

Case & Point

» RESIDENTIAL REFURBISHMENT



INTEGRATED TECHNOLOGY

Overview

- » Ground Floor Georgian 2 bed Flat renovation
- » Busy professional couple looking to simplify home life and utilise property as second home
- » HD distribution to 4 rooms
- » 3D HD Cinema within Living area
- » Multi Room Audio to 5 areas including the garden
- » Integrated clients existing equipment within the new system



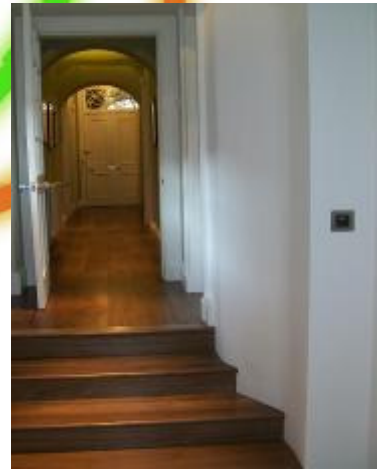
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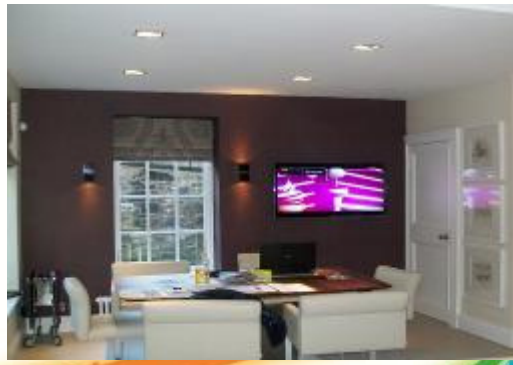
The clients came to HTI through their interior designer when they realised that the full renovation of their home gave them the opportunity of installing the latest in home technology.

The installation had to be discreet to maintain the property's Georgian charm whilst still providing a high end, contemporary audio/video system.

The client specifically stipulated that:

1. The control should be simple and easy to operate, with no need for instruction of how to use.
2. They wished to have high definition to be distributed to all TV's.
3. Speakers were to be discreet, especially in the kitchen/dining area.
4. TV in the bathroom had to be 'invisible' when switched off & tie in with the mirrored vanity unit.





Deliverables

In order to ensure that the introduction of new technology would not disturb the design aesthetics of this wonderful Georgian apartment, HTI worked with the client from the beginning of the project to come up with a solution that would be subtle as well as special. Forward planning was essential as storage was limited in the property.

Simple control

Simplicity was at the top of the clients agenda. In order to make the technology easily accessible, control of televisions & audio was via either a discreet keypad or a universal remote control for each TV. Each touch screen has a graphical user interface (GUI) which uses simple images to label each function. The result is an exceptionally high quality AV system with an elegant and simple control.

Living Room or Cinema?

While the Living Room is a formal room, the owners looked for the flexibility to turn it into the audio visual entertainment space whenever they liked. This included cinema and gaming in high definition and 3D. As there were limitations on space, HTI worked with the interior designer and carpenter to provide with bespoke mirrored storage units on each side of the Georgian fireplace. One of these units was designed to hold the weight of the AV devices while discreetly ventilating the devices. With a universal touch screen remote, the operation of this system was intuitive and seamless.

Hiding the speakers

Within the Kitchen/Dining area the client requested that the speakers be as discreet as possible due to the large expanse of the ceiling. HTI installed "invisible" loudspeakers which were fitted into the ceiling, and then finished with a final skim of plaster and decorated as normal. They gave a completely undetectable audio solution.

These specialist speakers created a full bodied sound in this area that amazed and fascinated everyone, trying to determine where the sound was coming from.

Soaking up the TV

The client requested a discreet TV in their bathroom. Within the design a vanity unit with a mirrored front was to be built for storage. HTI coordinated all the bathroom mirrors to match, leaving little evidence of which unit hid the TV until it was turned on. This result was described by the client as 'stunning'.



Music not just inside.....

For their summer BBQs, the client wanted to be able to listen to music throughout the house and out on to the patio.

HTI installed outdoor speakers connected to the house's, master system. These were specialist all weather speakers, capable of withstanding the worst of the Scottish weather.

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