

# Classique by PLC Emerges as Sri Lanka's First EDGE-Certified Green Building



*Representatives from PLC and EDGE-Certified Green Building exchanging the certification.*

The Classique Centre, a financial services facility built by People's Leasing & Finance (PLC), was designed and constructed with a focus on green building, showcasing a remarkable fusion of product innovation and sustainable transformation. Its incorporation of sustainability and smart technology has earned it the distinction of being Sri Lanka's first EDGE-Certified Green Building, an acronym for "Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies." EDGE is a green building standard, a free software, and an international green building certification system developed by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group.

PLC, under the visionary roadmap for sustainable finance and Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives established by Shamindra Marcelline, former CEO embarked on the journey to achieve EDGE Certification for the Classique Centre. Co-energi, an independent specialist provider of sustainable and resource-efficient designs in building engineering services, provided the expertise and guidance required to achieve this certification. EDGE Certification requires a minimum projected reduction of 20 percent in energy use, water use,

and embodied energy in materials when compared to standard local buildings, setting a benchmark for sustainable building practices in emerging markets. This certification empowers organizations to adopt sustainable building practices in a fast, easy, and affordable manner.

Pradeep Amirthanayagam, Chairman at PLC commented saying, “While we thank our former CEO Shamindra Marcelline for this initiative, we take immense pride in achieving Sri Lankas First EDGE certification for our Classique Centre. This accomplishment reflects our unwavering commitment to our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) journey towards sustainable investments. The strategies we’ve integrated into the building’s design for energy efficiency, water conservation, and reduced emissions have been rigorously verified by Transgreen Sustainability Solution - Indian EDGE auditor and certified by Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI), clearly establishing the Classique Centre as a pioneering achievement in sustainable building practices in Sri Lanka. Classique embodies PLC’s dedication to providing unparalleled financial services whilst minimizing our impact on the environment, and we invite all customers and stakeholders to join us on this journey as we, ‘Go Green’.”

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