

CBRE's Glasgow Office Certified as One of Healthiest Places to Work in the UK

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CBRE's Scottish headquarters has been awarded WELL Certification™ at Platinum Level, recognising the global real estate advisor's commitment to promoting employee wellbeing.

The ground floor office at 177 Bothwell Street in Glasgow is the first project in the UK to be certified under the newest version (WELL version 2) of the International WELL Building Institute's standard.

Designed with the health and wellbeing of employees at its heart, CBRE's workspace includes a choice of standard and standing desks to help improve posture, incentivise movement and reduce back pain, as well as plants to increase biophilic connection, and access to free fresh fruit and vegetables.

A multi-purpose room offers a comfortable place for team members to take a break, recharge and connect with colleagues, and there are huddle boards to encourage collaboration. The office also benefits from the building's rooftop running track, spa quality changing facilities and cycling racks.

Running through the office entrance is a rammed earth wall that follows the soil stratification underneath the city, celebrating the nature and culture of the office location and connecting tenants and guests with the heritage of the site.

David Smith, CBRE's Managing Director in Scotland, said: "Being awarded a platinum award is a fantastic achievement and comes just months after we received a BREEAM Excellent rating for sustainability.

"These awards reflect the tireless work and determination of the team in Glasgow to create a workplace that is not only good for the planet but for also for the health and mental wellbeing of everyone who works here.

“The world of work has changed since the pandemic and it has never been more important to create inspiring ‘destination’ workplaces, which encourage collaboration, creativity and a sense of community. We hope 177 Bothwell Street will become a flagship for office design not just in Glasgow but across the UK.”

The WELL platinum rating was based on several health and wellbeing criteria, including air and water quality, nutrition, lighting, thermal and acoustic comfort, material selection, mental health support and a focus on building a sense of community. This is the second WELL Certified Platinum CBRE building in the UK. Its London headquarters, Henrietta House, was awarded Platinum certification in March 2023, demonstrating the ongoing commitment of the organisation to its people’s health.

CBRE’s ESG, Design Hub, GWS and Project Management teams worked together to ensure that sustainability and wellbeing strategies were seamlessly integrated into the design, construction and operations of 177 Bothwell Street.

Giuliano Camerini, Senior Sustainability and Health and Wellbeing Consultant, ESG Consultancy at CBRE, said: “CBRE’s Glasgow office showcases the future of workspace design. The wellbeing journey here prioritises occupants and the environment, creating a dynamic and thriving space for everyone who uses it.

“This achievement serves as a prime example of CBRE leading the way for sustainable and healthy office environments and showcases the best in class solutions our teams can provide to clients.”