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Towering LUXURY

*An extraordinary residence on 111 West 57th street
has been designed to beautifully befit NYC.
Sharvari Alape explores the stunning space
which includes added insights from notable
interior designer William Sofield*

The bedroom view
of the apartment
designed by William
Sofield



A view of the kitchen with white quartzite countertops, a full wet bar covered with Bitlis marble and custom-designed cabinetry in the apartment designed by William Sofield

Situated in Midtown Manhattan, the prestigious 111 West 57th Street residential tower, topping out at 1,428 feet promises the height of luxury to its residents. 111 West 57th Street is an ambitious union of historic cultural landmarks and modern ingenuity with the development comprising restoration of the Steinway Hall and the adjacently constructed residential tower. With the collaborative effort of JDS Development Group, Property Markets Group, Spruce Capital Partners, Studio Sofield and SHoP Architects, the tower is the second tallest residential building in the Western Hemisphere and is set to be the thinnest skyscraper in the world. Walled with glass and dressed in terracotta pilasters and bronze mullions, the tower's intricate façade is designed to illustrate glamour and evoke admiration from the bustling city's onlookers. Inside the glamorous space, the first completed residence sits on the 43rd floor, boasting an expansive living space which spans over the full width of the tower and is carefully designed by the distinguished New York-based Studio Sofield.

Founded in 1996, the firm, led by William 'Bill' Sofield, boasts a remarkable clientele including Tom Ford, Harry Winston, Gucci and Salvatore Ferragamo and is notable for its holistic approach in catering towards its client's needs, while maintaining its artistic flair. "Architecture was always in my blood," says William Sofield, founder of Studio Sofield. "I cannot remember a time when I wasn't interested in architecture; both the buildings and as importantly, the interiors. Perhaps my training began with my mother honing my observation skills during extensive nature walks as a child. It was my formal training at Princeton in architecture and urban planning as well as a design in European cultural studies, however, that realised the fulfilment of my passion."

In tune with his business motif, Sofield has used the opportunity to create a living experience that is worthy of New York City with the design of the 111 West 57th Street property. The elegant interiors perfectly complement the richness of the tower's façade. The formal entrance gallery with unobstructed views to the North and South, floored with white Macauba stone greets visitors upon stepping into Tower Residence 43.

Sofield explains that the verticality of the tower and the city was emphasised by exaggerating the height of the doors as the stepped detail of the door hardware make the apartment particular to New York City. The impressive double doors open into the 'Great Room' spanning 50 feet with floor-to-ceiling windows which offer magnificent views of Central Park and city skyline that is quick to catch transfixed eyes and rouse awed compliments. "The apartments are designed to root the resident in New York, to always make one aware that they are in this great city," says Sofield. "Obviously, the

