RESET and Fitwel Align to Promote Optimal Indoor Air Quality Across Buildings Globally

New York/Shanghai - Wednesday, December 6, 2017 - The Center for Active Design (CfAD) and GIGA have today announced an alignment between the RESET Standard and the Fitwel Certification System. Under this alignment, projects using the RESET Air certification can also receive credit towards Fitwel certification, expanding both systems’ impact in communities around the world. Fitwel is the leading global health certification, providing over 55 cost-effective and evidence-based design and operational strategies for optimizing buildings to promote health. RESET Air is a performance-based building standard that continuously measures indoor air quality (IAQ), tracks the health level of materials and serves as a reference for other green building programs and international organizations alike.

According to the World Health Organization “air quality is one of the most pernicious threats facing global public health today. Addressing it starts with good data and better monitoring.” Understanding this critical threat and recognizing RESET’s rigor in addressing air quality, Fitwel recently adopted the RESET Air certification as a pathway to compliance for its air quality strategy. The partnership is a natural synchronization of two programs designed to prioritize occupant health, through high standards for indoor air quality.

“RESET is a groundbreaking standard and leading the way for using real-time data to improve the places where we work, live, and play,” said Joanna Frank, President & CEO, CfAD. “We are excited to move the needle on air quality standards by aligning with RESET’s innovative data collection methodology and further integrating it within Fitwel’s technological capabilities in 2018.”

A comprehensive IAQ policy can identify the areas for improvement in air quality and provide benchmarks to ensure that quality remains high over time. Indoor air quality impacts the following Fitwel health impact categories: reduces morbidity and absenteeism, supports social equity for vulnerable populations, and instills feelings of well-being.

“Fitwel is empowering everybody to engage in the healthy building movement, and RESET is proud to serve as the standard for measuring on-going air quality data and communicating how it affects occupant health,” said Raefer Wallis, CEO, RESET.

RESET Air certification rethinks and simplifies IAQ project certification by documenting, communicating, and certifying indoor air quality in real-time. Currently, there are 84 RESET Air projects representing over 12 million square feet of real estate in 6 different countries. The Fitwel Certification System was created over a five-year period as a joint initiative led by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the General Services Administration, with its ongoing operations and development led by the CfAD. After just launching to the private sector in March 2017, Fitwel already has a global imprint, impacting more than 250,000 building occupants with over 380 registered and certified projects.

About Fitwel & the Center for Active Design
Named one of Fast Company’s 2017 Top 10 Most Innovative Companies in Social Good, Fitwel is the premiere global health certification system for optimizing building design and operations. Generated by expert analysis of over 3,000 academic research studies, Fitwel is implementing a vision for a healthier future where all buildings and communities are enhanced to strengthen health and wellbeing. Fitwel was created as a joint initiative led by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) together with the General Services Administration. The Center for Active Design, an international non-profit that uses design to foster healthy and engaged communities was awarded the exclusive operating license in 2016 with the mandate to expand Fitwel globally to the private sector. Twitter: @active_design + @fitwel

About RESET & GIGA
GIGA is an independent third party which combines the development of building standards with cloud software, enabling healthy buildings to be affordable and scalable. GIGA has prioritized health as the most effective way of regenerating the triple bottom line since 2009: when people are healthy, so are the ecology and the economy. GIGA develops and administers RESET, a technology driven standard and certification program for healthy buildings. www.giga.build, www.reset.build.
纽约/上海 – 2017年12月6日，星期三 – Center for Active Design (CfAD)和GIGA循绿今天正式宣布，RESET标准和Fitwel认证体系达成对接合作。在这一合作下，获得RESET Air认证的项目也可获得Fitwel认证中的相应得分，扩大了两个体系在全球的影响力。Fitwel是全球领先的健康认证，提供超过55种经济有效的以证据为基础的设计和运营策略，以优化建筑促进健康。RESET Air是一个以性能为基础的建筑认证，持续测量室内空气质量 (IAQ)，跟踪材料的健康水平，并为其他绿色建筑和相关国际组织提供参考。

据世界卫生组织称，“空气质量是当今全球公共卫生面临的最有害的威胁之一。它从良好的数据和更好的监测开始。”基于对这一威胁的了解，并认识到RESET对处理空气质量方面的严谨，Fitwel最近采用了RESET Air认证来作为其空气质量策略的合规途径。该合作是这两个认证计划的自然同步，旨在通过室内空气质量的高标准，来优化用户健康。

“RESET是一个开创性的标准，引领人们采用实时数据的方法来改善我们工作、生活和娱乐的场所。”CfAD主席兼首席执行官Joanna Frank表示，“我们很高兴与RESET的创新数据收集方法实现对接，并在2018年进一步整合到Fitwel的技术能力中，从而实现室内质量标准。”

全面的室内空气质量策略可确定需要改善空气质量的区域，并提供基准线，以确保长期保持高质量水平。室内空气质量影响以下Fitwel健康类别：降低发病率和缺勤率、支持弱势群体和社会公平、提升幸福感。

“Fitwel让每个人都能够参与到健康建筑运动中，RESET很高兴成为持续测量空气质量数据的标准，并传达如何影响用户的健康。”RESET首席执行官Raefer Wallis表示。

RESET Air认证通过实时记录、沟通和认证室内空气质量，重新考虑并简化了IAQ项目认证。截止今天，已有84个RESET Air项目，超过1200万平米英尺面积，分布在全球6个国家。Fitwel认证体系已成立5年，它是由美国疾病控制和预防中心 (CDC) 和总务管理局 (GSA)牵头的一项联合行动，由CfAD运营和发展。自2017年3月在商业部门发布后，Fitwel 已获得全球影响，超过250,000名建筑使用者参与了380多个注册和认证项目。

关于Fitwel & Center for Active Design
作为Fast Company 2017年度 Social Good 十佳创新企业之一，Fitwel是优化建筑设计和运营首选的全球卫生认证系统。通过3000多项学术研究的专家分析，Fitwel正在实施一个更健康未来的愿景，即提升所有建筑和社区以加强健康和福祉。Fitwel是由美国疾病控制和预防中心 (CDC) 和总务管理局 (GSA)牵头的一项联合行动。Center for Active Design (CfAD) 是一家致力于用设计来提升健康的国际非营利性组织，于2016年获得独家经营许可证，授权将Fitwel扩展至全球商业部门。Twitter: @active_design + @fitwel

关于RESET & GIGA循绿
GIGA循绿是将建筑标准开发和云端软件相结合的独立第三方机构，以促进健康建筑的可负担和规模化。自2009年，GIGA循绿将健康作为再生生态、社会和经济的最有效途径：当人类健康时，我们的生态和经济也将健康。GIGA循绿开发并管理RESET，它是一个技术驱动的标准和健康建筑认证计划。www.giga.build, www.reset.build