



1st EDITION

Estadios Summit

AWARDS

18 NOVEMBER 2026 | RIYADH AIR METROPOLITANO

PLANNEREXHIBITIONS

1. CALL FOR ENTRIES AND PURPOSE

Planner Exhibitions is launching the first edition of the Estudios Summit Awards, whose purpose is to recognize and showcase projects, initiatives, and professional achievements that contribute to the development, modernization, innovation, and professionalization of the stadiums, arenas, and sports infrastructure sector.

The awards ceremony will take place as part of Estudios Summit, to be held on November 18 and 19 at Riyadh Air Metropolitano.

The Estudios Summit Awards have been created with the ambition of becoming a benchmark recognition program for the stadiums, arenas, and sports infrastructure industry.

Companies with a valid entry will receive, subject to availability, a complimentary invitation for their CEO to attend ESTADIOS SUMMIT and the Awards Gala.

1.1 Best Stadium or Sports Infrastructure Project Award

1.2 Innovation in Stadiums or Sports Infrastructure Award

1.3 Leadership and Industry Advancement Award

BEST STADIUM OR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AWARD

DESCRIPTION

National and international projects involving the construction of new stadiums, arenas, sports cities, sports complexes, or other significant sports infrastructure, as well as their expansion, comprehensive renovation, modernization, or transformation, provided that the venue was officially opened and/or the works were completed between **January 1, 2022, and the entry submission deadline.**

WHO CAN APPLY

The entry may be submitted by the principal entity (owner or club) or by a third party with the explicit consent of the principal entity involved.

BEST STADIUM OR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AWARD

JUDGING CRITERIA

Among the aspects that may be taken into consideration are:

- Overall project quality
- Compliance with schedule and budget
- Originality and iconic character of the architectural design
- Integration with the surrounding environment
- Contribution to urban development
- Sporting, economic, and social impact
- Value creation for both the industry and the local community
- Complexity and technical or operational challenges of the project
- Architectural, construction, functional, or technological innovation
- Sustainability and efficiency
- Business model
- Potential to become a benchmark for the industry

STADIUM AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION AWARD

DESCRIPTION

Projects, initiatives, or innovative solutions successfully implemented in a specific stadium, arena, or sports infrastructure facility, whether national or international, that have generated a demonstrable impact on venue operations, sustainability, user experience, safety, commercial management, or the business model.

The focus of this category is not solely on the technology or solution itself, but on its actual implementation within a specific venue and the results achieved. Entries may be submitted by clubs, owners, operators, public authorities, technology providers, engineering firms, consultancies, or other organizations, provided that the venue where the innovation has been implemented is clearly identified.

STADIUM AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION AWARD

INDICATIVE AREAS OF INNOVATION

- Business model (matchday and non-matchday activities)
- Fan and visitor experience
- Facilities and design
- Media and brand impact
- Venue operations and management
- Sustainability, energy efficiency, water, waste, or mobility
- Hospitality and commercial operations
- Audiovisual technology and content
- Data, artificial intelligence, digital twin, or smart venue solutions
- Physical security and cybersecurity
- Ticketing, access control, and crowd flow
- Maintenance, construction, facility management, or 365-day operations

STADIUM AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION AWARD

WHO CAN APPLY

The entry may be submitted by the principal entity (owner, club, or venue operator) or by a third party with the express authorization of the principal entity concerned.

STADIUM AND SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE INNOVATION AWARD

JUDGING CRITERIA

Among the aspects that may be taken into consideration are:

- Differentiation from standard industry practices
- Significance of the impact on venue management, operations, or commercial performance
- Tangible and verifiable results achieved through the implementation of the innovation
- Quality of implementation and integration into the venue's operations and day-to-day functionin
- Contribution to enhancing the user experience
- Contribution to operational efficiency and the business model
- Scalability and value for the industry
- Contribution to improving the venue's environmental, economic, or social sustainability

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP AWARD

DESCRIPTION

This category recognizes the career achievements, contribution, or leadership of an individual, organization, or institution that has made a particularly significant impact on the development, advancement, modernization, or visibility of the stadiums, arenas, and sports infrastructure sector in Spain.

The recipient of this award category will be selected through a direct nomination by the jury.

2. SUBMISSION OF ENTRIES

- The deadline for entry submissions is October 21, 2026.
- Entries must be submitted using the application form provided by the organizer and must be accompanied by the documentation required for the relevant category.
- Participants may submit more than one entry, either in a single category or across multiple.
- Entrants are responsible for obtaining any necessary permissions from the authors.

- All information must be accurate and truthful.
- Entries submitted by companies sponsoring or collaborating with the Estadios Summit Awards Gala in the year of the call for entries will not be accepted.
- The organizer reserves the right to reject any entry that fails to comply with these Terms and Conditions or that presents any anomaly or irregularity.
- Entry is free of charge.

3. DOCUMENTATION TO BE SUBMITTED

As a general rule, each entry shall include:

- Completed entry application form.
- A descriptive or technical report, within the maximum length specified for the relevant category.
- Representative graphic materials.
- Identification of the participating entities and the designated contact person.
- Authorization for the use of the information provided for communications and promotional purposes related to the Awards and the event.

Without prejudice to the foregoing, the organizer or the jury may request additional information or clarifications regarding any entry during the evaluation process.

4. JURY

The jury shall be composed of renowned professionals and experts with recognized experience in the design, financing, construction, operation, commercial management, technology, sustainability, and management of stadiums, arenas, and sports infrastructure.

The jury regulations provide that its members shall abstain from participating in the evaluation of entries and in the deliberations whenever a conflict of interest exists with any of the entries under consideration.

The composition of the jury may be published by the organizer prior to the final deliberation.

5. SELECTION OF FINALISTS

The jury may select up to three finalists in each category, unless the quality or number of entries warrants a different decision.

6. DELIBERATION AND DECISION

The jury's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. All deliberations shall remain confidential. At the jury's discretion, each category may result in a single award, a joint award (ex aequo), an award accompanied by a special mention, or no award being granted.

7. AWARD AND RECOGNITION

The winning entries will receive a trophy in recognition of their achievement and will be promoted through Estudios Summit's communication channels.

8. PUBLICATION OF SUBMITTED WORKS

Entrants expressly authorize that any written, graphic, and/or audiovisual information submitted to the Awards Secretariat may be used in the various informational and promotional materials of the Awards and Estudios Summit, during the Awards Gala, or through the organizers' official communication channels. Candidate projects may also be published on the Estudios Summit website.

9. DATA PROTECTION

Personal data provided by entrants will be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection legislation and solely for the purposes of administering the Estudios Summit Awards and communicating matters related thereto.

10. ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES

By submitting an entry to these Awards, participants agree to be bound by these Rules and by any amendments that the organizers or the Jury may deem appropriate to introduce in order to ensure the effective administration of the Awards process.

11. KEY DATES AND CONTACT

Submission of Entries

- Entries open
7 September 2026
- Deadline for entry submissions:
21 October 2026

Awards Gala

- 18 November

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