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### **Milliken's Chicago Showroom achieves WELL Certified™ Platinum**

*Project marks the 100<sup>th</sup> WELL Certified™ Space globally*

**SPARTANBURG, S.C. – Milliken** announced today that its Chicago Showroom inside the Chicago Merchandise Mart has been awarded WELL Certification at the Platinum level by the International WELL Building Institute™ (IWBI™). The prestigious distinction was awarded through 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. With this certification, Milliken becomes the 100<sup>th</sup> WELL Certified project in the world. It is also the first showroom in Chicago's Merchandise Mart to receive WELL Certification along with being the first WELL Certified Platinum space in Chicago.

Created through seven years of rigorous research and development working with leading physicians, scientists, and industry professionals, the WELL Building Standard™ is a performance-based certification system that marries best practices in design and construction with evidence-based scientific research. Milliken's showroom on the 11<sup>th</sup> floor of the Chicago Merchandise Mart earned the distinction based on seven categories of building performance— Air, Water, Light, Nourishment, Fitness, Comfort and Mind. Milliken's showroom incorporated all 26 preconditions and 43 of the 51 available optimizations to achieve WELL Certified Platinum status.

"The health and wellbeing of our employees has been something Milliken has been focused on for a very long time. WELL has given us a vocabulary and a set of guidelines to ensure we're optimizing everything we can in the built environment while also addressing behavioral and internal policy changes to maximize the health and wellbeing of our customers and employees," said Jim McCallum, Division President of Milliken Floor Covering. "But it's even more than that – it's a mindset and we've made a proactive decision to embrace wellness from the top down and are very passionate about rallying the entire Milliken company behind a culture of wellbeing. We're treating the Well Certification of our Chicago Showroom as a way to show our commitment but also to learn, in order to see what steps need to be taken at our other facilities and to understand the process our customers will go through when obtaining Well Building Certification."

This was celebrated in a plaque ceremony in the Milliken Showroom during this year's NeoCon show, one of the largest commercial design events in North America.

"This milestone achievement not only marks the 100<sup>th</sup> certified project but is an example of commitment to improving health and well-being at scale," says IWBI Chairman and CEO Rick Fedrizzi. "The growth of WELL is advanced by projects like Milliken, who are going above and beyond by improving not just the health and well-being of their employees but supporting their clients and customers as well."

**About Milliken's global floor covering division** - Milliken has a rich history of delivering innovative flooring solutions from its award-winning global design studios, research center and manufacturing facilities. Milliken's progressive and purposeful flooring products offer great design solutions built from unique insights and an exceptional array of technical capabilities. Visit us at any of our product



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