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Completed Projects and Case Studies



Project: To design and install a High-End Home Theatre System

Location: East Sussex

Cost: £100,000+



Our client wanted a high performance Home Theatre system with the emphasis very much on the sound and picture quality, the asthics were not as important as the sound and picture. Technophobe recommended a full High-End Krell 5.1 Surround Sound system to take care of the audio for movies and music. Although the loudspeakers are large (approx 5' 8" high) and difficult for some people to house the trade off is an astonishing performance. The video is provided by an Italian Sim2 3-chip DLP projector, this is projected on to a seven foot wide fixed projection screen. Fixed sceens are regarded as the best way to show a projected image as the screen is tensioned from all four sides and therefore stops the screen from distorting. Don't worry if you would like to hid the screen via a ceiling mounted electric drop down screen as we can supply a Tab tensioned screen that is just as good, albeit at a higher cost.

We installed a six-zone iLight lighting control system to take care of the all important light levels for that 'at the pictures' effect. Technophobe designed the lighting positions to illuminate walk-ways, sitting, drinks tables and wall effects; the iLight control was programmed with different scenes depending on the use of the room.

For example.

1. Movie watching - lights down low, with a small amount of light over drinks tables and exit.
2. Entertaining whilst a movie plays – Lights over seating raised.
3. General use - Wall lights on at approx ¾ power, selected spots raised to create a relaxed lighting mood.
4. All lights on for cleaning and searching for dropped items.

The iLight control was programmed to switch to a screen when a particular button on the remote control had been pressed, for instance when play was pressed on the DVD player the lights would go down to cinema mode, when stop was pressed the lights would raise again.

All the electronics were hidden from view in a separate room specifically designed for the equipment. This is controlled via a Nevo touch-screen remote control that Technophobe has programmed. This remote controls all the electronics and there is no need for multiple remote controls on the drinks tables. It has been programmed so that the system is easy to use for all the family, one on button, one off button for all components of the system. Don't underestimate how important a good control system is, it can make the difference between your new system being a pleasure or a pain!



Project: To install reliable flat screens and projectors for business and presentation use
Location: Madrid, Milan and Oslo
Cost: £10,000+ each



Our client, a global finance company, needed a reliable range of large LCD flat screen monitors, display projectors, and interactive white boards installed at their new offices. The equipment specified needed to be easy to use and long lasting, so we specified NEC screens and projectors and SmartBoard interactive white boards. All equipment is very well made and has proven itself many times to us to be extremely reliable. The flat screens were either wall or ceiling mounted and the projectors were all securely ceiling mounted. Note: the image on the right is another installation; it has been used as an example of one of our ceiling mounting solutions.

Our client chose technophobe because they needed a reliable supplier and installer for their new offices abroad. They had had problems with other audio/visual companies on previous office installations and after seeing our work at their head office in London they kindly gave Technophobe the contract. There was a very tight schedule to supply and install the equipment but Technophobe was on time and in budget – all offices opened on time.



Project: To design and install a multi-room Audio/Video system

Location: Kent

Cost: £16,000



Free standing mount for touch-screen keypad custom made by Technophobe

Our client required a system for their apartment that distributed high quality audio and video. They have a lot of music and wanted to hear it sounding at its best, but they also wanted easy access to their music library from any of their chosen rooms. Technophobe specified a Systemline S6 multi-room system with Sonance amplifiers and Sonance in-ceiling loudspeakers for discreet audio.

The Systemline S6 system is an advanced multi-room audio/video system and has easy to use touch screen panels to control the system. This system has four panels as it is a four zone system, each panel is typically wall mounted as you would a light switch. We also installed a Systemline Sound Server which holds their entire CD collection on its hard-drive, it has three independent outputs which means that you can listen to three different CDs at the same time in three separate rooms. They can browse their entire CD collection via the touch-screen wall panels.

Their Systemline S6 also has an excellent interface for controlling Sky TV, Technophobe pre-programmed thirty of our clients favourite channels, then to change channels all they have to do is touch the correct icon for the channel they want, press it once and hey presto! DAB digital radio is also connected to their Systemline S6 meaning that you can also see the stations that you want to listen to. Once selected the station name is displayed along with the signal strength and program information.

The final source that is used on this system is a Sonance iPort iPod dock, this clever piece of kit allows the audio and video to be distributed through the Systemline S6 system whilst charging your iPod. All the music stored on the iPod is accessed by using the touch-screen panels in the same way as the Sound Server.

To see this system in operation please visit www.technophobe.tv

