

automation overload

Vicki Montague has a high-tech home design max-out at 5thCorner Technology Lounge.

5THCORNER TECHNOLOGY Lounge is high-tech nirvana for architects, interior designers, specifiers, property developers and tech-head corporates who are looking for home automation solutions that complement rather than compete with existing architecture.

Tech-savvy couple Kelly and Marc Weijers are the owners of 5thCorner – an interactive technology lounge that has sent a seismic wave of excitement through the design industry.

Kelly says 5thCorner is all about using the latest technologies to integrate lighting, security, surveillance, audio and entertainment into one automatic operation that requires minimal human intervention. “The ultimate benefit is minimum input for maximum convenience, effect and sensory experience,” she says.

From the outside it’s difficult to imagine what lies behind the black walls of 5thCorner’s warehouse showroom; inside it’s controlled by a fully-integrated advanced lighting and data communications system.

The architect-designed tech lounge has been divided into five zones, starting with the awesome open-plan Lounge. The Lounge

features lighting and audiovisual screens of different shapes and sizes, complete with a futuristic-looking bar for “beyond this world” functions and product launches.

The Machine Room, with its hardcore graffiti, exposed I-beams and cable tray, proves technology can look cool. The Cell, with its wide polished black panel TV screen and funky banquette seating where buttons, cables and other gadgetry are hidden from view, gives apartment owners a taste of technology’s latest for high-density living.

The Chalk Room, the ultimate boardroom for the next millennium, has a retractable screen, automated lighting and surround sound which is simultaneously manipulated by one-touch control.

Then there’s the Observatory home theatre, outfitted with Fagaleo’s presidential home theatre seating, housing a range of high-tech front projectors which showcase new technologies such as the Blu-Ray high-density disc format for digital media storage.

5thCorner’s clients are from both the private and commercial sectors, providing the company with challenging projects such as programming the Big Brother House with C-Bus lighting control.



You can't see it here, but even the loo is automated

I’m not surprised to discover that 5thCorner’s loo is fully-automated, from the soap and hand towel dispensers right down to the final flush.

The company’s name and catchcry – “home automation systems that are an expression of you” – truly sums up what 5thCorner is all about: the seamless integration of home automation systems, running the gamut from design and installation to product support. They

specialise in home theatre, boardroom AV, music distribution, lighting control, security, surveillance, structured cabling, touchscreen control, motorised lifts and automation.

What more can be said? You really have to see it to believe it.

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