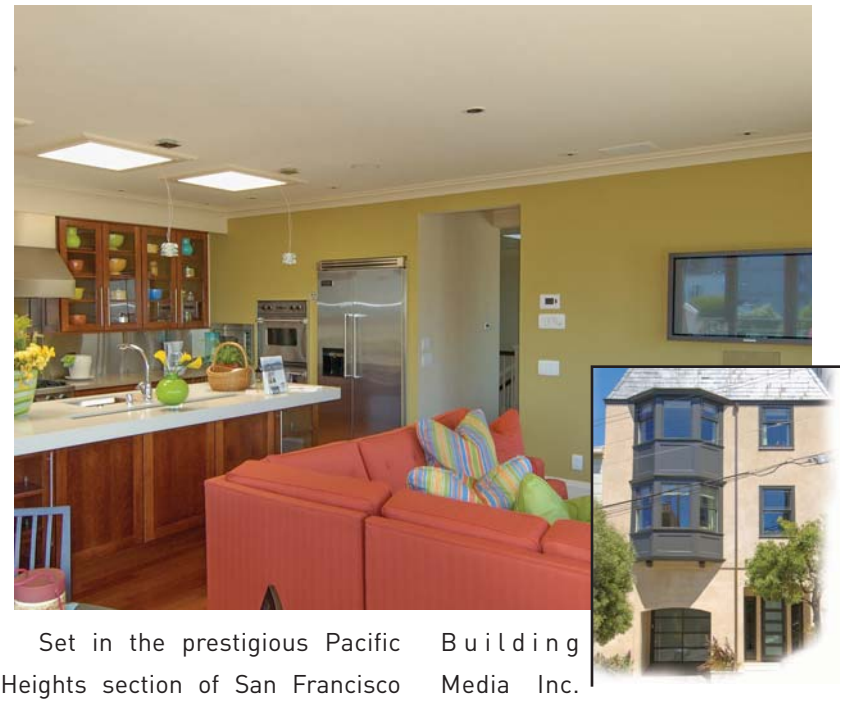
Miro Elegance and Functionality Settles in the City



Set in the prestigious Pacific Heights section of San Francisco stands the "Settling in the City" show house, a striking design of eco-architecture.

The residence was conceived and designed by a project team that included developer Michael Folk, architect and contractor Nova Design + Build, Interior Designer Joe Ruggiero, Christi Graham, Founder and CEO of Healthy Home Plans, commenting architect Sarah Susanka, and media partners Building Media Inc. and HOME Magazine. The project team completely renovated the 1938 Rousseau-style home, equipping it with the latest in healthy and energy efficient home building techniques. Watt Stopper/Legrand's innovative Miro wireless RF lighting controls and architectural wiring devices were the "ideal match for this retro-fit project," said developer Michael Folk. "Miro's form and functionality reflects the home's blend of contemporary styling and convenience."

"Installing Miro was effortless. Our electrical contractor appreciated being able to use standard wallboxes and not having to pull any additional wiring."

– John Schraeder
Nova Design + Build

Upon entering the residence, a 4-gang installation of wireless Miro dimmers, house scene controller, and home automation controls from OnQ/Legrand sets the tone for the whole home.

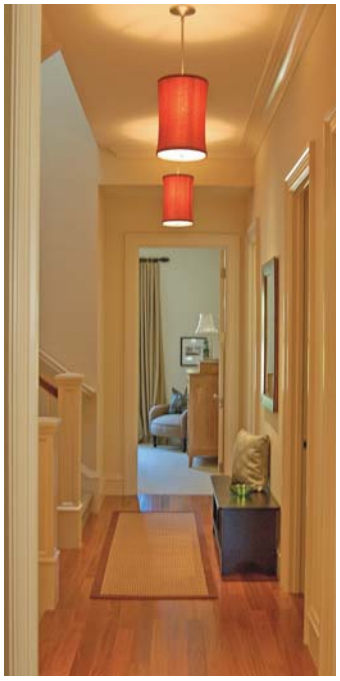
Utilizing innovative wireless RF communications technology, Miro controls provide one-touch whole house ON/OFF, scene control, preset dimming and coordinated control of non-lighting loads. On the first floor, a private au pair suite features a Miro multilocation controller that controls halogen fixtures in the living room, and countertop fluorescent lighting in the kitchen. This multilocation controller has been wirelessly linked with the Miro universal dimmers in the kitchen and living room, allow-

Pacific Coast Builders Conference showhouse in San Francisco captures spectacular views from the rooftop deck.

ing the suite's lighting to be accessible from multiple locations.

The loft overlooking these living spaces is equipped with a Miro room scene controller managing the incandescent fixtures and lamps. This wall-mounted device allows the user to set up, modify, and recall up to five scenes per controller, as well as turns lights on and off. Residents can also proportionally raise or lower overall room brightness.

The entry level leads to the home's family level located on the second floor. Three bedrooms share this level, a master suite with bath and two other bedrooms, one with a private bath. All bathrooms feature Watt Stopper/Legrand's CN and CW vacancy sensors housed in Miro decorator adapters and wallplates. These sensors ensure compliance with California's Title 24-2005 provisions (see sidebar).



The master suite features an array of Miro architectural wiring devices and controls. The latter include a room scene controller, house scene controller, dimmers, and multilocation controllers. The 4-gang installation adjacent to the master bedroom entryway demonstrates the flexibility of Miro's aesthetic. The wall plate and decorator adapters house a variety of products, including an intercom, speaker, surround sound module, volume controls, and Miro room scene controller.

Up the final set of stairs lies the third floor complete with formal dining room, living room and kitchen/great room space. Throughout these spaces, Miro reinforces the harmonious aesthetic while providing fingertip scene and dimming control.

The kitchen features charcoal grey Miro plates and devices that accent the sleek, stainless steel and granite surfaces. In the great room, a breathtaking window wall opens onto an outdoor patio, providing a panoramic 270° view of the San Francisco bay.

Showhouse attendees applauded the Miro look and functionality.

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– Michael Folk, developer

Watt Stopper/Legrand's Code Compliant Vacancy Sensors Featured in Showhouse

In addition to Miro, the Settling in the City Showhouse implemented Watt Stopper/Legrand's CN and CW vacancy sensors in the home's bathrooms and laundry room.

These sensors replace any standard wall switch, utilizing passive infrared (PIR) technology to detect occupancy and turn lighting off automatically when spaces become vacant.

CW vacancy sensors were created specifically with hallways, laundry rooms and garage applications in mind. The CN vacancy sensor incorporates an LED low wattage nightlight that illuminates a small area when lights are off. This is ideal for bathroom and bedroom applications.

California's Title 24-2005, effective October 1, 2005, mandates that most lighting in homes be high efficacy or be controlled either by an occupancy sensor or dimmer. Sensors must be manual ON/automatic OFF, time delays cannot exceed 30 minutes, and the sensor must not be overridden ON. Both the CN and CW meet these requirements.