



## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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*\* designates "First" in the industry.*

### The Tower Companies "At a Glance"

- 6 Million SF portfolio of office buildings, multi-family apartments, shopping centers, and other mixed-use facilities in the National Capital Area
- 13 million SF in development
- 30 acre Blair Master Plan Re-development in progress for vibrant urban living in Downtown Silver Spring, MD to include five acres of public parks
- 100% Renewable Energy Commitment
- 95% of Portfolio is US Green Building Council LEED® Certified
- Fitwel Champion and Fitwel Advisory Council Member
- 80% of Office Building Portfolio is ENERGY STAR® Certified
- Over 20% energy and water use reduction since 2010 through commitment as a Department of Energy Better Buildings Partner
- Climate Registered™ Gold Partner of The Climate Registry
- 15% of Employees are LEED Accredited, Green Associates, or Fitwel Ambassadors
- Over 2,000 hours of employee volunteering in communities that we serve

### 2022 Awards & Accomplishments

- *\*Tower's largest on-site solar photovoltaic (PV) system and largest Canopy installation in the City of Rockville. (February 2022)*
- Tower becomes newest member of Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce's "Circle of Stars" for commitment to make Silver Spring a better place to live, work, and run a business.

### 2020 - 2021 Awards & Accomplishments

- Unveiled community public art project sponsored by The Tower Companies called The Blairs Mural Festival (September 2021)
- 1<sup>st</sup> real estate owner in the country to utilize Healthe pathogen-reducing and Poppy pathogen-testing technologies to improve indoor air quality and keep occupants safe (February 2021)
- U.S. Department of Energy selects The Tower Companies to test a cloud-based smart building operating technology under a Field Validation Initiative (October 2020)
- *\*Tower is first to achieve Fitwel's Viral Response Certification Program (October 2020)*
- Solar PV Installation completed on the Blair Office Building rooftop (August 2020)
- Tower joined the Urban Land Institute's (ULI) Greenprint Center for Building Performance (March 2020)

### 2019 Awards & Accomplishments

- Tower partnered with MIU to publish a study that found increased creativity in employees who worked at 2000 Tower Oaks (October 2019)
- Completed the largest solar PV rooftop system on a multi-family building in Montgomery County, Blair House (July 2019)
- Published Inaugural Corporate Responsibility Report (April 2019)
- Tower Invited to be a Fitwel Advisory Council Member (February 2019)
- Awarded “Best in Building Health” Award from Center for Active Design for The Pearl (February 2019)

### 2017-2018 Awards & Accomplishments

- AIA Baltimore Design Excellence Award for The Pearl (September 2018)
- DOE Better Buildings Goal Achiever for 20% reduction for water -before 2020 goal (August 2018)
- USGBC NCR Best Health and Wellness Project for The Pearl (July 2018)
- Received updated “Gold” Green Lease Leader Award – (June 2018)
- Fitwel Certification for 1<sup>st</sup> Multi-Family in the world (April 2018)
- USGBC Maryland Chapter Wintergreen Awards – Finalist for Best Residential – The Pearl (January 2018)
- Became a Fitwel Champion (December 2017)
- Received Delta’s Best New Green Community Award for The Pearl (October 2017)
- Received NAIOP’s Best New Multifamily Development for The Pearl (September 2017)
- DOE Better Buildings Goal Achiever for 20% reduction for energy -before 2020 goal (May 2017)
- Received IMT and DOE’s Green Lease Transaction Award for Tower + NIKA Partnership (May 2017)

### 2015-2016 Awards & Accomplishments

- Winner of NAIOP MD I DC Chapter’s “Firm of The Year” (October 2016)
- \*Achieved LEED Gold Certification Under LEED Dynamic Plaque at 1707 L Street (September 2016)
- \*Achieved LEED Gold Recertification Under O+M: Existing Buildings v4 at 1828 L St., NW (August 2016)
- Winner of the Regional TOBY Award – Earth Building category, The Millennium Building (April 2016)
- Finalist for Company Leader Award at 2015 USGBC Maryland Wintergreen Awards (January 2016)
- AtSite’s My Building Rocks Award: Kofi Ennin named “Impressive Engagement, Feedback and Ideas” (June 2016)
- The Toby of the Year Award (Regional TOBY) Earth Building Category, The Millennium Building (May 2016)
- Finalist for Company Leader Award at 2015 USGBC Maryland Wintergreen Awards (January 2016)
- AtSite’s My Building Rocks Award: Jim Lewis named “Most Energy Efficient VP of Engineering” (January 2016)

