



Ever wished you lived in an apartment so high tech that it seems to have come out of a James Bond movie? An apartment in Kowloon Tong may be the closest thing yet.

The homeowners have tailor-made their 20,000sq ft home to suit their every need. With just the touch of a button, the lights and air-conditioning comes on, shades will gradually slide down, and the television turns on to their favourite channel. The sound system is also pre-adjusted to the owner's preferred volume. This powerful and intelligent system was programmed and installed by BAP, the Hong Kong-based specialists in audiovisual, lighting and control systems integrator.

Home Theatre and Lounge

With just a single touch, the HomeWorks whole-home lighting control system by Lutron is able to provide different ambiances for the home theatre and lounge. It is a custom total light control that provides convenience to the owners without sacrificing aesthetics and ambience. The owners wanted a dimming solution that automates lights and shades in the entire home yet be able to create a disco mood and ambience for the home theatre, as well as partition kitchens and bathrooms for maximum privacy. The Intelligent Wireless Control System allows the owners to control all systems (projector, air-condition and audiovisual and lighting systems) with just a fingertip.

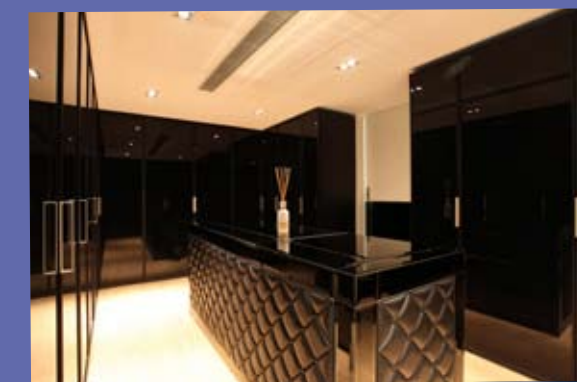
A curved screen that is normally used in a commercial cinema was specially installed to maximise the cinematic experience. And because of the curvature of the screen, the light is reflected back into the seat locations (as opposed to the walls), which increases foot-lamberts to the seating locations and improves picture uniformity.

Kitchen and Baths

UMU glass installed in kitchen and bathroom areas are controlled by Lutron SeeTouch keypads, which takes care of privacy problems. As someone enters the bathroom, a series of events are triggered by the touch of a button: the lights come on gradually, shades come down, UMU glass become translucent and the keypad is in lockdown. No one can make the glass clear again from the outside unless a specific button on the keypad is pressed twice.

Extras

Lutron's Sivoia QED (Quiet Electronic Drive) shades are also custom-made to fit any window size with fabrications set according to the owners' specifications. A timer can be set for lights and shades to selectively lower or dim according to the strength of the sun's rays. Guiding lights at corridors and stairs are automatically switched on from 12am to 5am everyday. Even if someone turned the lights off unexpectedly, a rollback function will activate them again in 15 minutes. Total luxury and comfort in one.



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