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## THE KMA SPEC

Architectural Products & Furnishings to Help Preserve & Protect Health!! **PART 2**



Bringing you up to date on KMA's unique architectural product collection! **This month we highlight solutions for both Physical and Mental Health.**



Most of us are still confined to our homes in hopes to "Flatten the Curve" on the Corona Virus. Hopefully, it's paying off! However, we will now begin to really think about a work place re-imagined to be more hygienic for health and safety.

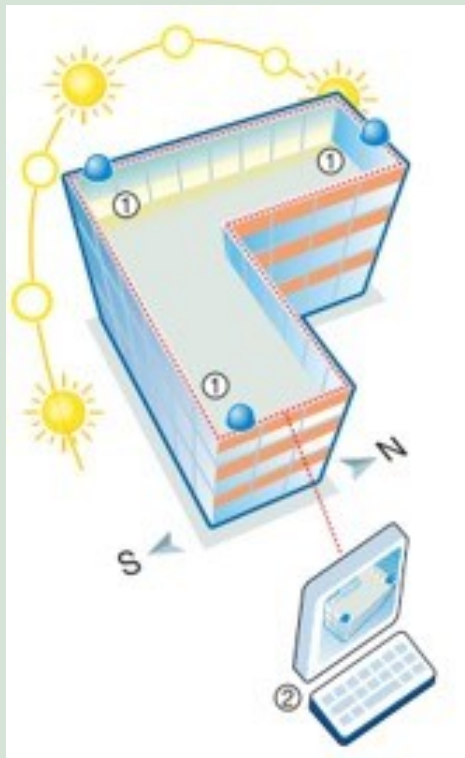
For our physical health: The word "**Contact-less**" has perked-up our ears! **Manufacturers have become more aware of making products to eliminate touch points or virus entry points.** The goal here is to reduce the spread of virus from surface contact. Now that's a good idea!

KMA & Associates can direct you to a few of our manufacturers who already feature automated hands-free products. For **mental health**, scroll to Page 2 for highlights on the mentally soothing Unika Vaev textile offerings in "Classic Blue", the Pantone color of the year + more!

### Automation Systems by Mechoshade

**Automated Shading for 1,000+ Commercial Shade Zones**

**SolarTrac 4.0** uses Mecho's proprietary algorithms to plot the sun's solar impact at any given moment based on the date, time, building GPS location, and glass facade orientation. This information is combined with data from rooftop radiometers that monitor real-time sky conditions and the entire light spectrum (not just visible light) to calculate BTU loads on every window. SolarTrac's sophistication lets you manage more than 1,000 shade zones in any commercial shade project, from multi-story buildings to an entire campus or enterprise. With SolarTrac 4.0 you can analyze and control a comprehensive automated shading system or use manual override on individual roller shades or shade zones. Shades are controlled automatically maximizing optimum daylight, all **hands-free!**



**SolarTrac 4.0** is a BACNet certified system compatible with all major building automation systems. Supporting smart phone access, the PC-based program accommodates up to 100 simultaneous users. Use the browser interface to navigate between floors, zones, and smart shade motors. Display an interactive floor plan for visibility of all commercial shade zones and motors, checking status or overriding positions when needed.

**For Smaller Shade Projects Consider:**

### Mecho Wireless Daylight Automated Sensor

- Sensor is solar-powered
- 16 sensors per controller
- 30 ft radius from each sensor
- Integrates with lighting and HVAC controls
- Great for retrofit and small projects
- Night mode and over-ride capability



### From Carvart: Electronic Self-Sufficient Washbasins

"WASH YOUR HANDS"! For promoting the most hygienic restrooms, Carvart offers solid surface or glass basin options. All mechanical elements of the trough-type basin are recessed behind the backsplash and not under the basin for a streamlined appearance. The water spouts can be removed for ease of inspection and maintenance. Soap is easy to supply, as is the servicing for maintenance.

- Completely hands-free for water, soap, and air
- Wall-mounted on galvanized steel built-in wall supports.
- One, two or three washing positions.
- Integrated Multi-console with exposed spouts for electronic soap dispenser, water faucet and hand dryer. Glass or anodized aluminum shelves optional.



\* Roughly \$500 per sensor

## A Word About Caring for our Mental Health

No doubt you have heard experts tell us we should be kind to our selves and to do things that help us preserve a sense of calm, especially during these tough times.

What can we do as designers to help others? Many things can contribute to a calm interior space. For example:

- Optimize daylighting and pleasant views to the outdoors.
- Incorporate natural elements.
- Correction of poor acoustics with sound absorbing materials to reduce annoying reverberation.
- Consider soothing color pallets.

KMA & Associates can direct you to solutions for all these ideas!



**Above:** From the Unika Vaev *Bond Street Collection*, these six vivid and refined textures draw inspiration from traditional men and women's bespoke English tailoring. Suitable for heavy-duty upholstery and wrapped panels, this collection offers variety and diversity, with over 60+ colors to choose from.

### Find Calm and Stability in the color Blue. Be inspired...

Blue has long been associated with tranquility. Did you know the **Pantone color of the year for 2020 is 19-4052 "Classic Blue"**. I think we all agree we could use some calming these days! Unika Vaev celebrates this hue with inspiration from the Bond Street Collection.

Because of its calming effect, when used in the workplace, these blues will reduce stress, aid in better concentration on a given task and thus, increase productivity. It is ideal for use in counseling rooms, psychiatrist clinics and law offices.

**Imagine the calming effects.**

**Ahhhhh!**



**Above:** When natural elements are scarce and the acoustics of your space need improvement, we suggest Lovi Acoustical Trees from **Unika Vaev!**

The product line includes up to 157.5" tall acoustic sound-absorbing trees and spruce trees made entirely from recycled plastic bottles.

<https://unikavaev.com/products/lovi-acoustic-trees/>



**Above:** Mechoshade can easily help you to optimize daylight and pleasant outdoor views into your space.

**Hint:** Use of darker color shade cloths maximizes visibility of outdoor views. Lighter color shade cloths do the opposite.

<https://www.mechoshade.com/>



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