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Sofas face one another and the artwork and decor are easy to appreciate; the cinema itself is an occasional feature

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Hide and seek

Home Cinema Digest takes a closer look at the winner of Best Cinema Install in our recent Awards: Finite Solutions' 'Hidden Cinema'

Some properties are vast and so unique that it's pointless showing-off pictures of the completed custom install; virtually no lessons can be seriously learned.

Not so 'Hidden Cinema', an install completed by Finite Solutions. This is a real smart home that's centred on the living room... not that you'd know it.

"The room is an interior designer's dream with no technology on show whatsoever," says Fraser Stride, Marketing Director at Finite Solutions. "It's also great for a family who do not have room for a dedicated cinema room, or a couple who have different opinions on what the lounge should be used for."

The smart home dream is slowly trickling down from the deep-pocketed to the more modestly wealthy, and 'Hidden Cinema' – installed in an average size (4x5m) lounge – could serve as something of a template.

"What really appeals to people about this cinema is

that it feels real," says Fraser. "People walk into the room and ask 'what's in here?' only then to be awestruck when two different cinema solutions reveal themselves."

The first, and arguably the most impressive, is how a 40-inch Laeue Compose screen is revealed by Future Automation's innovative Hidden Panel Mechanism.

Future Automation is also relied upon – this time via its PD2 product – to drop an InFocus IN80 projector from the ceiling to shine on a motorised Beamax screen.

"The TV for many has become an unsightly necessity in the lounge, but this method of concealment ensures that the screen is

only a point of distraction when it's in use. Too many TV rooms have the TV as the point of focus at all times, even when it's switched off," says Fraser.

Add a Kaleidescape system, a Philips Pronto TSU9600 and an Arcam/KEF/Rel sound system and 'Hidden Cinema' should surely be plural.

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The TV is an unsightly necessity in most lounges, but here it's only visible when it's in use



A lighting feature is incorporated into the ceiling to provide a more contemporary feel for the room



A Rel B303 subwoofer forms part of a home cinema controlled by a Philips Pronto TSU9600



Behind the panel is a Loewe Compose screen



Combing and a chimney breast were obstacles, so the ceiling was dropped to allow hiding of both the projector and the screen.

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Future Automation's Hidden Panel Mechanism provides anonymity to the home cinema.



A projection screen from Beamax hosts pictures from an InFocus IN80 projector.

What's inside?

AV: Arcam AVR350, KEF C13-80QT (fronts) C1130-2Qs (rears), Rel R505, Beamax, InFocus IN80, DF Solutions Base, Loewe 40-inch Compose, Kaleidescape (linked to house system in main rack), Future Automation PD2 & Hidden Panel Mechanism
 Security: linked to home's DVR 247 CCTV system
 HVAC: linked to home's Sensible Heat control system
 Control system: Philips Pronto TSU9600
 Lighting: Rako



Home cinema kit is housed as discreetly as the projector and TV.