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"Our aim was to make the automation as easy and user friendly as possible," comments Harris Epaminondas, Managing Director at Elytronic. "With such a large property you can get left with a lot of control panels and wiring which we tried to eliminate throughout the project. This way, the homeowner is left with clean, tidy walls meaning that the technology is as invisible as possible."

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In addition to the lighting control, this significant project included; distributed audio and video with 4K support, landscape audio system, home cinema room, security system, fire alarm system, SIP intercom system, air conditioning, central heating, multiple door and gate control, and indoor and outdoor pool integration.

What impressed judges the most was that Elytronic created a control system using just 12km of cabling, 20 touchscreens and 16 remote controls – which for a project on this scale is remarkable.







With the original brief in mind, Elytronic created a userfriendly system with minimal disruption to the aesthetic of the home. Two kinds of devices control the home touchscreen and keypads – both by Crestron, meaning the homeowner only needs to interact with one simple interface for all systems. The walls in the residence only have two controls in each room, the touchscreen and keypad, with no visible thermostats, switches, intercoms and so on, leaving them beautifully untainted.

Scooping the coveted Best Integrated Home prize at the 2016 Crestron Integration Awards this winning project ticked all the home owner's objectives, who commented "I did not know this required so much work and so much labour. I am impressed".