

MAKERS QUARTER ANNOUNCES LEED PLATINUM CERTIFICATION OF “BLOCK D” PLUS NEW RETAIL TENANTS

The multi-tenant commercial office building is the first downtown San Diego building to earn a Certified LEED Platinum designation

San Diego, CA (October 17, 2019) — BLOCK D, downtown San Diego’s first multi-tenant commercial office building to be constructed in over a decade, attracted national attention with its August 2018 opening in the six-block innovation hub Makers Quarter. A collaboration with renowned architecture firm BNIM, the Makers Quarter development team designed BLOCK D as a response to rapidly growing demand for dynamic, low-rise urban workspace with authentic neighborhood connectivity that has largely been absent in downtown San Diego’s traditional high-rise dominated marketplace. Now, Makers Quarter is pleased to announce that **the U.S. Green Building Council has awarded BLOCK D with the LEED® Platinum certification, marking it as the first LEED Platinum building in downtown San Diego.** The LEED rating system, developed by the USGBC, offers four levels of certification with platinum being the highest designation.

“The LEED Platinum certification is an important designation for BLOCK D and Makers Quarter as a whole,” said Mary Pampuch, Executive Vice President and COO of Lankford & Associates. “Our Makers Quarter team believes in the mission of sustainability as more than just a headline, and we made the bet that it would likewise appeal to forward-thinking companies who value technology, innovation, and the interconnected nature of our community. Block D is a great example of how environmentally conscious development can be achieved without abandoning economic feasibility.”

INNOVATION IN ENERGY & DESIGN | Spanning 60,000 square-feet over six stories with street level retail and restaurant suites, BLOCK D reimagines the urban office building as a strategic framework. Its creative and innovative design recently earned an architectural nod from San Diego Architectural Foundation’s 2019 Orchid & Onions Awards. Highly flexible office suites utilize natural ventilation through the use of motorized exterior blinds and garage doors on each level. An exposed concrete frame integrates with the natural ventilation systems to facilitate passive cooling during the day. A high-performance facade utilizes two active shading systems that enhance daylight and provide flexibility to user preferences within individual tenant spaces. A 174kw PV solar array installed on the roof serves the building as part of the ZNE approach.

“BLOCK D’s LEED certification demonstrates tremendous green building leadership,” said Mahesh Ramanujam, president and CEO, USGBC. “LEED was created to make the world a better place and revolutionize the built environment by providing everyone with a healthy, green and high performing buildings. BLOCK D serves as a prime example of how the work of innovative building projects can use local solutions to make a global impact on the environment.”

ATTRACTING TOP-TIER OFFICE & LIFESTYLE TENANTS | As San Diego’s first net-zero energy and LEED Platinum certified building, BLOCK D’s forward-thinking, sustainable office space has already attracted a roster of top-tier companies, including BASIC Agency, a nationally renowned creative design agency who occupies the 5th floor; and Spaces, the pioneer in creative, flexible workspaces that occupies the lower four floors.

Now, BLOCK D announces two new incoming ground-floor tenants that will add to Makers Quarter’s vibrant lineup of lifestyle and hospitality offerings:

- **BLACKMARKET BAKERY | Anticipated Opening Q2 2020**
 - Hailing from Orange County, this small bakery with a cult following opened a North Park location in 2016 and will expand to BLOCK D for its fourth retail location in 2020. Blackmarket’s offerings range from savory breads to sweet pastries including scones, croissants, cookies and cakes that change with seasonality. In addition to baked goods, Blackmarket offers an expansive menu of breakfast and lunch sandwiches as well as Dark Horse coffee and other beverages. The new bakery will comprise 600 square feet of patio and 1,600 square feet interior, including room for hands-on baking classes.
- **TAILORED HAIR | Anticipated Opening January 2020**
 - Founded in 2012 by Lizzy Broughton, Tailored Hair offers both classic and contemporary men's hair cuts with a full line of barber services. The all-female team of barbers and stylists will move their existing East Village location to a new 2,494-square-foot shop in BLOCK D, opening in January 2020.

With the rest of BLOCK D leased, only 10,300 square feet of office space remains on the sixth floor. Those interested in BLOCK D office space should contact Cushman & Wakefield.

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ABOUT MAKERS QUARTER: As an innovation hub for a millennial workforce, this new emerging district completes one of the final chapters of growth for East Village’s dynamic urban downtown neighborhood—ushering in new office, residential, restaurants, retail and entertainment space, alongside associated public parks and open space. Makers Quarter is home to popular tenants such as Punch Bowl Social, 10-Barrel Brewing Co., You & Yours Distillery, and Urban Discovery Academy. The neighborhood’s first residential anchor, Broadstone Makers Quarter (7-story, 265 units, architect: JWDA; co-developer: Alliance Residential) opened its doors in late 2018 and is nearing full occupancy. Additional major mixed-use projects, providing more retail, office and residential units are slated to begin construction in 2020. The master plan of Makers Quarter was jointly developed by Lankford & Associates, HP Investors and Hensel Phelps. www.makersquarter.com