

### EPA RECOGNIZES BENTALL KENNEDY WITH THE 2017 ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> PARTNER OF THE YEAR – SUSTAINED EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR THE SEVENTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

**Seattle (April 6, 2017)** – For the seventh year in a row, Bentall Kennedy has earned the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Award. The honor recognizes Bentall Kennedy's continued leadership in energy management and long-standing commitment to energy efficiency practices.

Bentall Kennedy will be recognized for its commitment to energy efficiency in Washington, D.C. on April 26, 2017 at the 2017 ENERGY STAR Awards ceremony. The company's continued participation in ENERGY STAR has led to strong improvements in its portfolio's average ENERGY STAR score, which reached 81 in 2016—a 5.2 percent year-over-year improvement. In 2016, the company increased the number of ENERGY STAR certified properties in its office portfolio from 25 to 36.

"At Bentall Kennedy, we are committed to investing soundly and sustainably. Our partnership with ENERGY STAR is a tangible demonstration of that commitment," said Amy Price, President and Chief Operating Officer, Bentall Kennedy (U.S.) Limited Partnership. "Since 2009 our energy efficiency programs have helped our clients and tenants achieve more than \$37 million USD in energy savings – all while reducing carbon emissions to protect the environment."

Bentall Kennedy's commitment to improving efficiency using ENERGY STAR began in 2006. The company actively benchmarks its entire portfolio of 859 properties, consisting of office, retail, multi-family and industrial assets, across North America. Bentall Kennedy's approach to energy management includes leveraging ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tools and resources in unison with its own custom-developed energy management and tracking platform. Through the ForeverGreen Tenant Engagement program, Bentall Kennedy focuses on fostering collaboration among property managers and tenants in all asset types across North America.

For more information on Bentall Kennedy's achievements in energy efficiency click here.

In 2015 alone, ENERGY STAR and its partners saved American businesses and consumers 503 billion kilowatt hours and \$34 billion dollars on their energy bills, while achieving broad emission reductions.

The 2017 Partner of the Year – Sustained Excellence Awards are bestowed upon a diverse set of organizations that have demonstrated continued leadership in energy efficiency. Winners hail from small, family-owned businesses to Fortune 500 organizations – representing energy-efficient products, services, new homes, and buildings in the commercial, industrial, and public sectors.



### About Bentall Kennedy

Bentall Kennedy, a Sun Life Investment Management company, is one of the largest global real estate investment advisors and one of North America's foremost providers of real estate services. Bentall Kennedy serves the interests of more than 550 institutional clients with expertise in office, retail, industrial and multi-residential assets throughout Canada and the U.S. Bentall Kennedy's Investment Management group has approximately \$34 billion (as of December 31, 2016, cited in U.S. dollars) of assets under management. We are one of the largest Real Estate Services providers in Canada, managing 58 million square feet on behalf of third-party and investment management clients (as of December 31, 2016). Bentall Kennedy is a member of UN PRI and a recognized Responsible Property Investing leader ranked among the top firms around the globe in the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB) for the sixth consecutive year since GRESB was launched.

Bentall Kennedy includes Bentall Kennedy (Canada) Limited Partnership, Bentall Kennedy (U.S.) Limited Partnership and the real estate and commercial mortgage investment groups of certain of their affiliates, all of which comprise a team of real estate professionals spanning multiple legal entities. The assets under management shown above include real estate equity and mortgage investments of the companies within Bentall Kennedy.

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## About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR has 16,000 partners working to protect the environment through greater energy efficiency, including manufacturers, retailers, public schools, hospitals, real estate companies, and home builders. Since 1992, ENERGY STAR and its partners have saved American families and businesses \$430 billion on their energy bills and 4.6 trillion kilowatthours of energy, while achieving broad emissions reductions—including 2.8 billion metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

ENERGY STAR<sup>®</sup> is the simple choice for energy efficiency. For 25 years, EPA's ENERGY STAR program has been America's resource for saving energy and protecting the environment. Join the millions already making a difference at energystar.gov.

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