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Rasta Khazeni

Interior Design, Architectural Design, (LEED GA)
Space Plan, Conceptual Design, 2D & 3D Artist

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- **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE:** Creative and detail-oriented interior designer with over 10 years of experience specializing in luxury residential, commercial, and hospitality-inspired design. Adept at delivering guest-centric, innovative spaces with a strong focus on FF&E, space planning, and sustainable design. Now seeking to transition into hospitality design, leveraging a background in creating engaging, high-traffic spaces that prioritize user experience and brand identity. Certified in Hotel Planning & Design from Cornell University, and committed to bringing luxury, comfort, and functionality to hospitality environments, including restaurant, hotels, resorts, and boutique spaces.

- **ADVANCED COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SKILLS:**

Architecture & Design Software: AutoCAD, Revit, Vectorworks

Adobe Suite: Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign,

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

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

- **CERTIFICATES & LICENSES:**

- LEED Green Associate Credential
- NCIDQ License (In progress)

LANGUAGES:

English, Dutch, Farsi
(EU & USA Citizen)



Online portfolio: www.rk-idesign.com

- **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Onework Place @ Google

March 2022 – March 2024

Sr. Interior Designer

Key Projects: Corporate Hospitality Spaces for Google

- Led the design of hospitality-inspired spaces within Google's corporate campuses, blending comfort and functionality for employees and visitors, with a focus on creating welcoming, high-traffic environments similar to hotel public spaces.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to deliver spaces that enhanced user experience, emphasizing guest-like comfort in office environments, reflecting elements of hospitality design.
- Directed FF&E selection for high-traffic, communal spaces, ensuring both durability and aesthetic appeal.
- Improved client satisfaction scores by 100% through strategic design implementation focusing on user comfort and flow.





M Designs Architect

Nov 2020 – March 2022

Interior Designer Lead

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

- *Managed and led the design of luxury residential and boutique hospitality spaces, applying principles of guest experience and creating custom interiors that aligned with the client's brand vision.*
- *Directed FF&E selection and procurement for boutique hospitality-inspired projects, ensuring selections catered to high-use, luxury environments.*
- *Mentored junior designers, developing hospitality-focused design skills such as space planning, material selection, and luxury experience design.*

DGA – Planning | Architecture | Interiors

Aug 2018-Aug 2020

Interior Designer

Key Projects: Google, Alector, Atreca

- *Designed hospitality-inspired interior concepts for large commercial projects, incorporating luxury hotel standards into corporate environments, focusing on guest experience in spaces such as meeting rooms and lounges.*
- *Managed projects from concept through completion, with an emphasis on delivering engaging, branded spaces that enhanced user experience, similar to hospitality environments.*

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 interior layout strategies that could easily translate to hospitality environments such as hotels and resorts style.*
- *Conducted site visits and measurements, ensuring accuracy for future design plans, similar to the meticulous attention required in hospitality design where guest comfort and experience are paramount.*
- *Created conceptual designs and schematic layouts using Vectorworks, with a focus on functional flow and aesthetics, skills that directly support creating engaging and luxurious guest spaces.*

Starbucks Coffee Company

May 2017-April 2018

Production Designer / Associate Store Designer

Key Projects: Starbucks Retail 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 implementation, much like the collaboration required in hospitality projects between architects, contractors, and FF&E vendors.*

○ **Freelancing Designer – Self-employed**

September 2016 – April 2017

Key Projects: Residential & Commercial Spaces

- Designed conceptual layouts for residential and commercial projects, incorporating guest-centric elements that can be adapted to hospitality design, such as welcoming reception areas, luxury finishes, and spatial flow.
- Created custom interiors for an acupuncture clinic and a high-end doctor's office, focusing on client comfort and brand consistency, skills critical in designing hotel lobbies, spas, or wellness centers.
- Managed client interactions and project timelines, ensuring designs were completed on time and within budget

○ **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 hospitality brand standards and creating spaces that enhance guest/client interaction.
- Worked with Vectorworks to draft precise layouts and spatial arrangements, ensuring that all spaces maximized functionality and flow, similar to how hotels and resorts optimize space for guest convenience.

○ **DES Architects + Engineers**

February 2015 – May 2015

Interior Architecture Design Internship

Key Projects: Commercial Spaces

- Assisted in the design process for commercial interior projects, gaining exposure to the principles of functional and aesthetic design that can be applied to hospitality environments.
- Supported the team in producing detailed drawings and material specifications, skills essential for working on hospitality design projects where precise documentation is critical.
- Conducted research on furniture and finishes suitable for high-traffic areas, a key consideration in hotel and resort design.

○ **Case Design/Remodeling**

Aug 2014-Dec 2014

Project Designer Assistant

Key Projects: Residential Spaces

- Supported and assisted senior interior designers, and construction contractors. Drafting / red lines using Vectorworks. 3D modeling & renderings, hand sketching/ rendering, Bid requests, -Interacting and working with clients, vendors & manufacturers.



○ **Lydia Lyons Design, SJ, CA**

May 2014-Aug 2014

Interior Architecture Designer Assistant

Key Projects: Residential Spaces

- Assisted in the preparation of the design and details through all phases of the project. Assisted and worked with the company founder/principal to develop the design concept and production of technical contract drawings and specifications.

○ **May 2010-Feb 2013**

Hp Inc. Cupertino, CA
Customer Data Analyst

May 2008-Feb 2009

Yahoo! Inc, Sunnyvale, CA
Search Analyst/Editorial

June 2007-Oct 2008

Apple Inc. Cupertino, CA
Photography Software
Testing(Aperture)

June 2006-Aug 2007

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

Sep 2003-March 2006

Sir Speedy, Morgan Hill, CA
Freelancing-Graphic Designer

○ **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)

