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In-Touch Advisory updates 2023-Q4

1. **Five years on**, and In-Touch Advisory finished 2023 well. Thank you to our clients, colleagues and collaborators for your support and challenging opportunities.
2. **COP28**: the UN climate change conference 30 November to 12 December 2023 in Dubai. COP28 provided landmark agreements to support vulnerable nations and a clear ambition to transition away from fossil fuels. Some countries committing to built environment carbon emissions reductions. To achieve these global goals, carbon emissions from steel, cement and concrete need to decrease by more than [90% by 2050](#) per the [GPP Pledge](#). However, COP28 seems dominated by incrementalism when transformation is needed.
3. **Congratulation**: to the Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council ([ASBEC](#)) on celebrating 20 years of industry leadership in October.
4. **World Standards Day 2023**: a “*shared vision for a better world*” was this year’s theme with an emphasis on the importance of standards in technology and in support of the SDGs. This annual event was celebrated on 14 October, globally by ISO/TC 267, and locally by Standards Australia in Sydney. We were delighted to participate in both.
5. **RICS Regulated Firm**: In-Touch Advisory’s status has been renewed for 2024.
6. **Events**: we were delighted to support the following webinars:
 - FMCC & RLB Singapore – “Decarbonization & the Built Environment: using integrated life cycle and carbon emissions reporting” on [2 Nov](#).
 - IWFM Dublin – “Sustainability: FM standards charting the course” on [12 Dec](#).
 - AIQS – “ISO standards update: Asset / Facility Management and the SDGs” on [23 Jan](#).
7. **Welcome 2024**: Despite regional conflict and disorder in an increasingly multipolar world; continuing impacts of COVID-19; the challenges and opportunities posed by climate change risks and rapid technological progress; according to [Ipsos](#) surveys globally overall optimism for the coming year appears to be on the rise.




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As part of our **SDGs action plan**, this quarter we are continuing our support of the **Australian Red Cross**. 

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