



IAM UAE CHAPTER AWARDS 2026

Submission Guidelines



The IAM UAE Chapter Awards acknowledge and celebrate the outstanding work done by asset management professionals, organizations and teams from across the United Arab Emirates.

Commitment, quality and foresight are vital to the success of asset management - along with innovation, adaptation and social awareness.

These awards are an opportunity for you to showcase the excellent work you're doing, wherever you are and whichever industry sector you operate in. By submitting your leading examples of good asset management practice, it's a chance for you to celebrate your successes and share them with a wider network across the professional landscape.

We can't wait to see your submissions, and to be able to share and celebrate the work you've been doing!



The awards are open to entries from individuals or organizations involved in the profession of asset management, at any level of asset management maturity.

We accept (and encourage!) submissions from any region and in any business sector - asset management is a practice that can be applied to a huge variety of industries, and we want to see and share as many of them as possible!

Each award category has its own submission information, but all entries are subject to the following:

- Submissions must relate to activity and initiatives that have occurred in the last 12-18 months.
- Submissions should be made in English; however, if this is a serious barrier, please contact the IAM office.
- Submissions must align fully to the criteria and describe the notable achievements as well as providing the key data and physical evidence that verifies the successes described.
- Multiple categories are allowed per organization, but each must have a separate submission and it must be relevant to the category (e.g. not the same project from a different perspective).
- Submissions must be written in a maximum of 2,400 words. You can include links in the text, and have the option to upload supporting documents (PDFs, videos etc), although this is not mandatory and being for reference or context, will not be judged in its own right as a part of your submission.

Award Categories

Individual Achievement Award

For an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of asset management, and/or the IAM. Advancement will be judged by the benefit to society and the wider asset management community, particularly by improving widespread awareness and understanding or the increased adoption of asset management philosophy.

- Relevant contributions include examples such as:
 - explicitly increased recognition of the value of our philosophy, perhaps by an important professional body or new sector e.g. Government(s);
 - significant additions to the asset management knowledge base (not only the IAM's);
 - helping to separate the 'integrating' approach of true asset management from managing the assets or the mistaken assumption that this is engineering;
 - spreading our thinking into business schools and education generally;
 - converging thinking worldwide to enhance credibility of asset management, particularly the long-term value recognised as more than financial and so forth.
- Your submission must focus on your personal activities and achievements over the past 12 – 18 months.
- Your involvement in a project or initiative may have started prior to this, but the submission should relate to recent successes.
- You must describe and evidence your personal contribution for which you wish to be recognised, where the achievement has been accomplished with others.
- Your submission for this award may acknowledge, but must not depend upon others; in other words, the leadership and/or work should be your own.
- This category is being recognized by some of our Chapters. If you submit an entry your application will automatically be transferred to the relevant Chapter awards, where applicable.



Digital Innovation Award

This award honors innovative advancements in asset management in the face of the current challenges. The individual or organization should have applied good asset management principles in adapting to new technologies, advancements in digital capabilities and meeting competitive, digital business and/or consumer trends that have taken place in the previous year. It is for those who are on the cutting edge of asset management innovation and are pioneers or early adapters to new methods, theories and tools.

- Your submission must explain how the advancement achieved would not have been possible, or as successful, without the use of new digital technologies.
- The initiative must align with good asset management principles in relation to the decision to use a digital solution.
- Your submission should focus on how you adapted your processes or operations to include new technologies and advancements in digital capabilities.
- Your submission should focus on demonstrating how you addressed competitive, digital business and/or consumer trends
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Corporate/Organization Transformation Award



This award recognises the asset management journey; the progression of an organization in achieving asset management maturity, and the excellence displayed by organizations to progress their asset management competence.

- Any organizational effort towards the asset management Journey, regardless of the asset management maturity, is considered in this award.
- You must describe and evidence how the outcome from these initiatives has advanced your organization's contribution to internal and external stakeholders.
- Your submission must detail the nature of your achievement in relation to the overall asset management of the organization regardless of the level of asset management maturity involved.
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Team Achievement Award

This award honors an operational team or department who have made a significant contribution to their organization or the asset management knowledge base. Each team consists of people from across the organization, or from other organizations, reflecting that this was a collaborative effort.

- Your submission must focus on how teamwork was central to the success of the project or initiative, and the collaborative working involved.
- You should evidence the impact that the project or initiative has had on the organization or the asset management knowledge base.
- Your submission should include a description of the different skillsets and people within the team and how they were utilized to produce a positive outcome for the organization or advance the asset management knowledge base.
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NxtGen Award

This award is for an individual new to asset management who can demonstrate personal progress in understanding the discipline and using that knowledge to inspire and support others to do the same.

- You must have either started your career or moved into the field of asset management within the last two years.
- Your submission must focus on the reasons why you chose to join the asset management profession and the steps you have taken to progress your understanding and development in this field.
- Your submission must also include how you have used your new knowledge and experience to inspire others to follow a similar path.
- This category is being recognized by some of our Chapters. If you submit an entry your application will automatically be transferred to the relevant Chapter awards, where applicable.



General terms and conditions

- Submissions may be used by the IAM to produce promotional material if you are a finalist or winner and may be shared with media partners for press releases, articles or other content. You may also be contacted by our official media partners, who will be further named when you are notified of being a finalist.
- Entries will be judged by a panel of independent experts, from a broad range of industries and regions.
- Judging decisions are final and no feedback will be given from the judging panel.
- By submitting, you are agreeing that if you are named a finalist, you are committed to participating in the IAM UAE Chapter Awards Ceremony that will take place in April 2026. Winners from each category will automatically become a finalist at the IAM Asset Management Excellence Awards that will be held in London on the 17 June 2026.
- Winners will be first announced during the official awards ceremony and promoted on our website and other media following that.
- Organizations and individuals may announce their success as a finalist or winner of an award in press releases, advertising, promotions etc, subject to announcements rights being first given to any media partner of the awards.
- Accreditation should always be included and in the format of 'Winner/Finalists of [name of category] at the IAM UAE Chapter Awards 2026 (theIAM.org/awards)'.



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Deadline: 12 January 2026

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