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Martin + Osa, Newport Beach, Calif.



BEFORE Built in 1919 as part of the Letterman hospital district, the unassuming, one-story building in San Francisco's Presidio was under strict preservation guidelines that required any existing architectural features to remain untouched. On the interior, the existing column and truss roof system and amber wood floor provided an instant design concept for SenSpa's Asian-style theme. "I liked that there was an architectural challenge," says FRCH's McQuilkin. "And keeping existing details like the skylights also added a green element."

DURING The design concept was to create a resort-like setting that focused on wellness. "We developed a visual expression of the structure by not burying the columns into the walls," says Chris Pollock, senior designer for TSAO Design Group. "As you walk through the space, the rich, warm texture of the wood canopy suggests the feeling of being enveloped in a forest."



AFTER A fusion of East and West, the 13,000-square-foot day spa follows the principles of feng shui – balancing earth elements of femininity and masculinity – mixed with modern furniture, colors and fixtures. "There are five or six different experiences in there," says Luxottica's King. "It was a very thoughtful application of materials." Eco-friendly resources, such as cork flooring in the treatment rooms and bamboo millwork, add to the Eastern sensibility.

PROJECT SUPPLIERS

Client
SenSpa, San Francisco

Design/Architecture
TSAO Design Group, San Francisco

General Contractor
Ventura Builders, San Carlos, Calif.

Ceilings
Armstrong, Lancaster, Pa.

Interior Design Consultants
ACIES Engineering, San Jose, Calif.
(mechanical, electrical and plumbing)

RMJ Structural Engineers, South San Francisco, Calif. (structural)

H. E. Barke + Associates, San Francisco (lighting)

Milwork
San Francisco Milwork, San Francisco
Howard/Ventwood, Renton, Wash.

Countertops
Nestlone, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Lighting
Moooi, Breda, The Netherlands

Lightoller, Fall River, Mass.

Delray, North Hollywood, Calif.

Decoratives
JRM Int'l., San Francisco

Wallcoverings/Materials
Radolph, Sonoma, Calif.

Mokum Textiles, Auckland, New Zealand

Alaxi, Salt Lake City

Carnegie, Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Furniture
Heat-n-Glo, Lakewood, Nev.

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