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DMi Extends Zone Home Control System and Adds Video Streaming with Major New Product Launches at ISE

DMi D&M Installation Europe is expanding the functionality and capabilities of its Escient Zone home control system with major new additions to the product range at Integrated Systems Europe 2010. New Zone products to be introduced at ISE include a new video media player, adding video streaming to Zone, an AV I/O extender, and a range of DIN Rail lighting modules.

Escient Zone is a powerful, cost / performance competitive, integrated CI home control system exclusive to D&M Europe. Zone is positioned to provide fully featured, high performance home automation and control at a lower price point than current market leading systems. The system complements the latest Ethernet and WiFi network enabled AV source and control components from Denon, Marantz and Escient brands, and enables DMi appointed CI professionals to offer in-home automation systems, seamlessly incorporating market leading components from these D&M premium brands.

The new **Zone MP400** media player extends the renowned multiroom audio distribution capabilities of current Zone media players into the video domain. The MP400 enables distribution of video from a central hard drive throughout the home and can handle a wide range of video formats, up to and including HD, with the highest quality playback and upscaling of SD signals. Supported video codecs include MPEG2, MPEG4, H.264, DivX, and WMV. AV connectivity includes HDMI, component and S-video, analogue and SPDIF digital audio, and two USB 2.0 ports.

The player uniquely introduces IT based capabilities to CE and CI at its €600 (ex-vat) SRP, integrating fully and simply the ability to play almost any video content from NAS storage to the Zone system, with 10/100 Ethernet network connectivity and IP control. The Zone user

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interface provides intuitive media management from touch panels or remote handsets from any room in the home.

The **Zone IO Extender** is a perfect add-on for any large Zone system. Providing additional inputs and outputs for simple control and integration of audio-video components, in an attractive, rack-mountable form-factor, the Extender is ideal for extending control in large CI systems when paired with a Zone Home Controller. Like all Zone components, the Extender is easy to install to extend the capabilities of new or existing installations.

The new range of **Zone DIN Rail lighting modules** enables the wired control of leading edge and trailing edge dimmers, and ballast, in conjunction with relay switching, and a multifunctional I/O extender. These provide steering and integration of motion sensors, and feature rich control capabilities comparable with current leading conventional control systems, at an extremely competitive price point. 12 modules include a network processor, 4-channel and 8-channel leading edge dimmers, a 4-channel trailing edge dimmer, ballast controller, 8-channel I/O extender, 4-channel relay module, power supply and RS232 interface. 5 and 10 button keypads come with a selection of chrome, brass, white, and stainless steel faceplates.

Installers can programme Zone DIN Rail products and systems via the Escient Zone control software, providing the customer with the required preset controls and lighting scenes.

Full Escient Zone product and system information is available at www.escienteurope.com

DMi will also be showing the full range of the latest CI approved playback and control products from Denon, Marantz and Escient, alongside leading in-wall and ceiling high performance speaker systems from Boston Acoustics, as well as the range of Hawking Technology CI network and wireless network components, for which it is exclusive European distributor.



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About DMi

DMi D&M Installation, a division of D&M Europe, is dedicated to providing a comprehensive range of integrated custom installation solutions from a portfolio of dedicated products from D&M's Denon, Marantz, Escient, Boston Acoustics, and other product lines for which it is the exclusive European distributor. DMi is similarly dedicated to providing its appointed custom installers with exemplary support and after sales services.

About D&M Holdings Inc.

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