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**PERKINS EASTMAN'S CHICAGO WORKPLACE
AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS WELL v2 PILOT CERTIFICATION AT THE PLATINUM LEVEL**

Global architecture firm shows the way forward for healthy workplace environments in eventual post-pandemic world



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Chicago, IL (November 30, 2020) Global architecture and design firm [Perkins Eastman](https://www.perkinseastman.com) is honored to announce that its new Chicago studio, located in the historic Rookery Building, is the first project in the state of Illinois, and 1 of only 4 in the United States and 25 worldwide to become WELL™ Certified to the Platinum level under WELL v2 pilot. The prestigious distinction was awarded through the International WELL Building Institute's (IWBI) WELL v2 pilot, the next version of the [WELL Building Standard](https://www.wellcertified.com). WELL is the premier building standard to focus on enhancing people's health and wellness through the buildings where we live, work, and play.

“Creating healthy, beautiful, and humane spaces is central to Perkins Eastman's philosophy of human-centric, accessible, and thoughtful design. Receiving WELL v2 Pilot Platinum Certification reinforces that commitment, and is an inspiration that will propel us forward,” said Nicholas Leahy, AIA, co-CEO and Executive Director of Perkins Eastman.

The new Chicago studio highlights a convergence of the firm's key strengths in workplace, hospitality, and residential interiors. Driven by the guiding principles of WELL, the Perkins Eastman workplace design team collaborated with the Chicago studio to emphasize quality of air, light, sound, thermal comfort, and materials for a workspace that prioritizes well-being, is invigorating and inviting, elegant and comfortable.

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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. Perkins Eastman's Chicago studio earned the WELL Building Standard distinction based on 10 categories of building performance — Air, Water, Nourishment, Light, Movement, Thermal Comfort, Sound, Materials, Mind and Community — and achieved a Platinum level rating.

"WELL certification will be even more important for workspaces as restrictions lift following the COVID-19 crisis and people begin heading back to their offices. The care and attention that we paid to improving air quality, particularly in following the guidelines of the WELL Building Standard, helped us create an environment that is healthier and safer for our employees as they return to the office," said Jerry Walleck, AIA, Managing Principal of Perkins Eastman's Chicago studio.

Features that helped the Chicago studio achieve its WELL Certified Platinum rating include:

- Air quality sensors measure carbon dioxide, TVOC, humidity, temperature, and particulate matter levels.
- Acoustic felt wall and ceiling treatments throughout the office provide quiet, focused work spaces that keep sound contained.
- Full sit/stand stations offer flexible options for individual work preferences.

"Congratulations to Perkins Eastman for achieving WELL Certification at the Platinum level. Perkins Easton has gone above and beyond to implement design, policy, and operational interventions backed by scientific evidence to prioritize the health and well-being of its employees and visitors now and into the future," said IWBI president & CEO Rachel Gutter.

The historic Rookery Building, in which Perkins Eastman's Chicago studio is located, was also recently awarded the WELL Health & Safety Rating, created specifically for the post COVID-19 return to work scenario. 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 Certification by IWBI, Perkins Eastman's Chicago studio 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™ Certified Platinum v2 Pilot performance requirements.

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