

Pearl Breeze



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Figures

Height: Architectural	118.2 m / 388 ft
Height: To Tip	118.2 m / 388 ft
Floors Above Ground	25
# of Apartments	96

Facts

Official Name	Pearl Breeze
Name of Complex	Pearls of Umhlanga
Structure Type	Building
Status	COM
Country	South Africa
City	Durban
Street Address & Map	Lagoon Drive, Umhlanga
Building Function	residential
Structural Material	concrete
Construction Start	2005
Completion	2008

Companies Involved

Architect	
• Design	Cooper Architects; Seedat & Seedat
Structural Engineer	
• Design	Arup
Other Consultant	
• Foundation	Franki Africa

About Pearl Breeze

Pearl Breeze is part of the residential landmark complex in Umhlanga, Durban, known as "The Pearls of Umhlanga." The resort town of Umhlanga, "The Place of Reeds," is situated 20 minutes from Durban along the Dolphin Coast, the playground of bottlenose dolphins. Complete with unspoiled golden beaches and lush sub-tropical greenery Umhlanga is fast becoming a popular holiday destination for international tourists.

Pearl Breeze is the first tower to be completed in the complex, and two more high-rise towers are planned. Pearl Breeze is the shortest tower for the complex. Once completed the Pearls of Umhlanga will house the tallest towers to be built in the region. Also part of the complex is an apartment building that was renovated to house luxury accommodation and low-rise "cabanas" built on the sea-facing boundary of the site. The complex will also feature a state of the art health spa and a retail boulevard.

A design feature of the complex is the central landscape area which is overlooked and surrounded by the three towers. This area contains rolling lawns with tropical vegetation and a large feature swimming pool. The landscaped area also serves as the roof to the basement parking below. To enhance the development there is no on-grade parking with all underground parking accessed near the main entrance gate to minimize the visible area of roadways.

The project will help bring Durban into an exciting new age of modern architecture and will promote development in the area. Property values in this area have increased by more than 100 percent since 2000, and the trend is expected to continue with the introduction of new buildings and complexes such as the Pearls. This complex provides state of the art, luxury residences and facilities and will definitely be a destination for those living in and visiting the area. The proximity of the residences to the health spa and to the retail boulevard reduces the need for vehicles for transportation, therefore helping to reduce emissions in the area.

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