

Evaluator Code of Conduct

Thank you for helping decide who Abu Dhabi recognises this year. Your judgement is what gives these awards their credibility — here is what we ask of you along the way.

OUR STANDARD

Every application is assessed on its merits — using the published criteria and the evidence provided, consistently, independently and without bias.

Six principles to evaluate by

1

Be objective and consistent

Score only what the evidence shows, and hold every application to the same standard.

2

Declare conflicts of interest

Know the applicant personally or professionally? Tell us before you start — we will simply reassign it.

3

Keep it confidential

Applications, scores and outcomes stay within the evaluation — nothing shared, forwarded or discussed outside.

4

Judge the evidence, not the name

Size, brand and reputation earn no extra points. The submission speaks for itself.

5

Evaluate independently

Your score is yours alone — no comparing, coordinating or influencing other evaluators.

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Act with integrity

Assess with honesty and sound judgement, and never use the role for personal advantage.

Before you start

- Review the category, eligibility and scoring criteria
- Complete the conflict of interest declaration on the portal
- Unsure you can be objective? Flag it early

While evaluating

- Score against the criteria and the evidence submitted
- Don't fill gaps with assumptions
- Keep comments factual and constructive

After submitting

- Keep scores and materials confidential
- Don't discuss scores with other evaluators
- Route any questions to the evaluation team

When in doubt, declare it.

A quick email to vxaward@dctabudhabi.ae is always better than letting a concern — real or perceived — touch the integrity of the process.