



NORTHWOOD OFFICE EARNS ENERGY STAR® CERTIFICATION; OUTPERFORMS SIMILAR U.S. BUILDINGS ON MEASURE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

CHARLOTTE, NC (December 17, 2021) – Northwood Office has announced that its Ballantyne and Metropolitan properties in Charlotte, North Carolina have earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) ENERGY STAR certification for superior energy performance.

“Improving the energy efficiency of our nation’s buildings is critical to protecting our environment,” said Jean Lupinacci, Chief of the ENERGY STAR Commercial & Industrial Branch. “From the boiler room to the board room, organizations are leading the way by making their buildings more efficient and earning EPA’s ENERGY STAR certification.”

ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants are verified to perform in the top 25 percent of buildings nationwide, based on weather-normalized source energy use that considers occupancy, hours of operation and other key metrics. ENERGY STAR is the only energy efficiency certification in the United States that is based on actual, verified energy performance.

“We’re honored to earn the ENERGY STAR for superior energy performance at Ballantyne and Metropolitan and appreciate the efforts of everyone who has been involved in its efficient operation,” said Paul Cattieu, director of sustainability, Northwood Office. “Saving energy is just one of the ways we show our community we care and that we’re committed to doing our part to protect the environment and public health, both today and for future generations.”

On average, ENERGY STAR certified buildings and plants use 35 percent less energy, cause 35 percent fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and are less expensive to operate than their peers—all without sacrifices in performance or comfort.

To date, tens of thousands of buildings and plants across all fifty states have earned the ENERGY STAR. For more information about ENERGY STAR for Buildings and Plants, visit energystar.gov/buildings.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR® is the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency, providing simple, credible, and unbiased information that consumers and businesses rely on to make well-informed decisions. Thousands of industrial, commercial, utility, state, and local organizations—including more than 40 percent of the Fortune 500®—rely on their partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to deliver cost-saving energy efficiency solutions. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its thousands of partners have helped American families and businesses save more than 4 trillion kilowatt-hours of electricity and achieve over 3.5 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas reductions. In 2018 alone, ENERGY

STAR and its partners helped Americans avoid nearly \$35 billion in energy costs. More background information about ENERGY STAR can be found at: energystar.gov/about and energystar.gov/numbers.

About Ballantyne

Recognized internationally as one of the most successfully designed and executed mixed-use communities, Ballantyne is a 2,000-acre community in Charlotte, North Carolina. Ballantyne features thousands of apartments, over 1,000 single-family homes, the highest-rated public schools, nearly 600 hotel rooms, 25 miles of walking paths and bike lanes, over 100 acres of parks and green space, as well as dozens of restaurants, medical and retail amenities. With a laser-sharp focus on providing the nation's most desirable work-life balance community, Northwood Office owns and manages 4.4 million square feet of Class A office space in Ballantyne with additional entitlements in place on a 535-acre property. View updates on [Ballantyne Reimagined](#), the vision to create a more urban, walkable environment at Ballantyne. Visit goBallantyne.com for the latest community happenings and ballantynecorporate.com for leasing availabilities.

About Metropolitan

Metropolitan is a mixed-use development featuring 170,589 square feet of Class A office space and 171,644 square feet of retail space in Midtown, just east of Uptown Charlotte, North Carolina. The 10-story LEED Silver office building was constructed in 2008. The retail component is anchored by Trader Joe's, Best Buy and Marshalls, complemented by various dining options. With easy access to I-277, I-77, I-85 and Charlotte Douglas International Airport, the building is adjacent to Sugar Creek Greenway. For more information, visit metropolitanclt.com.

About Northwood Office

Charlotte-based Northwood Office was established by Northwood Investors – a privately-held, global real estate investment and management firm – to provide a complete approach to fulfilling office space needs. Offering best-in-class services in commercial development, leasing and property management, Northwood Office is committed to creating and sustaining work environments that inspire by focusing on enhancing the quality of life, productivity, flexibility and community. Northwood Office's portfolio includes Ballantyne and Metropolitan in Charlotte and extends nationally to Atlanta, Boston, Culver City, Durham, Miami and Nashville. For more information, visit northwoodoffice.com.

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