

101.04: LINK TO STRATEGIC VISION

Al Sa'fat - Dubai Green Building System form part of a wider initiative from His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai, steering Dubai's development towards a more sustainable growth trajectory. Al Sa'fat should be understood within the context of Dubai's Strategic Plan 2021, as well as other initiatives on building performance standards within the UAE.

Key areas where Al Sa'fat contributes to the vision of Dubai are:

Leadership

Dubai's objective is to become the leading city in sustainability. Leadership in building performance aims to increase Dubai's long-term sustainability goals. Al Sa'fat regulations demonstrate global leadership by creating a forward looking and comprehensive green building evaluation system for all buildings in Dubai. It provides with a global best practice while reflecting on the uniqueness of Dubai.

Competitiveness

Al Sa'fat regulations enhances Dubai's competitiveness in the following areas:

- Branding, which allows benchmarking against international standards.
- Efficiency, which ensures peak and the base loads of energy can be reduced. It promotes recovery and reuse of water. It ensures there is reduction in waste. Efficiency will also optimise for a better use of land and capital.
- Resilience, which can help anticipate and mitigate likely climate change impacts on Dubai and Dubai's dependence on imported energy and resources.

Livability

Improved outdoor and indoor environments will promote good quality of life for visitors and residents, and therefore to a high level of livability. The quality of the urban environment is a key factor in making this achievable.

101.05: General Provisions

Competent Authority

Dubai Municipality is the competent authority for legislating and implementing Al Sa'fat - Dubai Green Building System. Dubai Municipality may choose to devolve this power to any other organisation in Dubai including Free Zone regulators and other third parties.

Revocation of Existing Legislation

These regulations are additional to the Dubai Municipality Regulations, specially The Administrative Resolution No. 125 of the year 2001 Approving Building Regulations and Specifications and its modifications. Any article or regulation in the following Administrative Resolutions and Circulars that conflicts with these regulations are hereby revoked:

- a. The Administrative Resolution No. 66 of the year 2003 Approving Regulations on the Technical Specifications for Thermal Insulation Systems and Rationalise the consumption of energy of air conditioned buildings in the Emirate of Dubai.