

Harvard University Graduate Housing

Graduate student residential life for the 21st century





The total renovation and reconstruction of 29 Garden Street fully reconfigured the former hotel building to provide new up-to-date student housing in a prime location with convenient pedestrian access to key campus locations. In its new configuration the building provides 75 units and 143 beds to Harvard University's housing portfolio.

Features

- Increase beds from 121 to 143
- Project image builds on city square location
- High quality unit interiors at moderate cost
- Program innovation at unit and common spaces
- Green roof courtyard recaptures lost asset

Recognition

- 2008 Award for Design Excellence – Honor Award, AIA/ Boston Society of Architects
- 2008 Honor Award for Design Excellence in Housing, AIA/ Boston Society of Architects and AIA New York Chapter
- 2007 Honor Award, American Society of Landscape Architects
- 2005 Award for Excellence in Architecture – Honor Award, AIA/New England
- Architectural Record, December 2004
- ArchitectureBoston, March/April 2005



THE DOUBLE STUDIO

This new housing product has been created to provide affordable housing options to the student population. The design aims to minimize occupancy conflicts while maximizing opportunities for informal learning and interaction. The unit includes a space-efficient, pre-furnished shared dining/kitchen alcove, and private bathrooms for each student.



Program

The roof of the existing parking structure, on the interior of the site, has been developed as a landscaped garden terrace providing an outdoor meeting place and retreat for the building's occupants. The newly reclaimed semi-public space will be accessed and visible from Garden Street through a new archway and stair cut through the existing building facade. At the terrace level, three bedroom townhouse-type units accessed directly from the new garden provide for a resident faculty presence. A new interior main stair, adjacent to the courtyard, and a fully handicapped-accessible elevator allow attractive access to the upper floors.

A dining area with food services for the resident population is located at the ground floor corner of the building, establishing the building's University identity and providing a needed pedestrian waystation between Harvard yard and the Radcliffe quadrangle.

Street elevations were developed in cooperation with the city historical commission including the design of the windows, masonry work and new openings. "Sustainable" building features include the green roof and heating / cooling ceiling convectors.

JLA Role

Lead Design Architect, Co-Architect of Record

Associate Architect Bergmeyer Associates (BAI), Co-Architect of Record

Personnel Jonathan Levi FAIA (JLA), *Project Designer/Partner-in-Charge*; Matthew LaRue AIA (JLA), *Project Architect*; Darryl Filippi RA (BAI), *Project Manager*

Client The President and Fellows of Harvard College

Location Cambridge, MA

Size 114,000 sf

Construction Cost \$26,400,000

Construction Complete 2004



Green roof with patterned sedum planting. The sedum is planted in striped zones which will change in color as the seasons progress.

