

Multi-Housing News

J.K. Roller Designs 3 Projects in Philly

Philadelphia- J.K. Roller Architects, based here- is working on three multi-family projects in its hometown. Overlooking the Delaware river to the east and the city to the west, the 14 story Beaumont, designed on behalf of Waterfront Developments, offers unobstructed, panoramic views through each unit's balcony and continuous seven-foot windows. The nine three-bedroom and penthouse include south, east, and west facing balconies. Brick masonry on the building's façade ties it into the surrounding streetscape and follows the rhythm of the adjacent row homes. Slate and cast-stone architectural features enhance the glass curtain wall up to the angular penthouse.



Beaumont



The Victory Building

The second project is the Victory Building; originally a branch office of the New York Life Insurance Co., the building was the first in Philadelphia designed in the Second Empire style. Architectural details such as granite pilasters and columns on the exterior and ornate ironwork and marble inside, made the Victory building the most elegant office building in the city upon its completion in 1875. J. K. Roller is orchestrating the restoration and conversion into apartments for Thomas Jefferson University medical students. When completed, it will provide 120 market-rate apartments, with retail tenants occupying the ground floor. The project is owned by Philadelphia Management Company.

Formerly known as the United States Naval Home, J.K. Roller's third project, Naval Square, is a new residential community being developed by the Toll Brothers Corp. The Architecture firm is in the process of designing condominium units within the existing historic structures: Biddle Hall (the main structure, with 66 units) and its two dependencies: the Surgeon General's Residence (six units) and the Governor's residence (six units). The design focuses on maintaining as much of the historical fabric as possible; design of the individual units takes full advantage of glass skylights and barrel-vaulted ceilings.



Naval Square