- Finalist for the Champion category of The BOLD Awards: Eugenia Gregorio, Director of Corporate Responsibility. (November 2015)
- SmartCEO Healthiest Employer Award (September 2015)
- The Toby of the Year Award (Local TOBY) Earth Building Category, The Millennium Building (June 2015)

#### 2014 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*Completed first Solar PV Installation on a large, commercial, Class A office in Washington, D.C.
- Recognized as “Member of Certification Nation” for ENERGY STAR Certifications
- Recognized as Sustainable Business & Enterprise Roundtable’s (SBER) Outstanding Landlord by Sustainability Roundtable
- Recognized as Green Lease Leader by Institute for Market Transformation and US Department of Energy
- AtSite Q1 My Building Rocks Award: Dave Chalmers – “Initiative and Creativity”, 2000 Tower Oaks and the Tower Building
- AtSite Q2 My Building Rocks Award: Eric Harris – “Best Cooling Season Audit”, 1828 L Street NW
- National Real Estate CEL Award for Service Excellence (2013 & 2014)

#### 2013 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*DC Mayor’s Sustainability Award, First Two-Time Winner
- 2000 Tower Oaks Recognized Internationally in *World’s Greenest Building Book* by Jerry Yudelson and Ulf Meyer
- Real Estate Company Green Power Purchaser on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Green Power Top 100 Leadership List
- USGBC NCR Award of Excellence for Sustainable Business of the Year
- USGBC NCR Award of Excellence Honorable Mention for Project of the Year: Existing Buildings – The Tower Building
- Recognized as DOE Better Building Challenge Partner to reduce Energy by 20% by 2020 and Inaugural Partner of Multifamily Housing Program Expansion
- Recognized by DDOE, DC Downtown BID, and Mayor Vincent Grey as DC Smarter Business Challenge Partner
- Multi Housing News Award of Excellence, Unbuilt Category - Blairs Master Plan
- Property Management Association Pace Award for Most Innovative Community
- 1909 K St and 1828 L St receive BOMA 360 Performance Buildings Designation
- 1707 L Street and The Tower Building received BOMA 360 Performance Buildings Designation, 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

### 2012 Awards & Accomplishments

- ULI Lifetime Achievement Award – Posthumously to Albert Abramson
- National Real Estate “A List” CEL Award for Service Excellence
- Real Estate Company Green Power Purchaser on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) 100% Green Power Purchasers List
- Property Management Association (PMA) Pace Award for Overall Property of the Year
- 1707 L Street and The Tower Building received BOMA 360 Performance Buildings Designation
- AtSite Award for “Most Night Audits in 2012” - Jim Lewis
- AtSite for “Most Night Audits in a Single Night” – Dennis Gage (Blairs)
- AtSite Engineer Awards for “Largest 2012 Energy Reduction - 1707 L St
- Launched Blairs Lifestyles Program – Encourages healthy and sustainable living
- Launched “TREE” – Tower Employee Health and Wellness Program

### 2011 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*First developer of LEED-EBOM Platinum Certified apartments in the World: Blair Towns, Silver Spring, MD
- \*First developer to install electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Montgomery County, Maryland
- \*Among the first developers to install EV charging stations in DC
- \*First real estate developer to become Climate Registered™ Silver with The Climate Registry
- Real Estate Company Green Power Purchaser on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Green Power Partner List
- National Real Estate “A List” CEL Award for Service Excellence
- USGBC Award of Excellence, Member of the Year – Eugenia Gregorio
- Apartment and Office Building Association of Metropolitan Washington, Go Green Community Manager Award – Blairs General Manager

### 2010 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*First developer to introduce Tower SmartSuites™ in Office Building Portfolio
- \*First developer to introduce Ecopads™ in the multi-family rental market
- Real Estate Company Green Power Purchaser on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) 100% Green Power Purchasers List
- Multi-Housing News, Award of Excellence, Development Company of the Year
- “40 Environmentalists in 40 Years” Award to The Abramson Family by Montgomery County Council President Nancy Floreen
- NAIOP MD/DC, Award of Excellence in Best Urban Office, 1050 K Street

