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## WOOD HUB obtains the first WELL CORE - Platinum certification in Belgium

Wood Hub sets a new standard of well-being in Belgian office construction



Brussels, 17 July 2024 - As the first company in Belgium, CFE Group is proud to announce today that it has been awarded WELL Core Platinum Certification for Wood Hub, a 7,300 m<sup>2</sup> office building located in Brussels. The prestigious distinction was awarded through International WELL Building Institute (IWBI)'s WELL Building Standard (WELL), which is the premier building standard to focus on enhancing people's health and wellness through the buildings where we live, work and play.

Wood Hub, recently officially inaugurated by CFE in its clients and partners' presence, was designed to provide a stimulating and healthy working environment. As the first building in Belgium with WELL Core Platinum certification, Wood Hub is the example of a highly sustainable and healthy building where the well-being of people in their working environment is a priority. The certification was achieved by defining the most effective performance standards, design interventions, maintenance protocols and organisational policies, all supported by the latest scientific and public health research. The 10 WELL concepts integrated into this reflection include air, water, nourishment, light, movement, thermal comfort, sound, materials, mind and community.





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"Obtaining the WELL Core<sup>TM</sup> Platinum Certification is tangible evidence of our commitment to be a conscious and responsible key player in the design, construction and maintenance of sustainable and healthy buildings and workplaces.", says Raymund Trost, CEO of CFE.

Active in the markets of sustainable buildings, smart industry, and green energy & mobility, CFE aims to foster a culture of changemakers that look to have a positive impact. Certified as a Top Employer and recognized as an 'ESG Top rated' company in 2024, the group is committed to promoting the health, well-being, comfort and safety of its employees and residents. It also reflects the group's determination to set an example for the future of healthy and employee-friendly work environments that are less harmful to the environment.

"Today, we are redefining how people live, work, move and power the world. This transition is one of the biggest challenges of our time and with our people we are at the forefront of it. This recognition from the International WELL Building Institute encourages us even more to continue pushing our boundaries and setting new standards in the sector.", says Jacques Lefèvre, CEO of BPI Real Estate.

WELL is grounded in a body of evidence-based research that explores the connection between the buildings where we spend approximately 90 percent of our time, and the health and wellness impacts on the people inside these buildings. To be awarded WELL Core<sup>™</sup> Platinum Certification by IWBI, Wood Hub underwent rigorous testing and a final evaluation carried out by Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI), which is the third-party certification body for WELL, to ensure it met all WELL Core & Shell Certification performance requirements.

## **Other partners**

Architects: Archi 2000 Interior architects: TwoDesigners Technical studies: Detang Engineering Stability: TPF Engineering Certification: B4F (Building For the Future) Acoustic studies: BAAM









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## About CFE

CFE is a multidisciplinary group active in Belgium, Luxembourg and Poland in four core activities with a significant growth potential that shape tomorrow's world: real estate development, multitechnics, construction & renovation and sustainable investments. With a turnover of 1,200 million euros, more than 3,100 employees and long experience and expertise gathered since its foundation in 1880, the CFE group has the ambition to challenge the status quo and create positive change by providing a successful answer to environmental and societal challenges to ensure the well-being of future generations. The group realises this ambition by putting sustainability, innovation and respect for its employees at the heart of its strategy and by offering its clients total solutions.

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