

Sophie Azouaou's Soma Grand designs

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Interior designer Sophie Azouaou likes to think big. So it was no big deal for the founder of SophiSticate Spaces to transform three luxury penthouse suites at the Soma Grand to benefit [San Francisco](#) Lighthouse's Meals on Heels program at a cocktail gala in honor of the late philanthropist Bella Farrow.

"Homelessness and design are my two passions, and the event was dedicated to Bella, who was a mentor and supported me in all of my charity work," says Azouaou, who co-hosted the event with Eileen Blum Bourgade and Beth Schnitzer. "We had \$50,000 donated in silent auction items," added Lighthouse committee member Rachel Wierenga, explaining that the money raised will help pay for a shuttle van to distribute food to the homeless in the Tenderloin and Civic Center area. Other sponsors included chef Alain Bourgade, Juice Beauty, R&B Cellars, Secret Agent Salon and [Wente Vineyards](#).

To set the tone in each of the three spaces (one eco-themed, one Parisian-inspired and one red-themed), Azouaou created four custom paint colors from G&R in San Francisco. She also used handcrafted knobs and pulls from Bouvet Hardware, bath fixtures by [DJ Mehler](#), and furniture from Ochi and Company.

"I wanted to create an elegant and tranquil sanctuary from the hustle of the city and complement the stunning views," Azouaou said of her design concept. But small-space solutions (two of the penthouses are less than 1,000 square feet), glamour and use of eco-friendly materials were also factors.

"I think the biggest challenges were to overcome the client's initial hesitation of the unknown, and being creative and maximizing the features of each penthouse and creating the illusion of space," says Azouaou. "I wanted to show people how they can use products that are high end but affordable, and show them they can do it."



For more information on the custom G&R paint colors, Vanilla Dreams, Tidal Green, Cape Cod and Peach Nectar, contact Azouaou at sophisticateinteriors.com.

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Designer Sophie Azouaou transformed three Soma Grand penthouses as a benefit for Lighthouse's Meals on Heels.
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A bedroom in cool, custom colors becomes a sanctuary.

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