

Abermarle Street

Modern integrated system hidden in Mayfair listed building

A project where modern technology was seamlessly installed into Grade II listed office premises without compromising the building's integrity, meant that security could be heightened whilst reducing costs.

To reduce spiralling 24 hour manned security costs at one of its London buildings, commercial property management company Workman contracted Minerva Integrated Security Services to install a new integrated security system that incorporated access control, video entry, and a new alarm system.

Located in London's Mayfair, the 7-storey office building comprises five financial-based tenant companies with a total workforce of approximately 200. Formerly a hotel, the building features a unique marble facade lobby that has changed little since the building was first built, and Workman was keen to retain the building's integrity, not least because as a Grade II listed building, adherence to strict guidelines was required.

The new integrated system was hardwired, requiring the Minerva installation team to route cabling above solid ceilings so it is hidden from view, and to commission a special traditionally-styled hand-made brass finished video entry panel which matches the finish of existing door furniture on the building's main entrance. The new system from Minerva replaced a 24 hour manned security service which had become expensive and problematic to manage.

To control access to the building Minerva installed a web-based Honeywell NetAXS system that allows control via the Internet, and a BPT video entry system which enables tenants to control access independently. A Honeywell Galaxy G2 intruder alarm system was fitted to fire exits to detect any security breaches.

Minerva was chosen, through a tender process, to undertake the project as the company has carried out many projects on other buildings owned by Workman, and had previously installed a CCTV system to the listed Mayfair building successfully. The entire project took a team of three from Minerva just 10 days to install, despite the obstacles in working around the building's listed status.

Honeywell NetAXS – access control

This access control system provides all the security of access ie. secures doors, manages access remotely and generates reports to meet compliance requirements, with the convenience of managing it, remotely, via a web browser. The system's built-in web server allows it to be managed anywhere an Internet connection is available, allowing reports to be run, events and alarms to be monitored, users to be added/removed, all remotely. Additionally, with no PC software download required, operating system compatibility, virus attacks or other computer issues such as hard drive crashes, are not an issue. The system can be upgraded post install.



Minerva Integrated Security Services for smart security systems

A trusted supplier, installer and maintainer of a wide range of alarm and security systems for domestic and commercial use, Minerva Integrated Security Services is an NSI accredited company, with a proven track record in providing professional and knowledgeable advice, installation and maintenance of security systems. We utilise new technology to provide solutions that combine the best of new technological developments, whilst our independent status allows us to combine the best solutions from a wide range of manufacturers' equipment. We promise you won't get 'bounced around' - we get straight to the heart of your problem, and find the right solution ... fast.

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- > Access Control Service: access control & security management systems
- > Integrated Security Systems: tailored, integrated security
- > Closed Circuit Television (CCTV): security & environmental monitoring
- > Monitoring - ARC: quick response 24/7 year-round
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BPT – video entry

The control panel was integrated into a specially made fascia for the Mayfair property, however standard control panels include modern facias as well as ‘vandal resistant’ models.

Honeywell Galaxy G2 system – alarm system

This fully hybrid system supports both hardwired installations, as in the Mayfair property, and wireless peripherals. The system features SMS text signalling to up to three mobile numbers, and features automated remote diagnostics and servicing connections - allowing the system to be re-configured and maintained remotely.

