025 will take place on **November 5th, 2025**, at the **Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi at Al Maryah Island**.

## 8. SUBMISSION DEADLINE AND FEE

The deadline for project submissions is **September 12, 2025** (with possible extension). Each submission must be accompanied by the applicable fee of USD 800.

## 9. AWARDS TIMELINE



- **Project Submissions:** June 16 – September 12, 2025
- **Eligibility Review by Organizing Committee:** September 13 – September 18, 2025
- **Evaluation by Judging Panel:** September 19 – September 26, 2025
- **Top 10 Finalists Announcement:** September 22, 2025
- **Public Voting Period:** September 22 – October 10, 2025
- **Top 3 Finalists Announcement:** October 13, 2025
- **Awards Ceremony & Cocktail:** November 5, 2025

*Venue: Four Seasons Hotel Abu Dhabi at Al Maryah Island*

## **10. FINAL CONSIDERATIONS**

GRI Club reserves the right to update this regulation at any time to ensure the best execution of the GRI Awards. All participants agree to these terms upon registration.

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