

MATSU shou sugi ban Accoya® Completes the Dark Exterior of a Bethesda, MD Residence

reSAWN TIMBER co. teams up with Anne Decker Architects to create a black and gray exterior that is highlighted by ample natural light through large windows

TELFORD, PENNSYLVANIA, UNITED STATES, June 23, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- A northwest suburb of Washington, D.C., Bethesda is a hub of young professionals and diplomats. The [Bethesda residence](#) contrasts the classic colonial neighborhood with a dark color palette and the inclusion of reSAWN's [MATSU Accoya®](#) wood. Using a dark gray coupled with the black [shou sugi ban](#) wood siding, Anne Decker Architects lightens the mood of the house with the inclusion of large windows that wrap around the home.

The Bethesda residence is minimalist with a single tree and a trellis supporting ivy against the MATSU clad garage. Continuing around the garage towards the back yard, a hidden garden is found among the shou sugi ban Accoya®, and the garden includes a fountain, sitting area, and succulents. While the gray accents and large wall of charred black wood are the main features of the back of the house, a large porch area, a pergola, a large yard, and a pool add a classic suburb feel to the back yard.

CHARRED using the ancient Japanese technique of shou sugi ban, MATSU has another layer of protection from water, insect, and rot. The burning of Accoya® takes the incredibly durable wood and carbonizes the exterior layer, which causes the cells to resist the moisture absorption process. MATSU is fully charred and then finished without brushing off the soft charcoal layer. Dark black in color, MATSU is significantly textured with charcoal lines combining with the natural grain of the Accoya® wood. This charcoal layer is a sacrificial wear layer that will flake over time to reveal blackened cypress underneath with variations in color from grey to brown tones with an increasing level of gray as the wood weathers.

Accoya® wood is considered an industry leading exterior material. The wood is created using fast



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growth radiata pine, and it is impregnated with acetic anhydride. Acetic anhydride modifies the cellular structure of the wood, and creates a durable, high-performance siding. In addition to its 50 year above ground and 25 year at/below ground warranty, Accoya® is FSC® certified and harvested from sustainably managed forests.

ANNE DECKER ARCHITECTS designs well-crafted homes and additions that enrich and inform a sense of place. Sensitivity to scale, simplicity of form, and attention to detail characterize the quality of their nationally recognized work. Anne Decker's award-winning projects have been featured in

publications such as Architectural Digest,

Period Homes, New Old House, Residential Architect and Custom Home. With over twenty years of experience designing timeless residences, Anne and her team believe that intimate and open collaboration with each client makes a project successful, ensuring that each home represents the unique vision of its owner.

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