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## **Historic Rittenhouse Claridge Earns ENERGY STAR® Certification**

*Mid-Century Luxury High Rise Reduces Energy Use While Improving Comfort*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA – AUGUST 15, 2019:** You don't have to be the newest building to be the greenest! That's the message from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which recently awarded the ENERGY STAR® to the Rittenhouse Claridge, a mid-century high rise apartment and retail building on prestigious Rittenhouse Square in Center City Philadelphia. Built, owned, and managed by Kaiserman Company, Rittenhouse Claridge has now earned ENERGY STAR® Certification for superior energy and resource efficiency, with a certifying score of 76.

With the ENERGY STAR® 2019 designation, the Rittenhouse Claridge, at 201 S. 18th St., became the fifth Kaiserman property to earn the top national honor. Kaiserman, family-owned and operated since 1923, strives to be the industry leader in successful green real-estate practices, with sustainability as one of its core values. At the Rittenhouse Claridge, their flagship building built by Kaiserman in 1951, that aim was carried out through an ongoing commitment to sustainable operations and careful attention to detail, including diligent monitoring of energy usage and retrofitting of energy-saving equipment throughout. Building envelope improvements, as well as smart thermostat retrofits, state-of-the-art chiller, and an on-site combined heat & power (CHP) generation system has allowed the Rittenhouse Claridge to improve resident comfort while reducing overall energy consumption dramatically. Specifically, the Rittenhouse Claridge has improved its ENERGY STAR® score by 20 points in just two years.

“We strive to own and operate top of the line, resource responsible communities,” said Mark Poston, President of Kaiserman Company. “A commitment to energy efficiency while maintaining comfort is a win-win-win scenario: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are offset, utility cost is reduced, and residents remain happy. Achieving ENERGY STAR® certification goes a long way towards confirming for us that we are on the right path.”

For more information about Kaiserman Company and the Rittenhouse Claridge, visit [www.kaiserman.com](http://www.kaiserman.com), and [www.rittenhouseclaridge.com](http://www.rittenhouseclaridge.com).

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