### 2009 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*First developer of the largest commercial application of Fortune-Creating<sup>(sm)</sup> Vedic/Vastu Architecture in the world: 2000 Tower Oaks, Rockville, MD and subject of Harvard Case Study: "Design Creates Fortune - 2000
- \*First developer in DC to achieve LEED certification for a multi-tenant commercial office building under the LEED for Existing Buildings rating system: 1909 K Street (The Millennium Building), Washington, DC
- \*First developer to introduce *TowerGreen* News, news shows to educate Clients about companies' green initiatives
- Real Estate Company Green Power Purchaser on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 100% Green Power Purchasers List
- Recognized as EPA Climate Leader Partner and Carbon Neutral (2005-2009)
- Visionary Award, Washington Business Journal and Board of Trade
- National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP)/Best Green Building of the Year/2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard
- Maryland State Comptroller and Montgomery County Proclamations, 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard, Greenest Office Building
- Circle of Excellence Award, Smart CEO Magazine – Jeffrey Abramson
- Environmental Excellence Awards, Mayor Adrian Fenty and DC DOE
- Preservation Award-2000 Tower Oaks Blvd, Mayor of Rockville and Peerless Rockville

### 2008 Awards & Accomplishments

- \*First developer in the National Capital Area to achieve LEED® Platinum certification for a multi-tenant commercial office building: 2000 Tower Oaks, Rockville, MD
- \*First developer to earn US EPA's "Designed to Earn Energy Star" designation in the state of Maryland: 2000 Tower Oaks, Rockville, MD
- EPA Climate Leader Award, US Environmental Protection Agency
- Member Firm of the Year, USGBC National Capital Region Chapter
- Environmental Excellence Award, City of Rockville
- Corporate Green Award, Multi-Housing News
- Spirit of Free Enterprise Award, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce
- Green Company of the Year, Washington Business Journal
- Corporate Green Leader of the Year, Washingtonian Magazine
- USGBC National Capital Region Partner of the Year

### 2000-2007 Awards & Accomplishments

- Business of the Year, DC Chamber of Commerce (2007)
- Green Power Leadership Award (2003 & 2006) from US Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy
- \*First developer of LEED Certified apartments in the country: Blair Towns, Silver Spring, MD (2003)
- \*First developer to receive 2002 Apartment and Office Building Association Green office Building of the Year for The Tower Building (2002)

## List of Building Certifications

### Fitwel Certified Projects

- 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard
  - 2019 - Fitwel 1 Star
- \*The Pearl
  - 2018 - Fitwel Certification - 2 Star Rating
- \*1707 L St NW, 1828 L St NW, 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard, Blair East, Blair House, Blair Plaza, Blair Towns, The Millennium Building, The Pearl, The Tower Building
  - 2020, 2021 - Fitwel Viral Response Certified – With Distinction

### LEED Certified Projects

- 1050 K Street
  - 2009 - LEED CS Gold, 2013 - LEED EBOM Platinum
- 1707 L Street NW
  - 2011 - LEED EBOM Silver, 2012 - LEED CI Platinum, 2016 - LEED EBOM Gold – Dynamic Plaque, 2017 - LEED EBOM Gold – Dynamic Plaque, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- 1828 L Street NW
  - 2010 - LEED CI Gold, 2011 - LEED EBOM Gold, 2016 - LEED EBOM Gold v4, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- 2000 Tower Oaks Boulevard
  - 2009 - LEED Platinum CS, 2009 - LEED Platinum CI, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- Bethesda Place I & II
  - 2013 - LEED EBOM Gold
- Blair East
  - 2012 - LEED EBOM Gold (campus-wide certification), 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- Blair House
  - 2012 - LEED EBOM Gold (campus-wide certification), 2020 - LEED Platinum v4.1 O+M
- Blair Plaza
  - 2012 - LEED EBOM Gold (campus-wide certification), 2020 - LEED Platinum v4.1 O+M
- Blair Towns
  - 2004 - LEED NC Certified, 2011 - LEED EBOM Platinum, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- The Millennium Building
  - 2009 - LEED Certified, 2011 - LEED CI Gold, 2013 - LEED EBOM Gold, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- The Pearl
  - 2017 - LEED NC v3, 2020 - LEED Platinum v4.1 O+M
- The Tower Building
  - 2009 - LEED EBOM Silver, 2013 - LEED EBOM Gold, 2020 - LEED Gold v4.1 O+M
- Washington Square
  - 2013 - LEED EBOM Silver, 2019 - LEED Gold

### **ENERGY STAR Certified Properties**

- 1707 L Street NW
  - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- 1828 L Street NW
  - 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Blair East
  - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Blair House
  - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Blair Plaza
  - 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- Blair Office Building
  - 2017, 2018
- The Millennium Building
  - 2003, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
- The Pearl
  - 2019, 2020, 2021
- The Tower Building
  - 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

### **BOMA 360 Certified Properties**

- 1707 L Street
  - 2012, 2015, 2018
- The Tower Building
  - 2015, 2018
- 1828 L Street
  - 2013, 2016
- 1909 K Street
  - 2016