



### **Sitka Announced as Winner of 2024 Vision Awards**

*Sitka wins the Seattle 2030 District Vision Awards in the Water Category*

(Seattle, WA) April 2024 — Vulcan Real Estate is proud to announce that their Sitka multifamily development project, designed by Runberg Architecture Group, is this year's winner of the Seattle 2030 District's 2024 Vision Awards in the Water Category. The award, recognizing leadership in reducing water consumption, was presented at the Seattle and Bellevue 2030 District's annual gala, themed "Our City, Our Region," which celebrates the unique contributions that local organizations are making to create a more sustainable Pacific Northwest. Developed in collaboration with Runberg Architecture Group, Sitka is one of the region's most sustainable and energy-efficient multifamily buildings. The 2024 Vision Award joins Sitka's long list of accreditations, including Metropolis's Planet Positive Award, PCBC's Gold Nugget Grand Award for Best Innovative Energy Design, NAIOPWA's Night of the Stars Award, and both national and international awards from FIABCI.

Inspired by Northwest Modernism and the landscapes of the San Juan Islands, Sitka is a 7-story, 384-unit apartment building in Seattle's South Lake Union neighborhood. In addition to being LEED Platinum and Salmon-Safe certified, Sitka uses a Wastewater Heat Recovery System (WWHR), the first of its kind in the United States when Vulcan completed the building. The WWHR captures heat from outgoing wastewater and reuses it for domestic hot water heating. To further reduce water use, a greywater harvesting system diverts water from showers and laundry for on-site irrigation. Sitka achieved the Seattle 2030 District targets of a 50% reduction in water use and an 80% reduction in energy compared to the 2003 baselines. The use of energy from heating systems is also reduced using ductless heat pumps that both heat and cool units more efficiently than conventional radiant heaters.

"At Vulcan Real Estate, sustainability isn't just a goal; it's our commitment to the future of our community and the planet. This award, recognizing the achievement of the Sitka project, is a testament to the dedication of our team and design partner the Runberg Architecture Group," said Kiki Gram, Senior Development Manager at Vulcan Real Estate and a 2030 District board member. "We're honored to be recognized alongside other industry leaders and proud to contribute to a greener, more resilient future for Seattle and beyond."



### **About Vulcan Real Estate**

Through strategic acquisitions and innovative development, Seattle-based [Vulcan Real Estate](#) develops and manages a diversified portfolio of high-performing quality assets, including office, life sciences, residential and mixed-use projects.

The company's integrated team of real estate professionals offers a full range of development and portfolio management services from site selection and urban planning to build-to-suit construction, leasing, financing, and asset repositioning. Its real estate model is based on quality, sustainable development that builds new value across the entire community.

Since 2000, Vulcan Real Estate has delivered \$4.6 billion in assets in 47 projects comprising 10.3 million square feet of commercial space and 3,390 residential units. Sixty-five percent of the development projects have occurred in South Lake Union, renowned as one of the largest urban redevelopment projects in the country. The company also has 855 residential units under construction in the Seattle and Eastside markets.

### **About Runberg Architecture Group**

Runberg Architecture Group designs sustainable mixed-use urban environments where people want to be—vibrant, engaging places that create high and enduring value for Runberg's clients and their communities. The firm understands that quality of life is highest in places where social, economic, and environmental interests are in harmony and their mission is to design places that achieve this harmony by honoring the distinct needs and opportunities of each project.

Over the past 26 years, Runberg has designed and built over 16,000 residential units across the Puget Sound Region which translates into over \$5 Billion in construction value. As a leader in the mixed-use and multifamily sector, the firm is nationally recognized for designing some of the country's most energy-efficient projects. Runberg completed the 1<sup>st</sup> LEED for Homes Platinum Project, the 1<sup>st</sup> LEED Zero Carbon multi-family project, and the 1<sup>st</sup> PHIUS-certified Permanent Supportive Housing project in Washington State. In the last 5 years, 85% of Runberg's work built is certified sustainable housing representing \$550 million in construction value.

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