

Focus on: THE NATIONAL PROPERTY AWARDS 2023



The National Property Awards at the Intercontinental hotel Dublin. Winners of the Building Contractor of the Year Award: John Sisk & Son. Award presented by Sarah Murphy, chief executive, the Business Post Pictures: Maura Hickey



Winners of the Commercial Fit Out of the Year: RKD. Candice White, RKD, Tina Marie O'Neill, Editor, Property Plus, the Business Post, and Jim Byrne, RKD



Winners of the Property Management Company of the Year: Hali



Winners of the Commercial Renovation/Redevelopment of the Year award: Henry J Lyons. Colm O'Reilly, COO, Business Post Group (second from left) presents the award to Tom Costello, Paul O'Brien and Eoin Flanagan



Winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award: Dr Bill Nowlan. Pictured are Dr Bill Nowlan and Ken MacDonald, managing director, Hooke & MacDonald



Winners of the Best ESG/Sustainability Initiative of the Year award: Branch Developments. From left: Diarmuid Mawe, head of the Dublin Commercial Property team, Maples & Calder, Edel and Galen Broughall, Branch Developments

National Property Awards celebrate achievement and innovation in building sector

The InterContinental Hotel in Dublin hosted this year's celebration of organisations and individuals making a real impact on both the residential and commercial sectors in Ireland

Following a very successful inaugural awards in 2022, this year's National Property Awards were held at the InterContinental Hotel in Dublin 4 on Thursday, March 9. Hosted by broadcaster Ivan Yates, the awards celebrated the very best achievements from across both the residential and commercial sectors in Ireland. Attended by over 400 guests, the event recognised and celebrated organisations and individuals that

are making a real impact across 13 different award categories including Best ESG/Sustainability Initiative, Building Contractor, Estate Agency of the Year, Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative, Proptech Award and Developer of the Year.

The awards were judged by a panel of industry experts, including:

- **John Doddy, partner and head of debt and capital ad-**

visory, Deloitte Ireland

- **Tina-Marie O'Neill, editor, Property Plus, Business Post**
- **Carol Tallon, chief executive, Property District, construction-sector communications agency**
- **Conor O'Connell, director of housing, Construction Industry Federation of Ireland**
- **Mary Conway, chairperson, Irish Property Owners Association**

John Doddy, real estate leader, head of debt and capital advisory, and partner at Deloitte Ireland, said, "We're delighted to be partnering once again with the National Property Awards. They provide an incredibly important opportunity for us to celebrate the achievements of our industry

and to champion the people who make these achievements possible. This is more important now than ever given the particularly challenging landscape our industry has been navigating in recent years. Congratulations to all the nominees and winners, who have demonstrated immense resilience and innovation in this difficult environment."

Few individuals have had a greater impact on the property industry in Ireland than Dr Bill Nowlan, recipient of the National Property Awards' Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr Nowlan said: "In accepting this prestigious award, I can't but be aware of the current housing crisis. I have the following advice to the government: There is a solution to the

housing predicament, but one which demands a two-step and considered approach, and is not just another knee-jerk reaction to an immediate political and human crisis.

"First, by dealing as best they can with the current housing shortage, and secondly, by putting in place a system that works for all housing-industry constituents – tenants, investors, owner-occupiers, financiers, developers, politicians – and also meets the planning/environmental requirements. A la the continental model: a good housing system needs to work like a brass band – all the musicians playing in harmony to an agreed common score.

"It can be done if the Irish politicians could just agree that ten-year score and stop treating housing as a political football. The currently sitting Housing Commission could be the way to write that common political score."

Chief executive of the Business Post Sarah Murphy was pleased with how the awards ceremony went. She said, "The Business Post and iQuest have been facilitating dialogue to support the growth of the property market at the National Property Summit for the past ten years. The Summit is an important platform for thriving, sustainable, innovative property businesses to come together annually. In the same vein, the National Property Awards programme was established to further recognise and celebrate the organisations and individuals

who are making a real impact in the sector.

"The 2023 National Property Awards succeeded in recognising and celebrating the organisations and individuals that have displayed the aptitude to embrace change and the flexibility to adapt to a changing market. In what has been a turbulent yet exciting period for the stakeholders in the sector, there is no better time to reflect on their achievements and champion their success."

The awards were organised by iQuest & the Business Post and sponsored by Deloitte, Property District, Maples Group, the Shannon Airport Group, RentDodo, PrepayPower and Downey. The award's charity partner was Cancer Fund for Children.



Winners of the Corporate Social Responsibility (CRS) Initiative of the Year: John Cradock Ltd in partnership with Homeless Care. Mary Conway, chairperson, Irish Property Owners Association, presents the award to Victor Smyth of John Cradock Ltd Arthur Carron



Winners of the Placemaking Initiative of the year award, Tuath Housing Association in partnership with Dublin City Council. L TO R: Marie McNamara, award presented by John Downey, Director of Downey, Michelle Robinson, Paddy Gray and Aisling Brown Maura Hickey



Marketing Team of the Year Award winners: Owen Reilly. Danny Murphy (right) director of sales, Edge 3x, presents the award to Owen Reilly and Yvonne Nevin of Owen Reilly Arthur Carron



Winners of the Developer of the Year: Cairn Homes Plc. Kate English, Director, Head of Real Estate Research, Deloitte, presents the award to Fergus McMahon, Sarah Murray and Gavin Whelan of Cairn Homes Plc Arthur Carron



Asset Management Company of the Year: Aviva Irish Commercial Fund. David Grindle, COO at PrePayPower.ie, presents the award to Corina Galavan and Suzie Nolan of Aviva Irish Commercial Fund Maura Hickey

WINNERS ANNOUNCED
on the night were as follows:

Best ESG/Sustainability Initiative of the Year
Sponsored by Maples Group
• Winner: Branch Developments Limited

Placemaking Initiative of the Year
Sponsored by Downey
• Winner: Tuath Housing Association in partnership with Dublin City Council

Marketing Team of the Year
• Winner: Owen Reilly

Proptech Award of the Year
Sponsored by Property District
• Winner: OpenSpace

Commercial Renovation/Redevelopment of the Year
• Winner: Henry J Lyons

Estate Agency of the Year
Sponsored by RentDodo
• Hooke & MacDonald

Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative of the Year
• Winner: John Cradock Ltd in partnership with Homeless Care

Property Management Company of the Year
Sponsored by Shannon Airport Group
• Winner: Hali

Building Contractor of the Year
• Winner: John Sisk & Son

Asset Management Company of the Year
Sponsored by Prepay Power
• Winner: Aviva Irish Commercial Property Fund

Commercial Fit Out of the Year
• RKD

Developer of the Year
Sponsored by Deloitte
• Cairn Homes Plc



Estate Agency of the Year: Hooke & MacDonald. Steph McCabe, business development, RentDodo (second from left), presents the award to Donald MacDonald, Judy Sorohan, Suzie Cantwell and Conor Steen, Hooke and MacDonald Maura Hickey



Winners of the Proptech Award: OpenSpace. Carol Tallon of Property District presents the award to Lewis Campbell and Rob Matheson, OpenSpace Maura Hickey