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From Kansas City to London, architects take on the task of designing spaces and institutions that work for the people they serve. Read on page 21.







Alafia Under Construction

If you take the 2, 3, or 4 train to the end of the line at New Lots Avenue in East New York, you'll pass through a grid of industrial warehouses before Fountain Avenue bends along Betts Creek into Shirley Chisholm State Park. Previously a landfill, the park now tops a hill that offers views over Jamaica Bay. On this journey, just before reaching Seaview Avenue, you'll pass a 27-acre parcel that used to be the Brooklyn Development Center, which housed individuals with mental health issues. Today, it's a construction site for Alafia, a new wellness-oriented resilient development realized as the largest component of New York State's Vital Brooklyn initiative.

In a city starved for housing, Alafia will deliver 2,400 affordable units in addition to medical services, retail, recreational spaces, bike lanes, walking paths, and an urban farm to an underserved Brooklyn neighborhood. (The name Alafia means something like peace or health in Yoruba, continued on page 10



Archi-Tectonics Goes Big in China

Two stadiums and a park for Hangzhou. Read on page 17.

Co-op City Turns 50

New York City has 7,197 cooperatively owned buildings that contain a total 364,720 homes. Over the course of his 60-year career, architect Herman Jessor designed 40,245 of those limited-equity units, composing 11 percent of the city's total supply of cooperative housing. Jessor's buildings include the Bronx's Sholem Aleichem Cooperative Houses (1926) and United Workers' Association Houses (1926–29); East River Houses on the Lower East Side (1956); and Rochdale Village in Queens (1966), among many others.

In 2023, Herman Jessor's boldest feat turned 50: Co-op City. Here, 15,732 homes are spread across 35 high-rise towers and seven low-rise townhouses on a sprawling 320-acre site in the north Bronx. The Ville Radieuse-inspired ensembles coalesce around shared green space, bike paths, a co-op grocery store, shopping center, schools, and playing fields. The estate was built on top of a former amusement park, Freedomland, and was backed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller continued on page 48

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Hardware

The details that matter when it comes to the design experience. RCO



Gramercy Handle Set | Baldwin Hardware baldwinhardware.com

Inspired by the intricate geometric patterns in the fence surrounding Gramercy Park, these handle sets incorporate knurled textures and dark metals. The collection includes tubular handle sets, mortise entrance trims, and door pulls. Baldwin also carries cabinet hardware.



Zai Collection | Ento ento.it

Designed by Neri & Hu, the Zai Collection features a flat metal profile with a gentle radius bend that fits the curvature of the hand. This simple form is applied to a lever door handle, door pull, and window handle, all fabricated in various metallic finishes.



Phases Collection | Rocky Mountain Hardware rockymountainhardware.com

Created in collaboration with Suede Studio, this handcrafted solid-bronze hardware for kitchens and baths includes cabinet pulls and knobs, door pulls and grips, towel bars, hooks, and a toilet paper holder with shelf.



ISM-MC7000 | Inox inoxproducts.com

This smart mortise lock offers a secure access management solution for multi-tenant, hospitality, and mixed-use properties. This ANSI/BHMA Grade 1 mortise lock combines commercial quality with elegant trims in 12 lever options and seven standard finishes.



Anthology Collection | Keeler Brass Company keelerbrasscompany.com

Anthology is crafted of American-made solid brass and is offered with a palette of different colored leathers. Each piece comes in both standard and custom sizes.



Marcelle Collection | Modern Matter modern-matter.com

Using exposed screws and a hand-forged finish, New Yorkbased Float Studio and Modern Matter created the Marcelle Collection as an homage to bespoke vintage hardware.



Keaton Tub & Shower Diverter Plate | Newport Brass newportbrass.com

Shown here in antique copper, the Keaton balanced pressure tub and shower diverter plate is available in more than 20 decorative finishes. Featuring a solid brass construction, it comes with a faceplate with a diverter pull-knob and an ADA-compliant lever handle.