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LANGUAGES:

English, Dutch, Farsi
(EU & USA Citizen)

Rasta Khazeni

Sr. Interior Designer | Space Planner | FF&E Specialist

SUMMARY: Creative and detail-oriented Interior Designer with over 10 years of experience in luxury residential, commercial, and retail projects. Skilled in developing innovative design concepts, space planning, and material selections, with expertise in translating ideas into technical drawings and construction documents. Proficient in AutoCAD, Revit, SketchUp, and Adobe Creative Suite. Strong knowledge of FF&E, budgeting, and project coordination, ensuring seamless collaboration with consultants, vendors, and clients. Adept at mentoring teams and guiding projects from concept to completion with a refined, strategic approach to design.

ADVANCED COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SKILLS:

Architecture & Design Software: AutoCAD, Revit, Vectorworks

Adobe Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere, After Effect

Rendering Tools: SketchUp, Enscape, Lumion, V-Ray

Project Management Tools: Microsoft Word, Bluebeam, Wrike, Jira, G-Suite.

CERTIFICATES & MEMBERSHIPS:

- LEED Green Associate Credential
- NCIDQ Certification (In Progress, Expected 2025)
- Member of IIDA
- Member of NEWH

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Shokati Architect

Jan 2025 – Present

Head of Interior Design (contract)

Key Projects: Commercial & Residential Interior Projects

- Leading conceptual design, space planning, and FF&E specification.
- Oversee & create 3D models, presenting design concepts to clients & stakeholders.
- Coordinate with clients, vendors, and contractors for successful project execution.

Onework Place @ Google

March 2022 – March 2024

Sr. Interior Designer

Key Projects: Corporate Hospitality-Inspired Spaces for Google

- Led innovative design solutions for Google's workplace environments, ensuring alignment with the company's dynamic standard, culture and vision.
- Developed and executed creative concepts, overseeing space planning, material selections, and FF&E specifications to enhance functionality and user experience.
- Acted as a key client liaison, guiding design decisions and ensuring seamless project execution.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to meet project goals, maintain budgets, and deliver exceptional workplace solutions.
- Mentored junior designers, fostering a culture of creativity, collaboration, and professional growth

M Designs Architect

Nov 2020 – March 2022

Interior Designer Lead

Key Projects: High-End Residential & Boutique Style Hospitality Concepts

- Led the design of high-end luxury residential spaces, enhancing living experiences through thoughtful layouts, ambiance, and custom interiors tailored to each client's vision.
- Curated FF&E selections, balancing aesthetics with functionality to enhance sophistication, durability, and luxury.
- Developed comprehensive construction sets, including elevations, millwork, and custom detailing, ensuring seamless integration of architectural elements with high-end finishes.



○ DGA – Planning | Architecture | Interiors

Aug 2018-Aug 2020

Interior Designer

Key Projects: Google, Alector, Atreca

- Contributed to large-scale commercial projects, including Alector (\$28M), Atreca (\$32M), Google EM40 (\$12M), Google Education Center (\$30M), and Synthego (\$25M), managing design development from programming to completion for spaces up to 75,000 sq. ft.
- Collaborated with leadership and project teams to develop concepts, brand direction, and schematic designs, coordinating with internal teams, consultants, and vendors throughout production.
- Presented design concepts to clients, guiding them through FF&E selections and approvals, and creating 3D renderings using SketchUp, Enscape, and Lumion.
- Produced detailed construction documents in AutoCAD and Revit, including floor plans, RCPs, and finish plans, while managing construction administration tasks such as reviewing submittals, RFIs, site visits, and punch lists.
- Ensured compliance with building systems, furniture systems, codes, and ADA requirements in design execution.

○ Starbucks Coffee Company

May 2017-April 2018

Production Designer / Associate Store Designer

Key Projects: Starbucks Hospitality Retail / Cafe Spaces

- Worked closely with senior design managers to create aesthetically engaging, functional Starbucks stores, using design strategies that mirror the goals of hospitality spaces—inviting, guest and client focuses, comfortable, and branded environments.
- Assisted in the development of interior layouts and design documentation for Starbucks stores, focusing on customer experience, which is directly transferable to guest experience design in the hospitality sector.
- Coordinated with cross-functional teams to ensure consistency in design and on budget.

○ Archworks-Architect (Project based)

April 2018-March 2019

Architecture Design support/Vectorworks Designer

Key Projects: Residential & Guestrooms Designs

- Collaborated with architects on residential and commercial projects, applying space planning and layouts adaptable to hospitality environments like hotels and resorts.
- Conducted site visits and measurements, ensuring design accuracy with a focus on guest comfort and experience.

○ Freelancing Designer – Self-employed

September 2016 – April 2017

Key Projects: Residential & Commercial Spaces

- Developed conceptual layouts for residential projects, integrating guest-focused elements like elegant entryways, high-end finishes, and seamless spatial flow with a hospitality-inspired touch.
- Designed bespoke interiors for high-end residences and boutique clinic offices, crafting unique environments tailored to clients' visions and needs.
- Directed client interactions and managed project timelines, ensuring successful, on-schedule delivery while maintaining a balance between residential warmth and sophisticated, hospitality-driven aesthetics.

○ **The Argonaut, (Apple, Inc)**

July 2015-Sep 2016

Retail Space Planner/Drafter

Key Projects: Apple Stores, Retail Spaces

- Designed and planned retail spaces, including space planning for high-traffic areas, store lobbies, product display, and store spaces.
- Created detailed drawing sets (CD sets) for Apple's retail environments, with attention to brand identity and customer experience, which aligns closely with brand standards and creating spaces that enhance guest/client interaction.
- Utilized Vectorworks to draft precise layouts and spatial arrangements, optimizing functionality and flow across all spaces.

○ **DES Architects + Engineers**

February 2015 – May 2015

Interior Architecture Design Internship

Key Projects: Commercial Spaces

- Assisted in commercial interior design, applying functional and aesthetic principles relevant to hospitality environments.
- Supported detailed drawings and material specifications, ensuring precision for corporate building design projects.
- Researched furniture and finishes suitable for high-traffic areas, crucial for lobbies, cafes, and visitor room designs.

○ **Case Design/Remodeling**

Aug 2014-Dec 2014

Project Designer Assistant

Key Projects: Residential Spaces

- Supported and assisted Sr. designers and construction contractors, drafting/redlines, construction drawing with Vectorworks, 3D renderings, hand drawing/drafting, bid requests.
- Interacting and working directly with clients, vendors & manufacturers.

○ **Lydia Lyons Design, SJ, CA**

May 2014-Aug 2014

Interior Architecture Designer Assistant

Key Projects: Residential Spaces

- Assisted and supported in preparing detailed design drawings, design concept development, FF&E selection, CD set.

○ **PAST EXPERIENCE:**

May 2010-Feb 2013

Hp Inc. Cupertino, CA
Customer Data Analyst

May 2008-Feb 2010

Yahoo! Inc, Sunnyvale, CA
Search Analyst/Editorial

June 2006-Aug 2008

Adobe System Inc. SF, CA
Dreamweaver & Flash Player
Software testing

EDUCATION:

- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
Hotel Planning & Design Certificate
- West Valley College, Saratoga, CA
A.S. Degree in Interior Architectural Design
- Master's Institute, San Jose, CA
A.S. Degree in Multimedia Communications & Presentations / GD
- Vrij Universiteit (VU), Amsterdam, Netherlands
Certificate in Typography & Graphic Design- (Design Study)

