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In-Touch Advisory updates 2025-Q4

- Welcome to 2026**, thank you to all of our clients, colleagues and collaborators for your support and interesting project opportunities in 2025, and HNY. Anticipating your 2026 challenges and exceeding your expectations with insightful, timely and cost-effective solutions for your Built Environment life cycle. 
- 2026 Outlook:** According to the UN's DESA [World Economic Situation and Prospects 2026](#) report, global economic output is forecast to grow by 2.7% in 2026, slightly below the 2.8% estimated for 2025 and well below the pre-pandemic average of 3.2%.
The UN's Secretary-General, António Guterres said "a combination of economic, geopolitical and technological tensions is reshaping the global landscape, generating new economic uncertainty and social vulnerabilities". Further "many developing economies continue to struggle and, as a result, progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) remains distant for much of the world." 
- World Standards Day 2025:** This past quarter saw on 14 October the global community (ISO, IEC, and ITU) came together to celebrate [World Standards Day 2025](#), and recognize the role of international standards in creating a more connected, secure, and sustainable world. The 2025 focus being on [SDG 17](#): Partnerships, and the need for collaboration across industries, governments, and organizations to achieve common objectives of the UN's Agenda 2030.
- RICS:** The [RICS Sustainability Report](#) (Nov. 2025) offers a roadmap for assessing current practices, identifying challenges, and planning next steps – covering where advancements are slowing down; achievement variances across different regions; and immediately actionable strategies. 
A full year in, Stephen Ballesty will continue his RICS Governing Council | Asia Pacific geographic seat duties attending meetings in London and Singapore in January 2026.
Also congratulations to Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS as the incoming 144th President of the RICS, and confirming our four key focus areas for members in 2026: Skills, Homes & Infrastructure, Sustainability & Resilience, and Data & Technology.
- IFMA Asia Pacific Awards of Excellence link:** With a record 179 nominations, the winners will recognized at [World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2026](#) in Hong Kong in May. 
- ISO confirmed:** Standards Australia MB-022's International Participation Case (IPC) has been endorsed for a further three (3) years. ISO 41000 series FM standards continues: [ISO/TC 267](#).
- RICS confirmed:** In-Touch Advisory has been re-accredited for 2025/26 as 'regulated by [RICS](#)'.

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Per our **SDGs action plan**, this quarter we are continuing to support  and 

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