

Moda's build-to-rent scheme gains Fitwel 3 certification

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Moda's new Edinburgh development has become the first residential scheme in Europe to attain a Fitwel 3 Star Rating healthy building certification.



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The project, which is being funded by a joint venture between Apache Capital, Harrison Street and NFU Mutual, comprises 476 rental apartments with 45,000 sq ft of amenity space including a residents' gym.

Tenants at the scheme, which is due to open next year, will also be offered indoor and outdoor fitness classes and access to wellbeing experts.

Third-party healthy building certification system Fitwel, founded in the US, aims to set the standard for "positive health and wellbeing outcomes" for the occupiers of buildings across a range of uses.

Lydia Eustace, Marketing Director and Head of Wellbeing at Moda said: "At Moda we're committed to making healthy living achievable for even the most 'time poor' residents. We're thrilled to be the first, and only, residential development in Europe to achieve a Fitwel 3 Star rating, meaning the residents moving into our urban village in Edinburgh this year will officially be living in the healthiest neighbourhood in Europe."

"Moda Edinburgh's impressive 3 Star Fitwel Certification demonstrates its commitment to being a leader in the healthy building movement," said Joanna Frank, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Active Design, which operates and maintains the Fitwel standard. "Moda Edinburgh is a model for the future of healthy living and we commend the team for creating an environment that prioritizes both mental and physical health and well-being."

Ben Chittick, Director of Asset Management at Harrison Street said: "We're proud to announce the new Moda Edinburgh development is the first residential building to be awarded a 3-star Fitwel rating. This certification is representative of Moda and Harrison Street's commitment to creating people-first developments with wellbeing at their core. We're looking forward to completion later this year when the residents can begin to enjoy the benefits of Europe's healthiest apartments."

John Dunkerley, co-founder and CEO at Apache Capital Partners, said: "We are proud to be helping deliver Europe's healthiest residential development."

"The Fitwel 3-rating achieved for Moda Edinburgh is a reflection of the hard work the teams have put into the design and operational strategy to create somewhere that truly supports personal health and wellbeing."

"Post-pandemic, we expect mental and physical health and wellbeing to be not only a key concern for our potential customers but also a core part of investors' ESG considerations."