

Jim Vlock Building Project, Yale 2020



Rollease Acmeda was proud to participate in the Yale School of Architecture 2020 Jim Vlock Building Project. A modern two-family dwelling was constructed using eco-conscious and sustainable materials in the Newhallville neighborhood of New Haven, CT.

Sustainable Housing

Since 1967, graduate students in the Yale School of Architecture's professional degree program have designed and built structures in the summer following their second semester. For the past 30 years, the students have embarked on a unique project that results in creation of parks, campgrounds or residences in underprivileged neighborhoods within New Haven, CT.

The Jim Vlock Building Project is mandatory for all graduate students enrolled in the Masters of Architecture I program at the Yale School of Architecture. The students to interview key stake holders and potential occupants, develop design drawings and construction documents, and present their schemes to a panel of faculty jurors.

Fabric Selection

Mesa Blackout (White)
Ambient Renew 5% (White/
White)

Lift System

Contract Series Specialty
Easy Spring Ultra Open Roll

Control Unit

Easy Spring Ultra
Chain Free

Designer

Yale School of Architecture,
Jim Vlock Building Project

Fabricator

All About Shades.
Hawthorne, NJ

Installation

Draperies Inc.
Norwalk, CT



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Over the past five years, the architecture school has partnered with Columbus House, a New Haven-based provider of shelter, housing and social services. This year, the students designed a single-story 1100 sq ft dwelling comprised of two one-bedroom one-bathroom apartments which Columbus House will rent to individuals who have recently experienced homelessness.

The student led team worked together to create a solution utilizing materials donated by various organizations to create environmentally sustainable housing. The design of the home focuses on economic waste reduction, relying on sustainable materials like timber for the construction & sustainable fabrics like Textstyle Ambient Renew for their roller shades.

“The Jim Vlock Building Project at the Yale School of Architecture is fundamental to the education of the architect at Yale. Working within our community to design and build dignified housing for those in need is demanding and rewarding for the students. The generosity of industry partners is essential to the mission of the program. We are so grateful for Rollease Acmeda’s contribution of time, expertise and product.”

-Professor Adam Hopfner, Director, Jim Vlock Building Project, Yale School of Architecture

Rollease Acmeda was proud to participate in this year’s program by supplying completed roller shades and installing the shades into the 2020 project build. The modern, two family dwelling in the heart of New Haven is the first of two structures being built on the site.

We are proud to share our knowledge, as innovators in the shading industry with the students participating in this project. This program allows future “world class” architect’s to address real world issues like sustainability and homelessness.



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Rollease Acmeda customers can realize the tremendous design and installation flexibility for each project. Utilizing our network of local manufacturing and world-class installing subs Rollease Acmeda was able to assist the Yale School of Architecture in building a sustainable home in New Haven, CT.

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