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METRONATIONAL FIRST COMPANY IN TEXAS TO RECEIVE “WELL HEALTH-SAFETY RATING” FOR ALL OFFICE BUILDINGS IN ITS PORTFOLIO

Prestigious Award Designated for Memorial City's Proactive Covid-19 Prevention Efforts

Houston, TX – February 2021 – The International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) announced today that [MetroNational](#), the Houston-based privately-held real estate investment, development, and management company, is the first company in Texas to achieve the WELL Health-Safety Rating for all of its office buildings in its portfolio. MetroNational earned the rating across all 11 of their award-winning, LEED-certified, Class A office properties, totaling 3.8 million square feet in Memorial City.

Adapted from features in the WELL Building Standard (WELL) that focus on facility maintenance and operations, the WELL Health-Safety Rating is designed to empower owners and operators across large and small businesses alike to take the necessary steps in order to prioritize the health and safety of their staff, visitors, and stakeholders. It also serves as a guide for organizations to appropriately address a post-COVID-19 environment now and into the future.

“At MetroNational, our priority has always been to ensure the health and safety of our tenants, employees, residents, and visitors in Memorial City,” said MetroNational President, Jason Johnson. “We are pleased to have worked with IWBI to achieve the WELL Health-Safety Rating at each of our office buildings, validating that our Company has taken the most effective steps to create a safer environment during the pandemic and for years to come.”

Launched in June, the WELL Health-Safety Rating is an evidence-based, third-party verified rating for all new and existing building and space types focusing on operational policies, maintenance protocols, stakeholder engagement and emergency plans. In order to achieve the rating, MetroNational’s office properties were measured by five categories including cleaning and sanitizations procedures, emergency preparedness programs, health service resources, air and water quality management, stakeholder engagement and communication, and innovation.



“From cleaning and sanitization to emergency preparedness and air and water quality management, MetroNational is taking the necessary steps to prioritize health and safety across all of their properties,” said IWBI Chief Commercial Officer Jessica Cooper. “Their actions demonstrate a clear commitment to the well-being of visitors and staff, and we applaud their tremendous achievement.”

The WELL Health-Safety Rating achieved by MetroNational is informed by guidance developed by the World Health Organization (WHO), U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), global disease control and prevention centers and emergency management agencies, and recognized standard-making associations, such as ASTM International and ASHRAE, and leading academic and research institutions. IWBI has leveraged insights from its Task Force on COVID-19, established at the outset of the pandemic to help business and building leaders integrate actionable insights and proven strategies in the fight against COVID-19 and other respiratory infections.

To learn more about the WELL Health-Safety Rating, visit www.wellcertified.com/health-safety.

ABOUT METRONATIONAL

MetroNational is a privately-held real estate investment, development, and management company headquartered in Houston, Texas. Each MetroNational property, spanning office, retail, restaurant, hospitality and healthcare, fully integrates MetroNational’s best-of-class services, providing the highest quality and enduring value. The Company, which was founded in 1954, owns and manages more than 10 million square feet of commercial real estate properties primarily located in Greater Houston. MetroNational’s largest development is Memorial City located in West Houston. For more information, visit www.metronational.com.

ABOUT MEMORIAL CITY

Memorial City, the city-within-a city, is a 300-acre mixed-used development located in the heart of thriving West Houston. Owned and managed by MetroNational, Memorial City contains almost 10 million square feet of developed real estate incorporating a blend of Class A office space; retail, including the super-regional Memorial City Mall; highrise and midrise apartments including The McAdams Memorial City; chef-inspired restaurants; upscale hotel accommodations including The Westin Memorial City and Hotel ZaZa Memorial City; the Memorial Hermann Memorial City Medical Center, the second largest medical campus in the Houston Metropolitan area; and The Square and The Lawn at Memorial City, two state-of-the-art green space for events, concerts and festivals. For more information, visit www.memorialcity.com.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL WELL BUILDING INSTITUTE

The International WELL Building Institute (IWBI) is a public benefit corporation and the world’s leading organization focused on deploying people first places to advance a global culture of health. IWBI mobilizes its community through the administration of the WELL Building Standard (WELL) and the WELL Health-Safety Rating, management of the WELL AP credential, the pursuit of applicable research, the development of educational resources, and advocacy for policies that promote health and wellbeing everywhere. More information on WELL can be found [here](#).

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