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Spa Radiance shows off its renovated reception area PHOTO: LANCE SKUNDRICH

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EVEN SPAS GET SPA TREATMENTS

Spa Radiance is touting its makeover 16 years after arriving in the Marina. “It was scary, because we had become such a skin-care staple in downtown and the Marina was still an up-and-coming neighborhood, but it’s been great,” says Angelina Umansky, Spa Radiance’s co-owner with her mother, Galina Rovner. They tapped Jay Jeffers Design Group to head up a major renovation of its 3,500 square foot Victorian at 3011 Fillmore Street, just steps from Union Street.

“Every year, I travel to France to train with best-in-class estheticians in these beautiful, distinctively clas-

sic Parisian buildings that have been quietly coaxed into the 21st century,” adds Umansky. “I loved that they maintained the original, intricate crown molding, but subtly painted over it, creating a seamless look. That’s the kind of soothing space I wanted to replicate for my clients.”

In the early 1970s, the mother-daughter businesswomen immigrated to the United States from Russia, where they had learned natural skin care techniques “under the watchful eyes of Grandmother Rose.” Since opening up their San Francisco business first in downtown in 1976 and then moving it to the Marina in 1997, the company has been able to boast such clients as Michelle Pfeiffer, Rosario Dawson, Mary J. Blige, and Sharon Stone.