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# High Wired

Discreet whole-home technology from Techlinea.

BY JOANNE FURIO

**M**ANY OF THE PROJECTS designed by San Francisco-based Techlinea resemble scenes out of a James Bond film. With jobs throughout the United States, as well as in locations such as Argentina, Italy, and Costa Rica, the stakes are often high—along with the net worth and profiles of its clients—so the details are kept hush-hush. “There are few we can talk about,” says Techlinea president Alfredo Zaparolli.

For a major Republican fundraiser, Techlinea integrated a state-of-the-art security system to protect visitors that included American presidents, past and present, and dignitaries from around the world. For corporate leaders, the firm has created safe rooms and sophisticated digital surveillance. For a community in Buenos Aires, Techlinea designed the technology infrastructure, which includes a biometric security system that identifies homeowners by their fingerprints.



Just as exciting to Zaparolli, however, are the everyday innovations in the “electronic architecture” his company designs, which includes security, electrical, lighting, audiovisual, home theater, heating and cooling, as well as telecom and data systems. The resulting wired houses allow owners to access and control all technological facets of their homes from a computer or PDA. “It’s like having an electronic butler that’s always available,” notes Zaparolli.

Techlinea’s latest project takes that concept up a notch, helping to link a home in Los Altos, Calif., to the owner’s second home in the South of France. “What’s exciting,” Zaparolli says, “is that you can now manage your security or enhance your lifestyle from anywhere in the world.” ☐

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