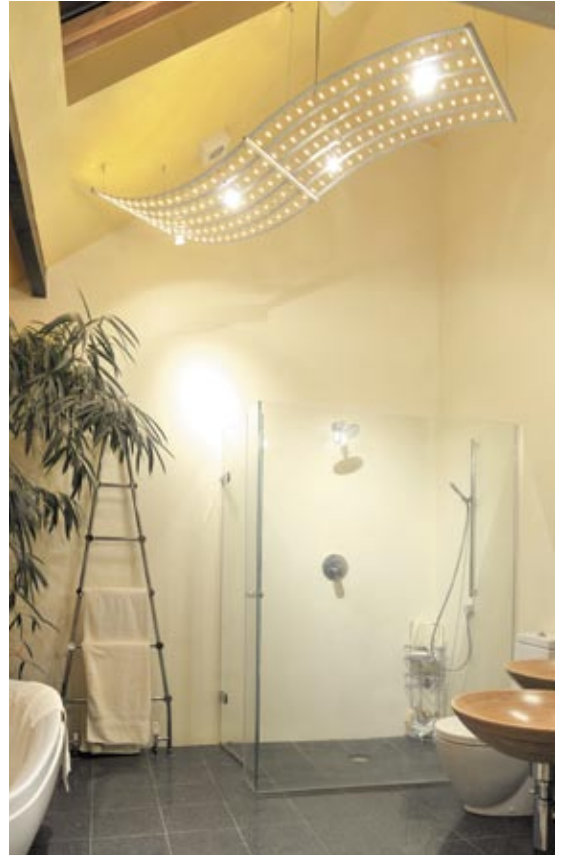


Exclusive Boutique B&B

Set in the Buckinghamshire countryside and yet just minutes from main routes is a purpose built boutique bed and breakfast.

Designed to provide the best accommodation for holidaymakers and businessmen, whether able-bodied, or disabled, this stylish and comfortable bed and breakfast demonstrates the flexibility of the Nikobus system and its lighting controls in particular.

Access and security was a major consideration here with the accommodation designed to be as easy to use for wheelchair users with all areas easily reached. All of the accommodation is on one level, with all of the bedrooms opening onto the garden, and one room even having its own parking space and a door straight in from the car park.



Ensuring a warm welcome

Communication with the house is important - as a B&B, the front door is not left open, so it is vital that visitors are made to feel welcome - even at the push of a doorbell. This is achieved by integrating a door access system with an intercom with the office inside the house. The door can be answered immediately by voice and then automatically opened if desired. A camera was not introduced here, but it could be incorporated, with

the pictures broadcast on computers, television screens or touchscreen controllers.



Ease of use

Ease of use was imperative in this installation - with such a frequent turnover of guests - it was vital that new guests could intuitively use the push-button controls to achieve the correct level of lighting in each room.

Motion sensors were installed in the common areas so that guests would be able to easily find their way at night without needing to access light switches in the dark.

Working with specialist lighting designers, the owner of this impressive establishment wanted to achieve an environment of light spacious rooms that would deliver a high specification and level of luxury enabling guests to immediately feel 'at home' in their accommodation.

Niko's pushbutton controls in each of the bedrooms and bathrooms ensured that this was achieved allowing for maximum flexibility - controlling overhead and bedside lights from the same 8-button switch.

Low level LED lighting allows for nightlights to be left on overnight very economically; allowing for easy navigation of the room even in the middle of the night, without unnecessary searching to find switches in a strange room. This is another function that each guest can select from the 8-button selection available in each bedroom.

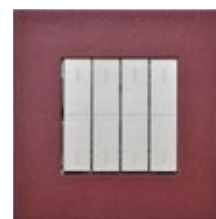


The distinctive light fittings chosen for each room are also controlled using the Nikobus system. Whilst providing the full selection of features you would expect with the most sophisticated system - it can create any lightscene, all of which can be easily designed and stored. Any one-button commands such as all lights to off and lighting pathways are easily introduced or changed, and silent and speed-programmable dimmers are also part of the system, as required.



Integrating the look

Integrating the switches with the decor was another key feature of this installation. One of the bedrooms has been designed with the disabled, including visually impaired guests in mind. This room has been designed with a stunning decor featuring bold colours such as red - both as a design statement and to make navigation easier for people with restricted





vision. Niko switches can be put together in a wide variety of colour options - allowing for the border of the switch and the inner switch area to be in contrasting colours.

Exterior lighting has been designed to ensure a warm welcome on arrival at the B&B, with the option of light sensors to automatically switch lights on at dusk - and off if desired at a pre-selected time; alternatively motion sensors can be used, or straightforward On/Off switching.

Attention to detail

Throughout this building, attention to detail has been the watchword. Ensuring that the many pieces of artwork are displayed with the appropriate level of lighting was a

major consideration of the brief. Stunning light fittings make a statement in each of the rooms giving each room its own character and ambience.

Motorised blinds ensure that the rooflights can be covered to keep out light and the introduction of floor level LEDs make each room very easy to stay in and navigate around.

The panel housing all of the lighting controls is easily hidden away in a cupboard, and with its DIN rail configuration, it is always an option to extend and develop the system over time.

This boutique hotel has needed a lot of time and thought to achieve its high standards of comfort and hospitality - and the Niko system was a key ingredient in putting it all together.

