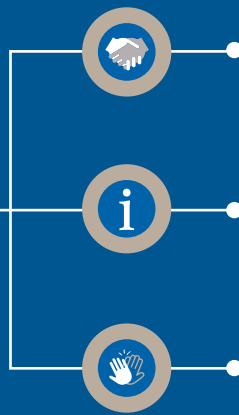


# Buildings Without Barriers Challenge 2021

In 2021, the Rick Hansen Foundation (RHF) challenged commercial real estate owners and managers to prove they provide barrier free access inside and outside of their properties by participating in the Buildings Without Barriers challenge and having at least 3 sites rated with RHF Accessibility Certification.

## Goals

The Challenge provided commercial real estate owners and managers an opportunity to:



Show their visitors, employees, and customers their commitment to creating accessible spaces for everyone, everywhere

Gain valuable information about their buildings from RHF and their industry peers

Be recognized and celebrated for their commitment to accessibility in the built environment

## Participating Organizations

BentallGreenOak 

**CF**  
Cadillac  
Fairview

canada  life™

CONCERT®  30 YEARS 1989-2019

**GWL** REALTY  
ADVISORS

 **KingSett**  
CAPITAL

**Morguard**

**O|X|F|O|R|D**

 **QuadReal**

 **TRIOVEST**

**wpm** WARRINGTON PCI  
MANAGEMENT

Supported by **BOMA**  
Canada

# Awards



**Commitment Award**  
Organization with the most RHFAC  
rated buildings



**10**  
buildings  
rated



**Innovation Award**  
Building with the highest number of  
innovation points on their RHFAC rating



**82%**  
RHF Certified  
Gold rating

# Impact

**13**

commercial real estate organizations participated, resulting in a stronger understanding of how meaningful accessibility will benefit their clients, employees, customers, and visitors

**63**

sites were rated resulting in increasing knowledge of existing barriers and how to remove them so the 6.2 million Canadian with disabilities have equitable access to commercial spaces

**100%**

of the participants stated that they would participate in future challenges



Participating organizations began planning for meaningful accessibility earlier in construction and retrofit projects.



Many participants engaged RHFAC Professionals following the challenge to implement recommended changes.

**53**

9 of the 13 participating organizations went on to have 53 other sites rated!



RHFAC results were used as a social metric within public ESG reporting and case studies.