

Introduction to Awards

MABC Excellence Awards 2024



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1. Introduction

The MABC Awards were introduced in the year 2022 with an aspiration to recognize excellence amongst its membership (corporates and individuals) in their endeavors at creating value for both nations, alongside enhancing the long-standing bilateral relationship between Malaysia and Australia. MABC continues to administer these awards annually, with this year (2024) being the third edition.

These awards are aimed at furthering the cause of enhancing relationships amongst corporations in both nations, as well as individuals to drive value creation, partnerships and collaboration. The purpose of this document is to provide members interested in pursuing awards with a comprehensive understanding of definitions, guidelines, process, structure and timelines for the stated awards.

2. Summary Information

- 2.1 **Categories:** The Awards are for the purposes of recognizing “organizations” and “individuals” via separate categories.
- 2.2 **Independent Judgment:** These awards shall be judged by an independent panel of judges identified from the length and breadth of the larger marketplace spanning both nations. Multiple judges shall be judging each application to eliminate personality & familiarity bias.
- 2.3 **Criteria:** Judgment shall be undertaken in accordance with set-down criteria to be developed by MABC.
- 2.4 **No Recourse to Appeals:** All judgments shall be final, and no questions shall be entertained. There is no Appeals process.
- 2.5 **No Access to Feedback:** No feedback shall be provided to applicants – either in qualitative or quantitative form.
- 2.6 **Eligibility:** The Awards are open to all members of MABC. Any committee member of MABC interested in participating shall be automatically denied participation as a judge or auditor.
- 2.7 **Number of Submissions:** Multiple entries from a single participant for any specific category are expressly prohibited. However, members are welcome to apply for various (and/ or all) categories listed in section 3 below.
- 2.8 **Conflicts of Interest:** Any COI issues shall be discussed by the Awards Committee and decisions discussed with the larger MABC Council prior to exclusion/ inclusion of any conflicting application.

3. Award Categories

Following are the award categories for 2024.



Corporate Categories

Award Name	Description of the Award
Excellence in Digital Transformation	Evidence of creating business value to customers and partners/ industry by leveraging digital solutions in a cohesive manner resulting in functional transformation.
Excellence in Diversity & Inclusion	Evidence of incorporating diversity into workplace practices and policies in a manner that reflects an inclusive workforce that feels belonged, alongside endeavors aimed at enhancing communities and local societies the organization operates in, including impact sourcing, investments and provisioning employment to people from marginalized communities.
Excellence in Environment, Social & Governance	Evidence of three key factors when measuring the sustainability and ethical impact of an investment in a business or company, with emphasis on non-financial performance reflecting accountability and management of the organization's carbon footprint.
Excellence in Education	Evidence of best practices in the industry resulting in tangible value for customers, consumers and marketplace at large.
Excellence in Services	
Excellence in Property & Construction	

Individual Categories

Award Name	Description of the Award
Member of the Year - Corporate	The best submission across all corporate categories shall be determined for this award.
Member of the Year – Individual	The Exco shall select the most active and contributing member to MABC's vision, and mission.

4. Qualifications

Following are the broad qualifications for individuals and entities desiring to participate.

#	Proposed Categories	Participation Parameters
1	Corporate Award Categories	Must be a corporate member of MABC and a Malaysian Registered Organization, regardless of classification as a Vendor, Buyer, Shared Service, Supplier, Reseller, Manufacturer, Third-Party or Joint Venture. The ownership of such entities may be fully local, partially local or fully owned by foreign entity/s. Ownership has no bearing on qualification.
2	Individual Award Categories	All individual members qualify.

5. Confidentiality & Non-Disclosure

MABC commits to complete confidentiality and non-disclosure of submitted information to any entity/ individual/ organization not directly involved with the Awards, in perpetuity. MABC will develop a separate non-disclosure agreement for judges to maintain confidentiality across the board.

Further, applicants shall have no access to the Judges, or the Judgment Portal. Applicants shall also not gain visibility to assignment of judges for various award categories, to maintain strict independence.

6. Submission Timelines

All applications shall be electronically prepared by applicants and submitted via email to the MABC Secretariat (details in section 7 below) within timelines stated.

The time for submission of applications is open from **1st August 2024**. The deadline for submission of all applications is **15th September 2024**. No extension requests shall be entertained.

7. Contact for Information

For greater details or further clarifications, please contact the following:

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