

Firoka Group adds discreet yet extensive smart technology integration to luxury development



Situated in the heart of Hampstead, this development of super high-end homes was completed last year and covers more than 75,000 sq ft of prime real estate, consisting of four detached mansions, one of which is divided into five deluxe apartments, and includes a private leisure complex for residents. The project took four years to complete, involving a host of well-known designers such as Wolff Architects and Ridge & Argent Design.

To further enhance the lifestyle of its inhabitants, the developers wanted Bishops London to incorporate high quality, user-friendly smart home technology. Under the expertise of Custom Sight and Sound Ltd (CSS), Crestron technology was integrated within each property for easy control of all AV, security, shades, motorised window openers, heating and cooling, plus dedicated home cinemas in the three houses, either from a touchscreen or smart device.

CSS's design for Bishops London incorporates a range of Crestron's residential control, including the use of Crestron's Pyng app, which allows each resident to manage the technology in their home from anywhere, via a mobile device.

Ian Bolt, Company Director at CSS, said: "Utilising Pyng on this scale proved a massive success. The installation methods and programming ethos behind the brand meant we could operate more efficiently behind the scenes and offer our client a new level of technology and a great user experience."

Residents can also control the various technologies via customised wall-mounted Crestron touch screens, remote control handsets and C2N lighting keypads. From the outset, the C2N keypad was a key item due to the ability to match the exact style, size and finishes of all other wall accessories, so it can blend seamlessly with the interior design. Working with independent specialists, CSS created bespoke fascias to exactly match all Crestron C2N keypads to client requirements.



This flexibility and attention to detail was a key requirement of the project to ensure that the developers could deliver a personalised home for potential buyers now and in the future. Bolt adds: "Once the project is sold, Pyng really comes into its own. Given its modular design and practical applications, we can very simply add or alter the project without the need to pull the house apart or substantially re-program to achieve the client's changes to the system."

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