



# Physicians Realty Trust's ESG Report Establishes Strategy for Ongoing Investment in Sustainability

## Physicians Realty Trust collaborates with UL Solutions on inaugural ESG report and beyond

As a successful and growing publicly traded healthcare real estate investment trust (REIT), Physicians Realty Trust (NYSE: DOC) has built a culture of excellence in service to their shareholders, team members, healthcare partners and the communities where they operate.

With nearly 270 properties in 36 states, comprising more than 14 million square feet of gross leasable area, DOC's aim is to provide healthcare professionals with safe,

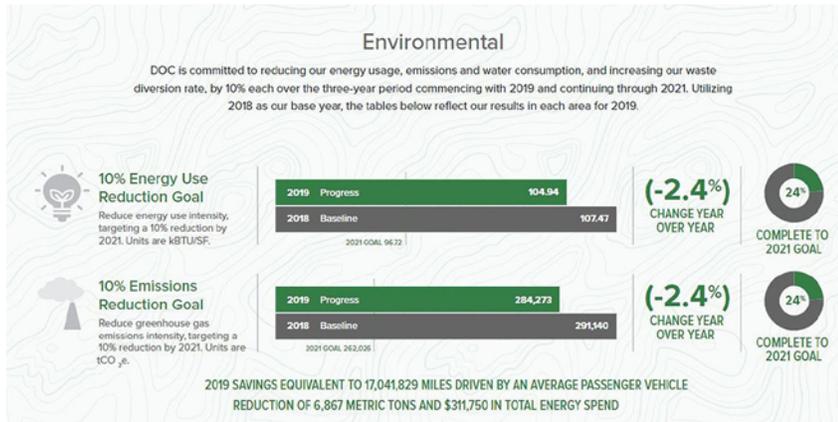
healthy and well-maintained environments so they can focus on their goal of delivering great patient care. Partnering with UL Solutions since 2018, DOC continues to advance their efforts to achieve sustainable and healthy buildings.

At DOC, their "Invest in better" mission means being good corporate citizens, for their shareholders and the communities they serve. Since its inception, DOC has earned a reputation as an environmental,

social and governance (ESG) leader by reducing their buildings' environmental footprint, creating innovative social programming and fostering a culture of transparency and accountability. In 2020, DOC took their ESG efforts to the next level by publishing their inaugural ESG Report, sharing objectives and accomplishments with investors, shareholders, employees, and the broader healthcare and real estate communities.



## CASE STUDY



### A complete evaluation

Since 2018, UL Solutions Services for Healthy Buildings program has helped DOC benchmark indoor air quality and conduct water inspections. Recognizing UL Solutions expertise in science-based approaches to measuring security, safety and sustainability, DOC enlisted UL Solutions to support the company in its inaugural reporting process. Together, the team developed an environmental management system (EMS) detailing multiyear environmental goals. The UL Solutions team was particularly insightful in establishing performance baselines and developing the means to measure ongoing achievements via data reporting tools.

“UL Solutions has been a valuable partner as we continue on our ESG journey,” said Leann Mester, DOC’s Director of corporate marketing and communications. “Their skills in compiling and interpreting data, aligning objectives with the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals and recommending best

practices for reporting have helped us identify aspirational goals for the future. Our collaborative efforts with UL Solutions have helped DOC reach new heights throughout our environmental initiatives.”

### On the road to better

DOC’s inaugural ESG report was released in June 2020, sharing the company’s commitments to reducing carbon emissions, water and energy usage by 10% over three years, while simultaneously increasing waste diversion. The report also provides insights on the company’s community investments, social impact and transparent business practices. The United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, widely considered the global guide for protecting and improving conditions on the planet, were used as a compass to align the company’s efforts on a larger scale. Even the report itself was issued in a digital format as opposed to print, another step toward sustainability.

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to ESG reporting, continuous improvement and complete transparency. They consider this report a baseline for advancing sustainability and have a strong foundation on which to progress in meaningful ways,” said Gwen Sheinfeld, program manager, Corporate Sustainability at UL Solutions.

“We are committed to strengthening the communities we serve, contributing to a healthier environment for future generations, and upholding the highest standards of ethical business practices. The inaugural ESG report is an integral tool for sharing that story and creating positive change. We hope it inspires other businesses to do the same,” Mester said. “This healthy approach to ESG is a critical component of DOC’s strategic efforts to ‘Invest in better’ by building a more sustainable future for our business, for our communities and for the world around us.”

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