



A CONTEMPORARY AND STYLISH HOME CINEMA

Smartcomm were enlisted to transform a family home's spare room into a luxury cinema space, and they certainly delivered!

Our client was referred to Smartcomm by another North London project we successfully completed previously.

The brief was for a high end eight seat cinema room that contains stunning video and audio reproduction. The room also had to look fantastic; a space they are proud to show to their friends. To help maintain a modern, minimalistic feel, the client was keen that any equipment be subtly installed and unobtrusive. Smartcomm took this into account throughout the design and installation process and the end result is more than pleasing to the eye!

The client already had an initial idea of how they envisioned the room, so Smartcomm worked closely with them to produce an exquisite design.

The requested décor was a style similar to that of a high end boutique, in a class of its own. We indulged with use of different fabrics such as leather and alcantara for the acoustic panels that surround the room and conceal the two entrance doors. Hand-turned matt black handrails with glass infills compliment the plush interior whilst providing a safety aspect to the steps.

The impressive technology is apparent before you enter the room, with an Ekey Finger scanner halting your path. This clever compact device is equipped with a line sensor, so you swipe your finger rather than pressing and fingerprints are not left, eliminating the risk of misuse. Once entry has been granted, it's simply a case of enabling the Crestron Intelligent Lighting system. As the array of spotlights come into light, the ceiling is illuminated with dozens of alternating Starlight fibre optics, providing a charming ambience to the family cinema.



The master control for the room's components sits in the TPMC-3X; a handheld WiFi Touchpanel from Crestron. The remote provides superb control for the cinema system, from automatically adjusting the screen's aspect ratio to control of the accompanying sources including SKY HD and the Kaleidescape system which allows storage for up to 300 DVDs with additional storage facilities for expansion.

The Touchpanel's WiFi performance achieves a remarkable 50 feet of indoor coverage with no line-of-sight required, and with a 2.8 active-matrix electroluminescent touchscreen, it is the perfect addition to an already alluring setup.



Speaking of alluring, the Screen Research 2:40:1 X-Mask 2™ curved cinema screen does not disappoint. The acoustically transparent 2.8 metre frame has been built with lateral masking, framing the screen with a cinematic black border that is flexible to a range of aspect ratios. Precision motors ensure greater accuracy for masking positions and can all be controlled by the Crestron interface, making movie viewing a breeze.

Movies are presented courtesy of a Digital Projection M-Vision projector that delivers a pristine high-definition picture. In keeping with the client's request to maintain a clean interior, Smartcomm installed a mirror-kit projection system in the ceiling.

When enabled, a discreet panel in the ceiling opens and the picture is reflected through electrically driven mirrors.

As well as concealing it from view, the encapsulated projector is quietened, producing minimal audio from the machine itself and eliminating any distractions.

Helping to contribute to an excellent home cinema experience are the Triad InWall speakers. Gold /6 LCR, Silver /4 Surround and Silver /15 Sub speakers are the ideal trio to provide exceptional 7.2 surround sound for this home cinema. Their sleek unimposing style means they slot into the walls with minimum fuss, whilst sustaining the sophistication of the décor.

The room's luxurious style does not end with state-of-the-art technology; comfortable seating is provided in the form of some beautiful bespoke chairs, specially designed and produced for the client by Fortress Seating.

Featuring eight electric reclining home theatre seats with a premium leather finish and alcantara centre panels to match the walls, they are a sumptuous inclusion and the perfect finish to this lavish home cinema room.

The end result is a beautiful room with stunning décor, lighting and best of all a stunning high end audio visual system that keeps the family and their friends thoroughly entertained.

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