



### In-Touch Advisory updates 2025-Q3

1. **World Economic Forum:** Latest Outlook explores the latest dynamics shaping the global economy, including growth, inflation, policy shifts and technology's disruptive impact. It highlights the uncertainty of the current environment, underscored by intensifying trade tensions, shifting policies and rapid advances in artificial intelligence – [September 2025 WEF Outlook](#).

2. **RICS:** *Responsible use of artificial intelligence in surveying practice*, 1<sup>st</sup> ed. launched – [Link](#).

3. **Asia Pacific Awards:** are in full swing this quarter, celebrating the best of our Built Environment from across the region, during August/September:

**RICS 2025** [Australia Awards](#), Melbourne; [New Zealand Awards](#), Auckland; [South Asia Awards](#), Bengaluru; with [Southeast Asia Awards](#), Singapore upcoming 30 October. **SIFMA 2025** [FMES Awards](#), Singapore.



Thank you to the organisers, participants and judges. Congratulations to all the winners, and [John Goddard](#) FRICS on his 2025 Lifetime Achievement Award.

4. **Net Zero Local Reports:** The Australian Government is committed to achieving our 2035 target of 62–70% below 2005 levels and net zero by 2050. The following provides a holistic approach to emissions reduction for our industry:

- *Net Zero: Built Environment Sector Plan*, Treasury and the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, September 2025 – [Australian Government link](#).

- *Delivering Net Zero Infrastructure: Workforce Report*, Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC), August 2025 – [Link](#).



5. **IFMA article:** *Standards for Sustainable FM: the ISO 41000 series* – [Link](#).



6. **FM masterclass:** great catching-up with industry leaders at the FMA Australia's [FM Connect](#) national conference during August in Adelaide. We were delighted to and support the new event format and contribute: [ISO 41000 series masterclass](#).



7. **Condolences:** [Mike Liddle](#), our dear friend and FM industry stalwart passed away in August.

8. **Minimum Wages:** this quarter started with a 3.5% increase to the Australian national minimum wage and minimum award wages effective from 1 July 2025 – [Link](#).

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Per our **SDGs action plan**, this quarter we are continuing to support  **Vinnies** good works and  **Future Ukraine**

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