# Special Issue

# Smart Facilities Management: Aligning Core Business with Effective Building Management

### Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue invites submissions that explore the intersection between smart facilities management (FM) and business strategy. The aim is to highlight how cutting-edge FM technologies such as the IoT and Al can enhance business efficiency, productivity, and sustainability. This Special Issue will provide discussion on how smart FM contributes to workplace innovation. employee well-being, risk management, and compliance, emphasizing how well-managed facilities can support broader business goals. Submissions can include original research, case studies, and reviews that provide insights into the synergy between smart FM and corporate strategy, demonstrating how advanced management of facilities can transform business operations across various sectors. We seek to provide a comprehensive overview of how strategic facilities management can drive significant business advantages. fostering a deeper understanding of its critical role in organizational success.

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