



Boston Properties Earns Top ESG Rating and Executes Sustainable Development Strategy at Salesforce Tower

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BOSTON--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Oct. 23, 2018-- [Boston Properties, Inc.](#) (NYSE: BXP), one of the largest public developers, owners and managers of Class A office properties in the United States, ranked in the top quadrant of the 2018 Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB®) assessment, earning a seventh consecutive "Green Star" recognition and the highest GRESB 5-star Rating. Overall, BXP ranked among the top 8% of 874 worldwide participants.

Further illustrating the Company's leadership in sustainable real estate, Boston Properties is also proud to announce the LEED Platinum® certification of Salesforce Tower, the 1.4 million-square-foot, 61-story office tower developed by Boston Properties that serves as the new headquarters of Salesforce. The development earned more points under the LEED Version 3 rating system than any other project in the San Francisco Bay Area and is the highest rated new skyscraper in the State of California.

"Salesforce Tower is a grand symbol of our capacity to execute smart, sustainable growth in urban environments," said Owen Thomas, CEO of Boston Properties. "Salesforce Tower sets an example of what can be achieved when partners like Boston Properties and Salesforce align on sustainable development goals. We consider ourselves fortunate to work with world-class customers like Salesforce that are committed to a sustainable future for all."

Salesforce Tower, a transit-oriented development in San Francisco, was designed to use 50% less energy per square foot than the median United States office building and is sourcing 100% renewable electricity. Architectural and mechanical systems work together, actively and passively, to promote energy efficient operations and occupant comfort, leveraging an innovative on-floor air handling system and underfloor distribution. With Salesforce's leadership and funding, the building features the largest blackwater recycling system in a commercial high-rise building in the United States, and we expect it will save more than 7.8 million gallons of water per year.

"At Salesforce, we are committed to driving environmental leadership across all areas of our business," said Suzanne DiBianca, Salesforce executive vice president, corporate relations and chief philanthropy officer. "We're proud that Salesforce Tower is not only one of the most sustainable buildings in the world, but is an example of Salesforce's values and a blueprint for how other companies can innovate on green building practices."

"Environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance indicators are increasingly important to our customers, employees, shareholders and communities we serve. We are proud of our top GRESB 5-star Rating and our LEED Platinum certification at Salesforce Tower," commented Ben Myers, Director of Sustainability at Boston Properties. "Salesforce Tower establishes new benchmarks for energy, water and indoor environmental quality performance. The tower is a striking addition to our in-service, actively managed operating portfolio of 23 million square feet of green buildings certified at the highest LEED Gold and Platinum levels."

About Boston Properties

Boston Properties is one of the largest developers and owners of Class A office properties in the United States, concentrated in five markets - Boston, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington, DC. The Company is a fully integrated real estate company, organized as a real estate investment trust, that develops, redevelops, acquires, manages, operates and owns a diverse portfolio of primarily Class A office space totaling 50.2 million square feet and consisting of 166 office properties (including nine properties under construction), six residential properties (including three properties under construction), five retail properties and one hotel. For more information, please visit bostonproperties.com.

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