

Recognising outstanding achievements at CIBSE Building Performance Awards 2025

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The Park Plaza Westminster Bridge in London came alive on Thursday, 27 February 2025 for the prestigious **CIBSE** Building Performance Awards. This remarkable event celebrated the individuals, organisations, products and projects that set new benchmarks for sustainability, innovation and performance in the built environment. It was hosted by comedian Marcus Brigstocke.

With a total of 30 diverse categories this year, the BPAs highlighted the crucial contributions across disciplines that shape the future of the built environment. Key categories included Best Digital Innovation, Project of the Year, Product or Innovation of the Year and Building Performance Champion.

Among the evening's many highlights, the Engineer of the Year award was presented to Volkan Doda, Head of Design Technologies at Atelier Ten. A designer of immense creativity and dedication, Volkan's expertise in both theory and application exemplify the cutting edge of building performance. His commitment to fostering talent and delivering innovative, high-performance solutions has made him a valued leader in the field.

The title of Building Performance Champion and Project of the Year – Retrofit Workplaces went to The Entopia Building, an extraordinary collaboration between Max Fordham, Architype, and BDP. This transformational project in Cambridge turned a 1930s structure into an ultra-low-carbon sustainability hub, demonstrating groundbreaking application of circular economy principles. With Passivhaus EnerPHit certification and targeting multiple other sustainability accolades, The Entopia Building showcases the future of environmentally conscious design, achieving a staggering 84% reduction in whole-life carbon compared to standard retrofits.

The event showcased the remarkable breadth of talent and innovation in the industry. Among the highly commended entries were the Passive Cooling Double-skin Roof by Universidad de Sevilla in the Product or Innovation of the Year – Thermal Comfort category and the Aldar Energy Retrofit Project by grfn in Project of the Year – Portfolio Workplaces, highlighting a wealth of inspiring achievements. This year's BPAs once again demonstrated CIBSE's commitment to fostering innovation and excellence in the built environment. By showcasing outstanding achievements and raising the bar for industry standards, the Awards inspire the entire sector to strive for sustainable, efficient and people-centred solutions.

Full list of winners:

Building Performance Champion

Winner: The Entopia Building – Max Fordham, Architype & BDP

Best Digital Innovation – Organisational Strategy

Winner: Cyclops – Foster + Partners

Best Digital Innovation – Project Delivery

Winner: Sydney Airport International Terminal T1 Chilled Water Plant Optimisation – A.G. Coombs Group, Exergenics

Building Performance Consultancy (over 300 employees)

Winner: AtkinsRéalis

Sponsor: ABB

Building Performance Consultancy (up to 50 employees)

Winner: Cyclone Energy Group

Sponsor: Mitsubishi Electric

Building Performance Consultancy (51 – 300 employees)

Winner: XCO2

Sponsor: Airflow

CIBSE Embodied Carbon Award – Products and Systems: for Manufacturers and Suppliers

Winner: Apollo Fire Detectors

Sponsor: CIBSE Certification

CIBSE Embodied Carbon Award – Services and Projects for Consultants

Winner: Q Sustain

Sponsor: CMR

Client of the Year

Winner: London Borough of Islington

Collaboration

Winner: L&G's Symphony Model – Legal & General, Demand Logic, Bellrock and Partners

Sponsor: CIBSE Lifecycle Carbon Assessment Training

Engineer of the Year

Winner: Volkan Doda, Head of Design Technologies – Atelier Ten
Sponsor: Ideal Heating Commercial

Facilities Management

Winner: 20 Fenchurch Street – Savills
Sponsor: Gratte Brothers Group

Leadership

Winner: Swire Properties

Learning and Development

Winner: The ZERO teaching and internship programme on zero-carbon energy buildings – ZERO Institute, University of Oxford
Sponsor: BCIA

Product or Innovation of the Year – Air Quality

Winner: The Pluvo Column – Pluvo
Sponsor: CIBSE Patrons

Product or Innovation of the Year – Thermal Comfort

Winner: Optimum Air Conditioning System – EcoTechX

Product or Innovation of the Year – Wellbeing

Winner: Nature Connect – Signify

Project of the Year – Residential

Winner: Agar Grove 1b – Max Fordham
Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems

Project of the Year – Retrofit Workplaces

Winner: The Entopia Building – Max Fordham, Architype & BDP
Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems

Project of the Year – New Build Workplaces

Winner: Globe Point, Temple – Hoare Lea
Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems

Project of the Year – Portfolio Workplaces

Winner: Cathedral Hill Industrial Estate, 13 units – SRE
Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems

Full list of highly commended:

Best Digital Innovation – Project Delivery

Highly Commended: Paper Trails to Digital Triumphs – Savills

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Highly Commended: Buro Happold

Sponsor: ABB

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Sponsor: Airflow

CIBSE Embodied Carbon Award – Services and Projects: for Consultants

Highly Commended: AECOM

Sponsor: CMR

Leadership

Highly Commended: Andy Jackson, Head of Central London Operations & UK Engineering – Savills

Learning and Development

Highly Commended: Building Safety Act – Training and Assessment – Hoare Lea

Sponsor: BCIA

Product or Innovation of the Year – Thermal Comfort

Highly Commended: Passive Cooling Double-skin Roof – Universidad de Sevilla

Project of the Year – Residential

Highly Commended: Brambles – Bere Architects

Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems

Project of the Year – Portfolio Workplaces

Highly Commended: Aldar Energy Retrofit Project – grfn

Sponsor: Crane Fluid Systems