

## **Summertown Interiors applies for Leed gold certification**

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**Summertown Interiors has led the way in eco-conscious building with its new corporate headquarters and showroom.**

Built on par with gold standard Leed certification, the new facilities, located in the Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority (Jafza), are the first in the UAE interior design and fit-out world to be eligible for international Leed gold certification. Summertown is the first interior design and turnkey fit out contractor in the UAE to occupy Leed certified interiors within its industry.

The international corporate turnkey design and fit-out solution specialist aimed to create a corporate space that encourages a certain level of energy and water conservation and efficiency, while also incorporating specific material selection that lends itself to a healthier outdoor/indoor environmental quality.

'Green initiatives have risen to the forefront of many corporate philosophies over the past few years. However, transcending thinking into action is a less common feat,' said Marcos Bish, Managing Director of Summertown Interiors.

'We are exceedingly proud to have taken the lead in our industry by putting into action our eco-friendly philosophies and taking it a step further by applying for the prestigious gold certification,' he added.

Leed Certification is awarded once a corporation is in compliance with a particular set of requirements set forth by the Leed Green Building Rating System, an internationally accepted benchmark established by the United States Green Building Council. The Certification is based on one of four levels, which directly correlate to the specific design, construction and innovation of a building and its use: Certified, silver, gold and platinum.

Depending on which environmental standard a corporate building facility meets, a corresponding certification is awarded. A few examples among the many steps Summertown has taken in its new headquarters to be eligible for gold certification are; central building management control system, usage of Leed certified furniture and products and materials with high recycle content, reduced energy consumption through sensor-controlled lights and star-rated energy electrical equipment, indoor CO2 monitors, water usage reduction through sensor based systems, and waste segregation for recycling purposes.

Summertown Interiors has emerged as a leader in the design and execution of corporate interiors within the UAE, due to the increasing number of corporations opting for tailor-created fit-outs and redesigns.

Summertown Interiors has provided its services to other corporate organizations within the UAE including: Xerox, Dubai Media City Business Centre, Investment Corporation of Dubai, Adnoc, Procter & Gamble, and Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation.

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