



Dattner Architects promotes Ro and Engel

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New York, NY Dattner Architects has promoted Ruth Ro AIA, LEED AP BD+C to principal and Keith Engel AIA, LEED AP BD+C, CPHD to associate principal.

Ro leads the planning and architectural design of large-scale mixed-use projects. Her approach to working with clients and consultants is characterized by a commitment to problem solving through design and the belief in successful collaboration. Ro is part of Dattner Architects' design and Technology Committee, and she is one of the leaders in the firm's equity, diversity, and inclusion committee.

Engel values architecture's ability to affect change and provide meaningful and equitable experiences, and he has dedicated his career to practicing socially responsible design with a focus on affordable and supportive housing. Engel has a nuanced perspective of a city in constant transition, and a personal commitment to a collaborative practice that invigorates neighborhoods and promotes constructive dialogue within the urban realm. He also currently serves as one of the firm's housing studio directors.

"After 11 years at Dattner Architects, Ruth Ro is joining our partnership, becoming our fifth woman owner. To each endeavor, she brings her characteristic energy and optimism, her commitment to diversity and social equity, and her talent as a designer and project leader — I am excited to see what she creates with this expanded platform." said Kirsten Sibilias, managing principal.

"I am proud to be joining a partnership of colleagues whose combined strengths, shared mission, and commitment to great design continue to reinforce Dattner Architects' reputation as good neighbors to the communities we serve and respected leaders in the profession." said Ro.

"Keith's professional work and advocacy for providing housing for those most in need is remarkable. As a Studio Leader at Dattner Architects he has created an environment where professionals at all levels flourish. We are pleased to welcome him to our Associates Principals group." said Sibilias.

"I am grateful and honored to join the Associate Principals and Principals in leading the civic mission of Dattner Architects. Consideration for essential and socially-engaged architecture is what drew me to Dattner 10 years ago, and I'm excited to continue to evolve a practice in service of those most vulnerable members of society—the unhoused in particular, and those that experience housing insecurity writ large." said Engel.

In recognition of their demonstrated leadership, dedication to our firm and our values, and passion for civic architecture, Dattner Architects has also promoted four new associates: Gustavo Munoz, Brandon Wang, Kristy Phillips, and Matthew Barlow.

“Our four new associates each bring a unique perspective to our practice. We are grateful for their commitment and accomplishments—and quite excited to have them join the leadership of our associates group.” said Sibilis.

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