

THE ACADEMY AWARDS OF ANNUAL REPORTS

# **2025 CALL FOR ENTRIES**

# THE THRILL OF CREATIVE WORK-THE JOY OF ACHIEVEMENT



Kudos to DNA KOMUNIKA (Indonesia), celebrating their Best of Cover Design Grand Prize in the 2024 ARCs. The triumphant team, from left to right: Irsyad Abdillah, Fajrin Fathia, Ngainun, Faisal, Darunata Dharma, Meta Magdalena, Ikhsan Kamil, and Vincentia Carla.

For almost 40 years, the ARC Awards has celebrated individual and team excellence in creating outstanding annual reports. Winning is proof that your hard work is worthy of global recognition. You produced an annual report that is artistic, intelligent and innovative: A MAGNIFICENT EFFORT!

Share your success with your clients, management and creative team in the 2025 ARC competition!

On behalf of the international panels of top judges, we are looking forward to honoring you. Wishing you the thrill of world-wide acclaim and the joy of achievement!

**CHAMPAGNE CHEERS,** 

P.S. This year's deadline to post or send your entries is May 15th.

Pani Witt

Reni L. Witt President and Founder International ARC Awards



2024
BEST OF SHOW
KANRO INC.
JAPANESE DELIGHTS



# 2024 - BEST OF COUNTRIES



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CONSTANT.



EMAGEWISE (PVT) LIMITED for PEOPLE'S LEASING & FINANCE PLC



CRE8 (GREATER CHINA) LTD. for ASIAINFO TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED

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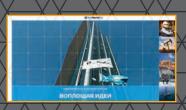
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# **2024 - BEST OF CATEGORIES**

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# **ENTRY DETAILS**

#### Who

The competition is open to all organizations and individuals involved in the process of producing annual reports for publicly held or privately owned companies, government agencies, associations, and not-for-profit organizations.

#### What

To process your entry, simply send:

- Completed Entry Form
- 3 copies of each printed annual report submitted for each category/classification (example: your annual report enters three categories — send 9 copies)
- Online annual reports, submit only URL
- Entry fee with Master Payment Form

**Note:** For definitions of Category Descriptions, please see www.mercommawards.com/arc/entryInfo.htm#faqs.

All entries must be based on the 2024 calendar year or any part of the fiscal year that includes 2024.

#### When

All entries emailed or postmarked by **May 15, 2025** will be considered. Send print annual reports by courier, DHL Express, FedEx, TNT or UPS. Send online annual reports to info@mercommawards.com.

#### Where

Send fee, entry form and print annual reports to:

MerComm/ARC Awards 500 Executive Boulevard - Ste. 200 Ossining-on-Hudson, NY 10562 (USA)

Send **online annual reports** with URL, fee and entry form to: info@mercommawards.com

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#### Why

The ARC Awards stands for "Annual Report Competition." Beyond the acronym, "arcs" represent the longitudinal and latitudinal lines circling the earth, symbolizing the global reach of this international competition.

### **ARC 2025 CALENDAR**

May 15th - Deadline

August 28th - Winners Notified

October 10th - Grand Winners Announced

October 22nd - Best of Show Revealed

#### **Criteria for Judging**

Entrants from agencies, companies and non-profit groups, whether large or small, have an equal chance at winning. Budgets are disregarded – ensuring balance. Awards are given for overall performance – in other words, how well the annual report tells the company's story this year.

Some of the elements to be considered in the judging of the annual reports include: cover design, chairman's letter, interior design, clarity of written text, photography, presentation of corporate information, expression of financial data, and how well the spirit of the organization is communicated.

#### **Judging Process**

The ARC Awards are conducted as a "blind" judging. (Nominating agency names are withheld from the judges.)

Each entry is evaluated three separate times during the preliminary rounds. The three sets of scores are then averaged into a single score for the individual entry. A certain minimum score must be achieved to qualify for an award. Only one Gold, Silver, Bronze and Honors Award will be given in each classification; however, if no entry scores high enough, no award will be given.

#### **The Judges**

Judges come from around the globe to participate on the ARC jury panels. Preliminary judging is carried out independently by panels of judges representing leaders in the fields of investor relations, writing, design and photography. Final judging is made by presidents, CEOs and other senior executives of corporations, agencies, and design firms.

#### **The Winners**

Annual reports scoring in the top 30 percent will be awarded Honors, Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates of outstanding achievement. All Gold Award winners become candidates for the Best of Category - Grand Awards. An ARC Awards plaque will be presented to each of the Grand Awards winners. The Best of Show trophy will be presented to the one top annual report that best exemplifies the spirit of the ARC Awards.

#### **Important - Award Certificates**

Should your entry win an award, your certificate will be personalized in the following format:

#### **Nominating Company**

CLIENT COMPANY
"Title of Annual Report"
Category

If you would prefer any variation to the official format, you must let us know in writing on the entry form.

#### **Judges**

The distinguished panel of judges recognizes the art of communications in a global economy and the science of new technologies that enable the worldwide exchange of ideas and information. Members of the judging faculty will evaluate the entries based on the standards of international excellence through the measures of creativity and craft.

