

# LEED



**LEED, BREEAM, SKA** and **WELL** are the key sustainability assessment certifications. Each is the subject of its own fact sheet.

## What is LEED?

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) was developed by the US Green Building Council. It is a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of green buildings, homes, and neighbourhoods, which aims to help building owners and operators be environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently. It is for all building types and all phases including new construction, interior fit out projects, operations and maintenance and core and shell.

**“LEED provides a framework for green building design, construction, operations and performance. Built-in strategies and related outcomes help buildings and spaces determine what is most important, set sustainability goals and then go on to achieve those goals.**

**Nearly 100,000 projects are participating in LEED across 180+ countries and territories, comprising over 24 billion square feet.”<sup>1</sup>**

## LEED assessment and certification

Similarly to **BREEAM**, to receive LEED certification, fit out projects have to undergo an assessment, satisfy prerequisites, and earn weighted points across various environmental issues.

LEED projects employ strategies across the following areas that address key aspects of green buildings:

- > Integrative process
- > Location and transportation
- > Sustainable sites
- > Water efficiency
- > Energy and atmosphere
- > Materials and resources
- > Indoor environmental quality
- > Innovation
- > Regional priority

<sup>1</sup> LEED: <https://www.usgbc.org/leed>



A certificate rating of Platinum, Gold, Silver or Certified is awarded based on final performance.



## Additional LEED ratings

USGBC has developed [LEED Zero](#) that verifies the achievement of net zero goals in existing buildings.

## About Overbury

At Overbury, we fit out and refurbish outstanding offices and higher education facilities across the UK. Every project is carried out by passionate people who thrive on delivering an exceptional result, precisely as promised.

Our company-wide commitment to low carbon and sustainability means we have reduced our own emissions by 64 percent since 2010, as we continue to work towards our net zero target by 2030. On every project, we work closely with our clients, consultants and supply chains to help them achieve their own low carbon goals.

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