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New Orleans, Louisiana - United States

The shotgun typology is a resultant of site constraints, environmental conditions and efficient planning. The approach to the project was to identify these main characteristics and re-present them in a more contemporary vision. The roof becomes the main architectural expression that subtly gestures at the form of the pitched roofs common to the area of the lower 9th Ward. While reinforcing the scale and experience of place, the roof fuses entry, circulation and gathering spaces into degrees of out sidedness that is typical of New Orleans typologies. As the roof evolved from pragmatic form and function, it began to transition into a high performance component that is integral to the design's successful genesis within the "Cradle to Cradle" philosophy.