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The Bulfinch Cos. and Harrison Street awarded Fitwel ratings for four bldgs.

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Chestnut Hill, MA The Bulfinch Companies, Inc. (Bulfinch), a private real estate investment, development and management firm, and Harrison Street, one of the leading investment management firms exclusively focused on alternative real assets, today announced buildings at 610 Main St., 700 Main St. and 1 Portland St. within the Osborn Triangle in Cambridge, as well as Life Time Center in Chestnut Hill, were awarded Fitwel ratings in recognition of evidence-based design and operations strategies that support the physical, mental, and social health of occupants. The four buildings showcase Bulfinch and Harrison Street's ongoing commitment to developing buildings that promote human and environmental health for their occupants and visitors.

Created by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and General Services Administration, Fitwel is now operated by The Center for Active Design. The Fitwel Certification Team assesses projects and then develops a numerical score across 12 categories—location, building access, outdoor spaces, entrances and ground floor, stairs, indoor environment,

workspaces, shared spaces, water supply, prepared food areas, vending machines and snack bars, and emergency preparedness—ultimately giving a property a one, two, or three-star rating.

Osborn Triangle and Life Time Center join buildings from around the world as part of Fitwel, the leading certification system that optimizes buildings to support the health of its occupants. With only four other completed buildings in Cambridge having achieved a 2 Star or above rating from Fitwel, the Osborn Triangle buildings are helping to champion a new wave of human-health-focused buildings; because healthier buildings improve health, happiness, and productivity.

“We are especially proud to see four of our buildings recognized by Fitwel for exceptional commitment to the health and wellness of our tenants,” said Julia Arsenault, SVP, director of property management at Bulfinch. “At Bulfinch, our environmental commitment and social impact efforts create healthful and inclusive environments for our tenants and enhance the communities in which we work and live.”

Acquired in May 2019, the three-building office and lab complex of Osborn Triangle is located in the Kendall Sq. neighborhood of Cambridge, and was sold to Harrison Street in partnership with Bulfinch.

Bulfinch is the property manager for the Osborn Triangle complex, which spans three addresses—610 Main Street, 1 Portland Street, and 700 Main Street—for a combined 677,000 square feet, alongside a 650-space parking garage.

Bulfinch is committed to the healthy building movement, as demonstrated with a 100% certification record of Fitwel Ambassadors for its corporate property management team. In an era where health and wellness have taken the global center stage, this credential for the on-site staff ensures continuous support of occupant health is always a top priority.

Bulfinch’s properties incorporate a variety of amenities and programs to enhance the tenant experience and support sustainable, healthy buildings. Bulfinch’s commitment to sustainable, healthy buildings is highlighted in its partnership with Building Impact to provide volunteering opportunities, a campus community gardening program through Green City Growers, local farmers market: Central Square Farmers Market, complimentary outdoor fitness classes, LEED Certified buildings, Energy Star ratings as well as annual indoor air quality testing.

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