

# **St Albans based i.life solutions meets Hadley Wood and together wins prestigious European InAVation Award '07...**

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St Albans based Smart Home Technology company i.life solutions won an award for 'Best Residential Installation' for a Hertfordshire project. The property, based in Hadley Wood, proved to be one of their most challenging and exciting to date.

Specialists in bespoke home entertainment and home automation projects, i.life have been working in the Hertfordshire area for over 3 years. From a simple home theatre, to a whole-house control system, embracing the heating, lighting, security and audio-visual systems, i.life has the knowledge, and the people, to make it happen, seamlessly and painlessly.

The locally based customer, a corporate executive working in Central London, was not particularly technical - but knew exactly what he wanted to achieve with his home. 'It's important to enjoy quality time with the family... and total immersion with a projected image no less than 100" and high quality surround sound does it every time.'

i.life's Head of Projects, Simon Conner recalls; 'We first met the customer at his home and we knew immediately this was going to be an exciting project – he took us to the basement and announced "this will be the dedicated cinema experience room".'

Luckily i.life solutions engineers were on hand to help 'shape the vision' and design a complex yet intuitive whole house system which included Mood Lighting, Lighting Control, Heating Control, Music in every room drawn from one source, Motorised Blinds, CCTV Security amongst others. The system was also intended to be totally accessible for the rest of the family, including young children and older relatives.

The customer had young children and the parents wanted them to listen to classical music with absolute clarity, as the artist intended. A Meridian Audio system was the natural choice for i.life. Meridian is an award winning British Audio Company catering to those that take pleasure in unparalleled levels of high quality music.

After the initial consultation i.life had covered all the requests, that was until the family made the short trip from Hadley Wood to visit the i.life showroom in St Albans. i.life have a 30 minute demonstration which is guaranteed to inspire and install a film and music passion in anyone that takes the seat.

i.life created computer generated previews of the finished solution often encompassing the work of an interior designer – combined with full engineering

schematic drawings, floor plans and cable schedules – the customer experience is managed from first contact right through to the final hand over and all of which contributed to winning the award.

There were a few extraordinary and bespoke requests which really tested the diversity of the i.life engineers, at the touch of a button all the Touch Panel menu's change from English to Spanish making the system totally accessible for his native Spanish speaking family.

Part of the project design brief included web access to the sophisticated AMX Control System allowing the family total control of their entire house whilst out of the country. At the click of a button they are able to view CCTV footage of the house and the grounds, Control the Heating and the Lighting and even flush the toilet!

The family enjoyed film and owned an extensive DVD collection, i.life specified a new Media Server solution which stored all DVD, Music DVD and CD content in native resolution (uncompressed) and allowed for any CD to be played in any room in the house and any time – in absolute high quality.

### **The Award Ceremony**

The inaugural EMEA InAVation Awards evening took place on Monday 29th January 2007 - with over 210 of the global AV industry's elite kicking off Integrated Systems Europe in superb style at the Hilton Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

7639 individual industry votes from over 60 countries were registered on the dedicated awards web site to decide the eventual winners of each of the eleven Technology InAVation categories.

Twenty companies in each category were in the running to win one of five Project InAVation awards which were evaluated by an independent panel of judges taken from the AV integration, Architectural, Building and Facilities Management industries.

Andrew Giles, i.life solutions Managing Director commented:

**“We are very proud to receive this award against tough competition from Germany this year, to win this prestigious award for the second year in succession absolutely fantastic – a wonderful accolade for the whole project team!”**

The complete technical breakdown included a Dedicated Media Room with 7.1 Surround Sound, Acoustic Sound Panels, High Definition Projection with a 100 Inch Cinema Screen, DVD and Music Storage Device which distributes high quality music and video to almost every room in the house.

Other elements in the system included; Design and Lighting Control, CCTV Security, Door Entry, Gate Entry, Environmental Control and an Integrated Data Network for Multiple PC's.

If anyone is considering a custom installation or building a high spec home, the i.life demonstration facility is definitely worth a visit. This gives you the

opportunity to try out different combinations of equipment before you make your decision. And when it comes to do the installation, they will give you a room you can be proud of, without a cable in sight.

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