

CASE STUDY

SCANDIC CONTINENTAL IN HELSINKI: MODERN DATA TECHNOLOGY FOR A “CLASSIC”

A shielded, 10 gigabit Cat.6_A cabling system is being installed in the Scandic Continental hotel. Those responsible chose the Datwyler system solution because of its high quality and the 25-year system warranty.

The Scandic Continental hotel, originally named the Inter-Continental when it opened its doors in 1972, is a true classic among the hotels in the Finnish metropolis. With its seven floors and 514 rooms it is one of the largest hotels in Finland.

The hotel is undergoing extensive renovation, which started in early 2013 and extends to all rooms. Scandic Continental's partner in this renovation project is Consti, a company specialising in bringing value-adding change to hotels and restaurants. At the end of 2014, following the upgrade, the hotel building will provide its customers with a modern and pleasant guest experience.

The most reliable system solution on the market

As part of the project all the hotel's technical systems will be renewed and the entire data communication system will also be modernised. This means that over 100 kilometres of data cable will run along the corridors at the end of 2014. It will be a competitive advantage for the hotel, which accommodates hundreds of business travellers each month.

Consti Talotekniikka Oy is responsible for the renovation project, and Johtomiehet Oy is a subcontractor constructing the data network. The professionals in these two companies chose the Datwyler system solution supplied by Pistesarjat Oy, which in Finland represents the best data cabling systems in the world.

Scandic Continental will soon have a shielded, 10 gigabit Cat.6_A cabling system. This is currently the fastest copper system on the market.

“We chose Datwyler's shielded 10-Gigabit Cat.6_A cabling system because of its high quality and the 25-year system warranty. The quality extends from individual components – cables and connectors – to the entire system,” says Risto Ruhanen, Johtomiehet Oy's Project Manager responsible for the hotel's structured cabling project.



“The advantages of Datwyler's cables include their mechanical properties and durability, as well as high bend performance and good stripping properties,” adds installer and site team leader Ville Luostarinen.

Hotel system is ahead of its time

Modern hotel systems must not only be of high quality and should stand the test of time, but they should also preferably be ahead of their time. The basis of the systems supplied by Pistesarjat is the 25-year system warranty.

But this is not the least of the reasons why this Datwyler system was chosen for this hotel. Another advantage of this solution is that it is easy to install. This important issue is emphasised in the case of extensive systems. Since there are hundreds of connection points, just like in the Scandic Continental, installation must be straightforward and the different steps – cable routing, connecting, equipment installation, commissioning and documentation – should follow each other smoothly.

A positive experience

In the middle of the cabling project the long hotel corridors looked as if they were the set of a sci-fi movie: no extraneous



items could be seen and everything was brilliant white, except for the cable bundles running neatly in the upper corner of the wall.

Since then the renovation project has proceeded quickly and as scheduled on all floors of the hotel.

“The project has gone extremely well and we are very satisfied with the cooperation with our partners,” concludes Consti Talotekniikka's Olli Heinonen.

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