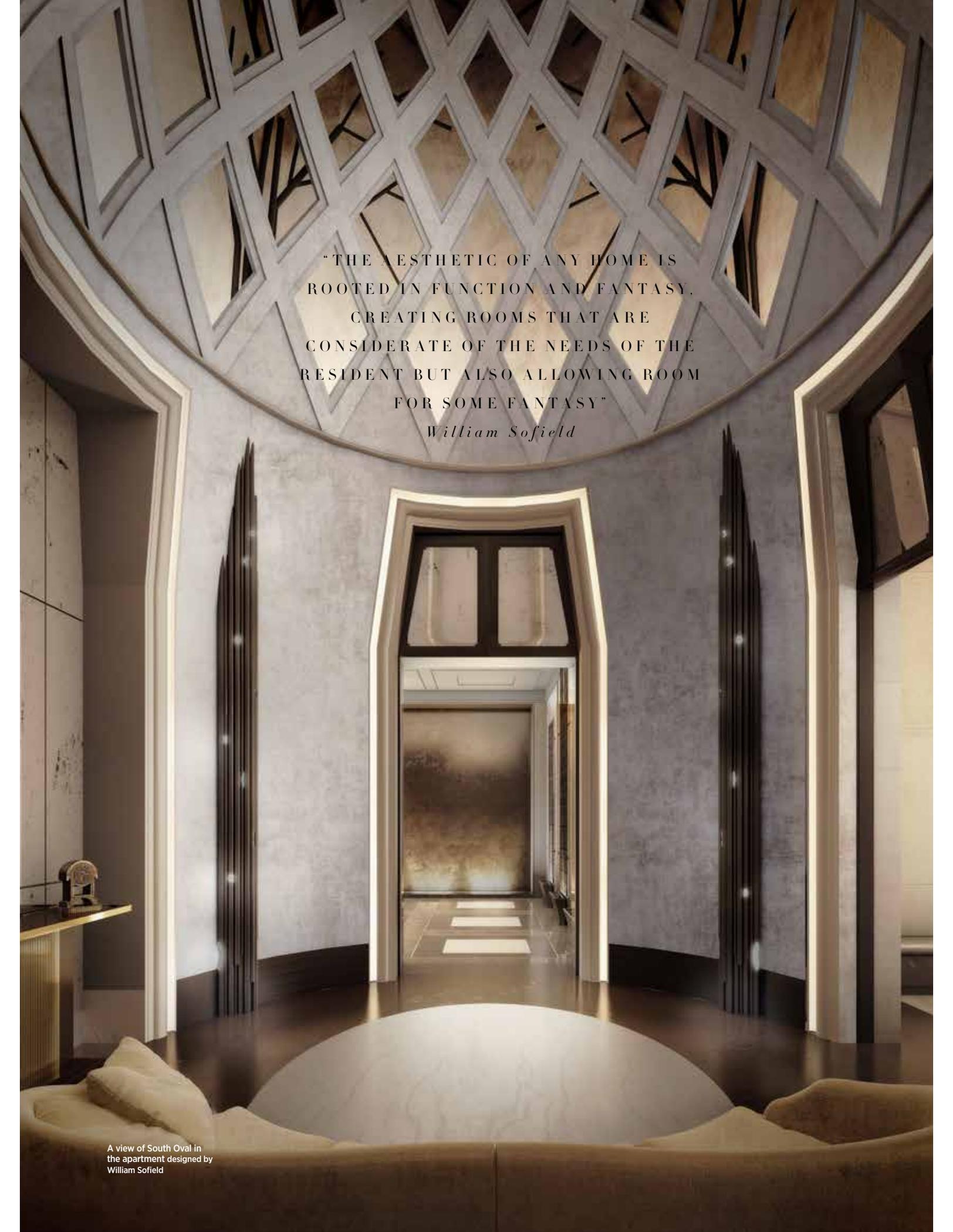
views are stupendous, which means the interior needs to have equal strength and interest. We worked diligently to create architectural components; hardware, doors, bathroom fixtures, cabinetry at a level that matches the view."

Sofield's vision is evident in the soft colour palette which balances out the opulent fixtures in this luxurious yet sophisticated residence. The open kitchen retains the elegance of a contemporary layout and quiet lavishness with white quartzite countertops and backsplash along with a full wet bar covered with Bitlis marble, while the custom-designed cabinetry is finished in hand-rubbed plaster and chateau grey oak. The curved fronted glass doors of the kitchen and bar cabinetry beautifully stand out while blending in. The kitchen is fully-equipped with high-end appliances by Gaggenau including convection and steam ovens, a gas range with pot filler and vented hood, dishwasher and refrigerator, a fully integrated coffee machine, wine cooler and freezer.

Embracing three bedrooms in total, the master and guest bedrooms are cleverly placed to the south to maintain privacy and to offer mesmerising views of the Manhattan skyline through the floor-to-ceiling windows. The simplistic yet elegant approach in décor fosters sense of tranquillity over the residence as the contemporary style furniture beautifully draw out the modernity of the space. The spacious master bedroom features a dressing hall and is generously designed with two walk-in closets to satiate and accommodate every shopping spree. However, it's the windowed en suite master bath that proves to be a complete stunner with veined white onyx walls and floors, and bronze dual showerheads and body sprays in the glass-enclosed windowed shower.

The custom fixtures including glass-rod sconces, freestanding polished nickel bathtub designed by Studio Sofield and crafted by William Holland, and Studio Sofield-designed bronze fittings hand-cast by P.E. Guerin including door handles modelled after the building's structure offer casual reminders of luxury. The intricate work can also be found in the two guest bathrooms that are finished in cristallo gold quartzite and silverian pearl marble, and a powder room strikingly detailed with jewel onyx stone vanity and wainscoting.

The smartly designed apartment is aptly provided with exquisite furniture and decorative fixtures of refined taste whilst also offering enough space to build a quality life within its spaciouly comfortable walls. "For me," explains Sofield. "The aesthetic of any home is rooted in function and fantasy, creating rooms that are considerate of the needs of the resident but also allowing room for some fantasy." ■ 111w57.com



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