



## **BentallGreenOak Awarded Record Number of Fitwel Best in Building Health Awards® in 2021 and Honored With This Year's Industry Leadership Award**

*The Center for Active Design recognizes BGO for its leadership to enhance occupant health and well-being, along with best-in-class innovations with the greatest impact on viral response.*

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NEW YORK & TORONTO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--The Center for Active Design (CfAD) awarded BentallGreenOak (BGO) with this year's Best in Building Health, Industry Leadership Award for applying Fitwel to its real estate portfolio at scale, including the rapid rollout of the Fitwel Viral Response module. Within three months of the module's release, BGO received [Fitwel Viral Response Certification for policies applicable to its U.S. office buildings](#) to mitigate the spread of contagious diseases within buildings, and obtained [Viral Response Approval for 17 properties across nine cities](#). BentallGreenOak is also recognized for its support and collaboration in exploring industry-wide investor sentiment about health and wellness trends.

In addition, Fitwel recognized BGO within the Greatest Impact on Viral Response category, for some of the highest scoring projects. These contributions to advancing the healthy building movement led CfAD to award BGO with more Fitwel Best in Building Health Awards® than any other organization, including:

- **Most Approved Assets - Viral Response Module**
- **Highest Score for v2.0 Multi-Tenant Whole Building - 150 King Street West, Toronto, Canada**
- **Highest Score for v2.1 Community - Capitol Hill, Seattle, Washington**

Through its flagship 2021 Fitwel Best in Building Health Awards®, CfAD identifies the leading firms that are enhancing human health via Fitwel®, the world's leading certification system committed to healthy buildings for all. This year's winners were identified based on Fitwel's 2020 project data.

Each year, CfAD selects up to two winners for exceptional leadership in the field. This year's special recognition awards feature BentallGreenOak and Fitwel's Viral Response Academic Advisory Group—both of which have risen to meet the challenges of COVID-19 by advancing the development and implementation of the Fitwel Viral Response Module.

"The challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic have inspired an unprecedented level of innovation and agility across our firm to evolve and meet the new demands for health and wellness at our buildings," said Amy Price, President, BentallGreenOak. "We look to the highest standards set by the Center for Active Design to guide our approach to enhancing the well-being of our tenants and the stakeholders they serve so that our assets become places where business can resume with confidence and care. We are honored to be recognized for our dedication to the healthy building movement and emboldened to keep aiming higher."

"Each year for the Fitwel Best in Building Health Awards, CfAD identifies select Special Recognition awardees who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in the field. This year we are thrilled to celebrate BentallGreenOak as the Industry-Leading Company recipient for meeting the challenges presented by COVID-19 and rapidly taking their implementation of the Fitwel Viral Response module to scale. As health becomes a pressing priority across the real estate industry, BGO is demonstrating leadership on a range of fronts—from optimizing occupant well-being in individual projects to understanding health-centric investment trends," said Joanna Frank, President and CEO of CfAD.

BGO, along with other Best in Building Health winners, will be honored at a [virtual event on March 25](#) showcasing data and trends in the healthy building movement.

### **About BentallGreenOak**

BentallGreenOak is a leading, global real estate investment management advisor and a globally-recognized provider of real estate services. BentallGreenOak serves the interests of more than 750 institutional clients with approximately \$53 billion USD of assets under management (as of December 31, 2020) and expertise in the asset management of office, industrial, multi-residential, retail and hotel property across the globe. BentallGreenOak has offices in 24 cities across twelve countries with deep, local knowledge, experience, and extensive networks in the regions where we invest in and manage real estate assets on behalf of our clients. BentallGreenOak is a part of SLC Management, which is the alternatives asset management business of Sun Life.

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### **About Fitwel and the Center for Active Design**

Fitwel is the world's leading certification system committed to building health for all®. Generated by expert analysis of 5,600+ academic research studies, Fitwel is implementing a vision for a healthier future where all buildings and communities are enhanced to strengthen health and well-being. Fitwel was originally created by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and U.S. General Services Administration. The CDC remains the research and evaluation partner for Fitwel. The Center for Active Design, a global not-for-profit organization, was selected as the licensed operator of Fitwel, charged with expanding Fitwel to the global market. To learn more about Fitwel, please visit: [www.fitwel.org](http://www.fitwel.org).

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