



In-Touch Advisory updates 2026-Q2

1. **Global Outlook:** As we reach the mid-point of 2026, it's difficult to select a half-year defining topic. Uncertainty seems a common feature across multiple global challenges. Uncertainty can be seen in geopolitical instability, climate change, economic divergence, housing affordability, regulatory reforms, cybersecurity, and the accelerating impact of technological advances, to name but a few mega issues.

Such issues are in turn reflected in our built environment projects as reduced confidence and increased costs, administration issues, and supply chain delays, with calls for innovation.

In the meantime, generative AI (artificial intelligence) is transforming the business world at pace. AI can potentially impact our built environment by enhancing design, delivery and operations; sustainability performance; and project monitoring and cost management through data-driven insights, predictive analytics and improved forecasts.

Clearly, embracing such change requires us to be vigilant on ethics and communication will be crucial to achieving clarity and maintaining confidence.

2. **RICS:** Modus journal recently profiles that [RICS communities are thriving in Australasia](#).

Elsewhere in APAC, Stephen Ballesty representing the RICS Governing Council in [Hong Kong SAR](#) during May, was delighted to engage with members, meet with leaders and participate in multiple industry events.



New global standard effective March 2026: [RICS responsible use of artificial intelligence in surveying practice](#).

3. **Insights:** Contributing to recent events, outputs available at: [Insights – In-Touch Advisory](#)

- IFMA's World Workplace Asia-Pacific 2026 (WWAP'26), 6-7 May in Hong Kong 
- FMA Australia's World FM Day event, 13 May in Sydney 
- EnviWorld 2026 hybrid event, 20 June in Barcelona 

Along with judging and attending the IFMA Asia Pacific Awards of Excellence on 7 May in Hong Kong.

IFMA's FMJ publishes [Revolutionizing FM Outsourcing](#) - AI applications & case studies by Dr. KL Lok.

4. **Next Quarter:** Planning for the RICS Governing Council in London (12-15 July), [FM Connect 26](#) in Brisbane (3-5 Aug) and RICS Awards in Melbourne (17 Sept).



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



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