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# **CLASSIFICATIONS**

# **CORPORATIONS**

001 Aerospace & Defense

002 Agriculture

003 Airlines

004 Automobile & Trucks

Banking & Financial Services:

005 Asia/Oceania

006 Europe

007 Hong Kong SAR

008 The Americas

009 Banking, Invest. & Wealth Mgt.

#### Banks:

010 International

O11 Local

012 National

013 Regional

014 Beer/Wine/Spirits

015 Beverage &

Food Manufacturer

016 Biotechnology

017 **Business Services** 

018 Candy Production & Sales

019 Chemicals

020 Coin Minting & Refining

021 Communications Services

022 Conglomerate - Multinational

023 Construction & Building

024 Construction/Engineering

025 Dairy & Health Products

026 Department Stores

027 Digital Services & Consulting

028 Diversified Business

029 Electric & Gas Services

030 Electric Power Company

031 Electricity Generator & Retailers

032 Energy

033 Energy Equipment & Services

034 Energy Infrastructure

035 Engineered Joining Technology

**036** Engineered Products Manufacturer

037 Entertainment & Experiences

038 Exhibition & Events

039 Financial Assets Management

040 Financial Holding Co.

041 Financial Printing

042 Financial Services: General

043 Food & Consumer Packaged Goods

044 Global Port Operator

045 Government Securities Dealer

046 Health & Life Sciences

047 Healthcare &

**Diverse Businesses** 

048 Holding Company

049 Hotel & Leisure

**050** Information Services 051 Information Technology

052 Infrastructure Company

#### Insurance:

053 General

054 Life & Health

055 Reinsurance

056 Specialty

057 Internet Commerce

058 Internet Service Provider

059 Investment Holding Company

060 IT Services & Solutions

061 Jewelry

062 Logistics & Supply Chain Facilitator

063 Logistics Svcs./Enterprises

064 Manufacturing & Distributing

065 Media Company/Conglomerate

066 Mining: Ferrous & Nonferrous

067 Mobile Network Operations

068 Museums & Galleries

069 Network Services & Comms.

070 Oil & Gas Exploration & Production

071 Oil & Gas Production Services

072 Oil & Retail Business

073 Operator/Broadband Provider

074 Pharmaceuticals

Property Development:

075 Investment Holding

076 Residential

077 Various & Multi-Use

078 Railway

Real Estate Development/SVC:

079 Commercial/Industrial 080 High End/Luxury

Properties

081 Various & Multi-Use

082 Real Estate Integrated Development & Investment

Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT):

083 Commercial/ Industrial/Office

084 Retail/Shopping Centers

085 Various & Multi-Use

086 Real Estate Management

#### Retail:

087 Specialty Stores

**088** Supercenters

089 Supermarkets

090 Retail & Corp. Interior Design

091 Service Provision Company

092 Shipping Services

093 Software & IT Solutions

094 Sportswear

095 Technologies/Engineering

096 Telecommunications

097 Telecommunications Equip.

098 Telecommunications Service Provider

099 Tourism

100 Transportation & Leasing

101 Water Supply Cos. (Corp.)

102 Wireless Service Provider

103 Other/Misc. Corporations (Please specify industry on entry form)

# **NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

104 Cancer Research

105 Child Rehabilitation

Christian/Religious

Organization Conservation & Education

**Consumer Protection** 

109 Cultural Organization

110 Development &

Humanitarian Aid 111 Foundation

Government Agencies

& Offices

113 Health & Education 114

Housing International Development &

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122 N.G.O. Charitable Organization

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Social Service Organizations

126 University

127 Urban Renewal

**Vocational Training** 

& Education

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# **SPECIALIZED ANNUAL REPORTS**

132 Anniversary/Special Edition

133 Combined Annual & ESG Report

Combined Annual &

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134 Non-Traditional 135 Traditional

136 CSR - Corporate Social Responsibility Report

137 DEI - Diversity, Equity

& Inclusion Report

ESG - Environmental, Social

& Governance Report:

138 USA

139 Other Countries

140 Impact Report

Integrated AR & CSR:

141 2-3 Part Presentation

142 Hardcover/Boxed

143 Non-Traditional 144 Traditional

Integrated AR & ESG

145 Asia - Central & South 146 Europe/USA/Americas

147 Summary Annual Review

Summary Report:

148 Americas & Europe

150 Hong Kong SAR Sustainability &

149 Asia/Pacific

Citizenship Report

Sustainability Report:

152 Americas & Europe 153 Asia/Pacific

154 Hong Kong SAR 155 Other/Misc. Specialized ARs

(Please specify on entry form)

## **ENTRY FORM**

# **DEADLINE: MAY 15, 2025**

Remember — send 3 books per Print Category!

Please fill out this page for each annual report submitted.

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#### ENTRY INFORMATION TITLE OF ANNUAL REPORT Suggestion: Use phrase or text from cover of the annual report. THEME OR GOAL You may type on separate sheet of paper. Please be brief. CATEGORY & CLASSIFICATION (see three digit codes on opposite page) Ex: 0 3 9 Write in boxes below. **PRINT ANNUAL REPORTS - 2024 ONLINE ANNUAL REPORTS - 2024 Overall Presentation** (choose only one) Overall Presentation (choose only one) Traditional Format TD Interactive IT Non-Profit Organization NP PDF A.R. PD Non-Profit Organization Non-Traditional A.R. NT NN Specialized A.R. SP Non-English A.R. ΝE Featured Categories (choose any or all) Featured Categories (choose any or all) Cover/Home Page ΗP Cover Photo/Design CD Chairman's Letter/Presentation CP Chairman's/President's Letter CL Design/Graphics DG Interior Design ID Script/Writing SW Written Text WT Photography/Video PV Photography РΗ Illustrations IL**ONLINE A.R.s** provide URL: Infographics IG Financial Data FD **Printing & Production** PP OTHER/MISC - (Codes 103, 131 or 155) Describe industry or organization: NOMINATOR INFORMATION YOUR NAME MR. MS. TITLE AGENCY/CORPORATION STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY PHONE FAX URL E-MAIL CLIENT INFORMATION CLIENT'S NAME \_ MR. \_ MS. TITLE CLIENT CORPORATION/ORGANIZATION STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP/POSTAL CODE COUNTRY PHONE FAX URL E-MAIL

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