THE PEARL RATING SYSTEM DOCUMENTS

The Pearl Rating System currently comprises the following documents:

- Pearl Community Rating System: Planning
- Public Realm Rating System: Design & Construction
- Pearl Building Rating System: Design & Construction
- Pearl Villa Rating System: Design & Construction

This document focuses on the Public Realm Rating System. The Pearl Rating System documents are available to download from the UPC / Estidama website, which will also contain frequently asked questions, training information and any revisions to the documents. Please visit www.estidama.org.

THE PEARL RATING STAGES

The Pearl Rating System recognises the reality of ownership and responsibility transitions as a project evolves from a design team to a construction team to a facility management team. Accordingly, four rating stages have been established: Planning, Design, Construction and Operational.

Pearl Planning Rating – The Planning Rating sets the overarching design standards for developments during the planning phase. The Planning Rating is aligned with the UPC Urban Development department's Development Review Stream and sets requirements for buildings and public realm within the wider context of a community. The Planning Rating requires that all collateral, branding and communication materials identify the project as a Pearl _Planning_ Rated project.

Pearl Design Rating - The Design Rating rewards measures adopted during the design development of each project that meet the intent and requirements of each credit. The Design Rating recognises the additional marketing value and branding a Pearl Rating will afford a development. A Pearl Design Rating is valid only until construction is complete and requires that all collateral, branding and communication materials identify the project as a Pearl _Design_ Rated project.

Pearl Construction Rating - The Construction Rating ensures that the commitments made for the Design Rating have been achieved. The Construction Rating requires that all collateral, branding and communication materials identify the project as a Pearl _Construction_ Rated project.

Pearl Operational Rating (under development) – The Operational Rating assesses the built-in features and operational performance of existing development and ensures it is operating sustainably. The Operational Rating can only be achieved a minimum of two years after project completion.

Figure 2: Links between the Pearl Rating Systems