

First Scottish Housing Association to be awarded the Certified Sustainable Housing Label

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Link Group is the first Scottish housing association to be awarded RITTERWALD's 'Certified Sustainable Housing Label'.

Through Link Group's achievement, RITTERWALD has not only entered the Scottish market for its Certified Sustainable Housing (CSHL) Label, but has also enlarged its presence in the UK. Following Clarion's and Catalyst's completion of the certification process, RITTERWALD has shown that the CSHL can also adapt to Scotland's regulatory framework. Link Group's award demonstrates that CSHL also applies to smaller housing companies.

Dr. Mathias Hain, Managing Partner of RITTERWALD, said: "We are very happy to count Link Group as a Label holder, the first Scottish housing association to receive this accreditation! Link Group has done a great job regarding sustainability matters as the high scores of the housing association reflect. This also demonstrates that the CSHL does not only apply to large housing associations. Even in the midst of the lockdown and the corona pandemic, the assessment process of the pan-european approach to our label can be delivered."

The label will allow Link Group to better demonstrate and report its sustainability performance, as well as attract a wider range of likeminded, ethical investors looking for opportunities.

Jon Turner, CEO of Link Group, said: "I am delighted to announce Link has received this accreditation which endorses the organisation as a sustainable and ethical company and further enhances our credentials on our journey to embed sustainability in everything we do.

From delivering fantastic homes and communities to ensuring our customers have the services and support they need to live full and enriched lives, sustainability is the essence of what Link does. In attaining the Certified Sustainable Housing Label, we have laid down a key foundation in the vision for our wider sustainability strategy and for Link to become a leader in this field."

A very promising perspective for the Scottish housing association as Dr. Mathias Hain stated: "With its latest achievement, Link Group now stands in line with housing associations Clarion and Catalyst. The London-based housing association Clarion issued two sustainability bonds the following year of its award and raise £650m at record breaking interest rates. Similar results would be an efficiency kick for Link Group."

Link Group is the second largest housing associations in Scotland, managing over 7,000 units.

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