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With a legacy of precision, quality, and groundbreaking technology, Bühler Group is a global leader in food-processing and advanced materials. Their commitment to innovation and industry excellence makes them a proud sponsor of the **RMI Excellence Awards**.

RECOGNISING & CELEBRATING

The **Excellence Awards** are to celebrate the innovators, collaborators, and leaders shaping the malting supply chain of the future.

The malting supply chain is navigating real headwinds – from climate change and shifting crop economics to evolving consumer demand for beer and whisky. Yet across the world, plants, cooperatives, and sourcing regions are taking bold steps to secure quality, sustainability, and adaptability for the years ahead.

Building a Resilient Malt Supply Chain for 2035 remains at the heart of our mission, and the **RMI Excellence Awards 2026** will recognise those leading this transformation.

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WHO CAN ENTER?

OPEN TO...

Any individual, group, or organisation actively contributing to a resilient malting supply chain can participate.

- Individual maltings
- Cooperatives
- Growing programmes
- Individual farmers

A SIMPLE PROCESS TO SUBMIT

Multiple entries are welcome from companies operating across multiple geographies, and all submissions will be assessed on a project-by-project basis. This ensures each initiative is evaluated on its own merits.

Please use the link provided below to submit your entry. The process is simple and straightforward, and you are welcome to enter as many times, and in as many categories, as you wish.

Each category will have a single winner. There are no bronze, silver, or gold tier this year.

All submissions are strictly confidential and will only be reviewed by the independent panel. The shortlist will not be made public, and only shortlisted entrants in each category may be contacted for any additional information.

An independent panel of industry experts will ensure every entry is assessed fairly on its merits



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5 CATEGORIES

- 1 SMART INVESTMENT
- 2 INNOVATION
- 3 COLLABORATION
- 4 SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEMS
- 5 MEASURABLE IMPACTS

1 Smart investment: How plants and programmes are investing with intention - prioritising long-term value creation.

What are we looking for? Investments that significantly improve resiliency—for example, water treatment, eco-steep, protein sorting etc.

2 Innovation: How plants and programmes are finding new ways to drive resiliency.

What are we looking for? Any innovation that improves the resiliency of our core supply chain or that our of partners — for example, novel breeding, AI, smarter transport, circular efficiency, or new ingredients.

3 Collaboration: How plants and programmes are ensuring shared success for their environment and the people who depend on it.

What are we looking for? Initiatives with partners, communities, and other stakeholders that strengthen supply chain resiliency — for example, water stewardship in water-stressed areas or local community upliftment.

4 Sustainable Ecosystems: How plants and programmes are working to restore and protect the ecosystems on which their supply chain depends.

What are we looking for? initiatives that drive sustainable ecosystems through regenerative agriculture and nature-restoration efforts.

5 Measurable Impact: How plants and programmes are measuring their impact holistically so that profit and prosperity can work hand in hand.

What are we looking for? A measurable reduction in environmental footprint — water, carbon, or energy use.



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IMPORTANT DATES

**5TH
DECEMBER
2025**

Award launch
and entry form
goes live.

**31ST
JANUARY
2026**

Last day to
submit
entries

**25TH
FEBRUARY
2026**

Judging &
shortlisting

**25TH
MARCH
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Award
Ceremony



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