

SONANCE SPOTLIGHT

HIGH-TECH HARMONY | CHICAGO, IL



“One of the products we love are the James Small Aperture speakers which literally match the light fixtures that we have so there is a continuity of design and you don’t see a large round speaker next to a very discrete small light fixture. They create a beautiful consistency to the ceiling.”

JOAN CRAIG, ARCHITECT

THE CHALLENGE

In the heart of Chicago’s bustling city center, Mills Technologies faced a unique challenge when approached to integrate seamless audio into a luxurious high-rise residence. The client’s desire for a design-centric system that remained hidden presented a challenge in a space where aesthetics were of paramount importance. The demand for cutting-edge technology that seamlessly blended with the intricate design of the home made this project a true test of innovation and precision.

REQUIREMENTS

The client sought a solution that would enhance their living space without compromising the visual appeal. Given the limited space within the high-rise, the challenge was to design a system that was both technically advanced and visually discreet. The specific requirement included a state-of-the-art audio system that could be seamlessly integrated into the ceilings, ensuring a harmonious blend throughout the entire space with the sophisticated design elements.

METHODOLOGY

The project involved meticulous planning and an in-depth understanding of the client’s vision. The adoption of innovative solutions, such as Sonance Invisible Speaker, Outdoor Garden Series, and James Small Aperture speakers, showcased a commitment to marrying performance with aesthetics.

The integration of invisible speakers and the use of a grid-based design approach were critical elements in achieving the desired seamless aesthetic. Architect Joan Craig recounted the challenges and triumphs in showcasing the importance of staying current with cutting-edge technologies.



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“The dining room presented a really unique challenge. It had a Venetian plaster ceiling and a lot of ornamentation. It’s a very beautiful room, but the client didn’t want to see any speakers. Sonance Invisible Series speakers allowed the vision to shine through giving the room high-quality music without visually see where the sound came from.”

BRIAN MILLS, MILLS TECHNOLOGIES

RESULT

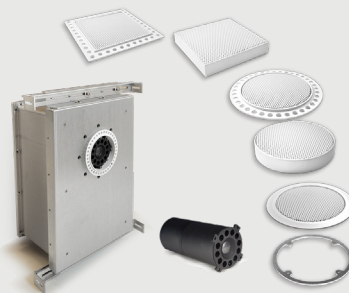
The result is a breathtaking high-rise residence that seamlessly blends technology with design, creating an urban oasis in the heart of Chicago. The grid-based design philosophy, precise placement of speakers, and innovative solutions like Sonance Invisible Speakers and custom-designed furniture reflect a successful marriage of aesthetics and functionality. The interconnected entertaining spaces, from the expansive living room with city views to the intimate terrace and the contemporary kitchen, form a symphony of design elements that fulfill the client’s vision. This luxury high-rise home in Chicago’s city center stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to crafting an unparalleled audio-visual experience. Mills Technologies and Craig and Company not only met but exceeded the challenges posed by the unique space, creating a residence where technology seamlessly harmonizes with luxury and design.

PRODUCT HIGHLIGHTS

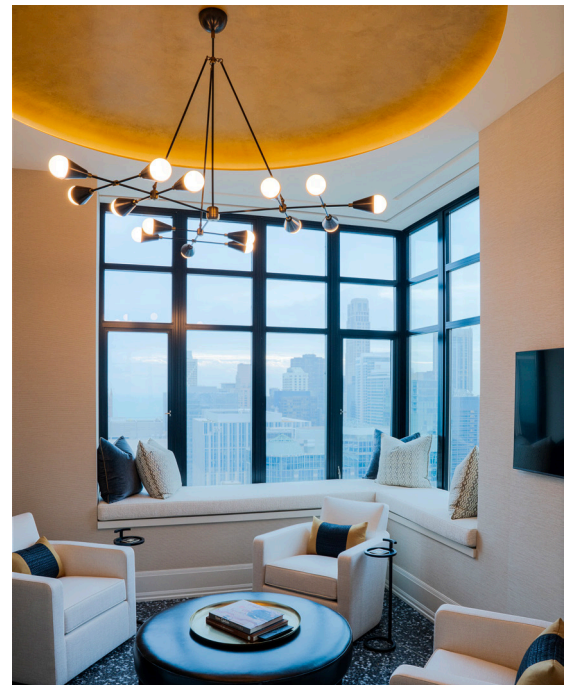
Sonance Invisible Series speakers and subwoofers are perfectly suited to deliver astonishing audio that magically emanates from everywhere without a visible trace. James Small Aperture Series are barely visible and designed to match the decor of your space.



IS10 INVISIBLE SERIES SPEAKERS



JAMES SA63-7HQ



ABOUT SONANCE

Sonance was founded in 1983 by Scott Struthers and Geoff Spencer, who introduced the world’s first in-wall loudspeaker. This achievement led to many more “firsts” and a proud heritage of innovation. It also inspired a philosophy that continues to drive the company’s brands today: that technology can and should blend in with architecture and great design. With a wide range of solutions that are designed to disappear, Sonance has cultivated long-standing, authentic partnerships with leading architects, interior design professionals, custom installers, design-conscious consumers and end-users, from their home base in San Clemente, California and throughout the world.