



In-Touch Advisory updates 2026-Q1

- Global Outlook:** There seems to be no shortage of challenges, and market uncertainties abound with forecasts needing to be revised regularly. Obviously, since our last quarter update, concerns about the global implications of the 2026 Iran War have been a major focus. While the scope and duration of the conflict cannot be predicted, the short to medium-term implications for capital projects include cost escalation, supply chain disruptions, and risk-averse market behaviours.

Regardless of the outcome, the conflict will likely have far-reaching environmental, social, and governance (ESG) consequences, impacting our global performance in relation to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- RICS:** Nick Maclean OBE RD FRICS, Global President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) will be visiting Auckland and Sydney in late April to meet members, industry colleagues and to mark ANZAC Day.



Nick Maclean will also be speaking at the [RICS Australasia Commercial Management of Construction Conference](#) on 30 April in Sydney.

Stephen Ballesty will be representing the RICS Governing Council in early May, and speaking at IFMA's [World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2026](#) (WWAP'26) on 6-7 May in Hong Kong.

- Industry:** Other events and celebrations we are contributing to for 2026-Q2:

- [Sydney Build Expo 2026](#), 29-30 April in Sydney.
- IFMA Asia Pacific Awards of Excellence ceremony, 7 May in Hong Kong.
- ISO/TC 267 19th Plenary meeting, 8 May in Lisbon, Portugal
- FMA Australia's World FM Day event, 13 May in Sydney, plus similar in Adelaide, Canberra, Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth.
- SIFMA Fac. Management Experts Summit Awards ceremony, 31 July in Singapore.





- NCC:** Following the release last year by the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) of the preview version of the [National Construction Code \(NCC 2025\)](#), to provide practitioners the opportunity to understand the changes that may apply in their jurisdiction. Australian states and territories may consider adoption from 1 May 2026. NCC 2025 is also available from [Standards Australia](#).

- Office Markets:** Pullinen Property Group has provided some interesting [office market insights](#) this month for Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane.

- Artemis II:** NASA's first crewed [Lunar flyby](#) in 50-years, congratulations on the mission and for a safe return on 10 April.



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

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