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FINISHES & INTERIORS SECTOR

INNOVATION AWARDS

Promoting innovation in the
finishes and interiors sector

**Categories and
Entry Criteria 2026**

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ABOUT THE AWARDS

The FIS Innovation Awards aim to seek out innovation that meets a need in the sector, and has evidence of adoption or planned use in a commercial environment.

By innovation we mean the successful exploitation of new ideas and bringing creative ideas to life.

Our focus is ideas that help support improvements in efficiency, productivity, performance, quality or perception of the finishes and interiors sector.

Entries must be submitted on the official FIS entry form and should include a one-minute video promoting your entry.

All entries will be judged by a panel who will determine the shortlist in each category.

Winners will be announced at the Innovation Awards Ceremony in Q4 2026 (date to be confirmed).

The winner of each category will be given five minutes to pitch their innovation to the audience who will determine the overall Innovation of the Year on the day.

Entry is open to all

Entry is free of charge for Workspace Design Show exhibitors and FIS members.

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Product Innovation

The Product Innovation Award is an open competition targeting construction products that have made a positive impact to the delivery of commercial interiors. This embraces but is not limited to, walls and partitions, ceilings, doors, flooring and their components, staircases and balustrading and the raft of ancillary products associated with successful installations.

What the judges are looking for

- the development of innovative products, or the successful adaption of existing ones
- excellence in the approach to development of new products- through effective collaboration, knowledge transfer and partnership along the project team
- influence on the specification
- demonstrable improvement to productivity in the process and/or quality and performance of the interior system

Enter



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Digital Innovation

The Digital Innovation Award recognises outstanding innovation in the digital landscape that is contributing to demonstrable improvements in efficiency or quality outcomes related to interior systems.

The winner will be able to show their product or process is unique, creative and delivers significant and demonstrable improvement in the construction process by improving communications and increasing efficiency, quality and/or delivering safety and certainty through the process.

What the judges are looking for

For the purpose of this award we are looking for examples of successfully implemented digital technologies.

- the development of innovative digital solutions or the adaption of existing ones
- excellence in the approach to introduction and integration of new technologies through effective collaboration, knowledge transfer and partnership along the project team
- measurable commercial results
- process improvement
- influence on the specification
- creation of novel internal systems to produce eco-innovation

Enter



Sustainable Innovation

The Sustainability Innovation Award recognises outstanding innovation that is contributing to demonstrable improvements in sustainable outcomes related to interior systems.

The winner will be able to show their product or process is unique and delivers significant and demonstrable progress towards the goal of sustainable development by reducing the impact on the environment, making more responsible use of the earth resources or having a positive impact social value outcome.

NB: The award will not be presented to companies simply achieving a quality mark, or meeting a legal requirement. Awards will be given for product innovations that make a significant impact on the sector.

What the judges are looking for

For the purpose of this award, we are looking for examples of successful implementation of technologies, products, processes or techniques that can help the industry be more sustainable. The submission can relate to the development of innovative solutions or the adaption of existing ones. You will be asked to provide details of how the innovation was developed and how effective collaboration, knowledge transfer and partnership along the project team has led to a successful development. The submission will explain how the innovation:

- provides a more environmentally friendly approach for the industry. This could include demonstrating a resource efficient solution, reduction in energy demand, reduction in embodied or whole life carbon approach
- provides an improvement in social value. This could be through the creation of local supply chain, apprentices, responsibly sourced materials
- influences future specifications to improve sustainability

Enter





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Winners will be announced at the FIS Innovation Awards Ceremony as part of the FIS Conference. This will be held in Q4 2026, date to be confirmed.

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