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Smart Home Buyer's Guide

A luxury planning guide for modern connected living.

CONTROL4-CENTRIC

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CLIENT EXPERIENCE EDITION





HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Build your brief before you buy.

This guide helps you shape the living experience you want from your home, from first arrival moments to daily comfort and peace of mind. Use it to define priorities and prepare for a detailed design consultation.

What this guide covers

- How each system improves everyday living
- Comfort, wellness, security, and entertainment experiences
- A service approach that keeps your home effortless over time

Who it is for

- Private villa and penthouse owners
- Family offices and estate managers
- Architects, interior studios, and developers

How to get best value

- Start with lifestyle outcomes, not devices
- Prioritize convenience in your highest-use spaces
- Phase features around your family routines and hosting style

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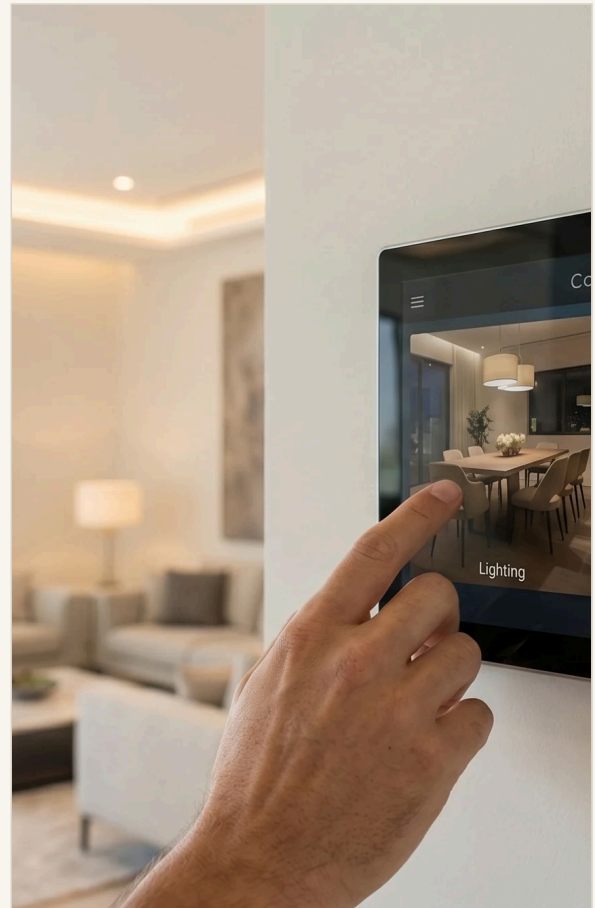
FOUNDATION

Why start with a smart home OS?

Premium homes often include excellent standalone products, but fragmented controls create daily friction. A unified operating layer gives every member of the household one consistent experience.

What a Control4-centered platform enables

- One intuitive interface for lighting, climate, media, and security
- Personalized scenes that match your routines and schedule
- Secure remote access for confidence when you are away
- Professional support for a consistently smooth experience



Redwood recommendation: define your desired daily experiences first, then map devices and brands to those outcomes.

PLANNING

Design-first planning for luxury projects.

In high-value residences, technology should disappear into the design while making each room easier, calmer, and more enjoyable to use.

Before design freeze

- Identify spaces that require effortless one-touch control
- Agree rack, riser, and cabling strategy with MEP and fit-out teams
- Plan hidden speakers, sensors, and keypads before finishes

Before procurement

- Confirm approved brands and interoperability matrix
- Set target budgets by room, phase, and experience tier
- Define aftercare expectations and response SLAs



LIGHTING

Lighting that shapes mood, rhythm, and safety.

Smart lighting is the fastest way to elevate daily living. Beyond dimming, it coordinates scenes across lights, shades, climate, and security.

Arrival scene

Driveway, entrance, and foyer activate in sequence as you arrive.

Evening mode

Layered accent lighting with warm color temperature for relaxation.

Night pathway

Low-level circulation lights for safe movement without glare.

Away simulation

Occupancy patterns run automatically to protect the property.

Questions to decide the right approach

- ☐ Which rooms do you use most in morning, evening, and late night?
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- ☐ Do you prefer engraved keypads, touch panels, or app-first control?
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- ☐ Where should lighting trigger security, privacy, or climate actions?
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SECURITY

Security that feels discreet, not intrusive.

Security in a smart home should be calm, accurate, and easy to trust: clear alerts, meaningful automation, and privacy controls that are transparent to the owner.

Typical security layers

- Perimeter: gates, doors, contact sensors, and outdoor cameras
- Interior: motion, occupancy logic, and sensitive zone controls
- Lifestyle: family routines, guest access windows, and staff access

Recommended outcomes

- Actionable notifications with no false alarm fatigue
- One-screen visibility for locks, cameras, and alarm status
- Scheduled privacy modes for occupied and unoccupied periods



ENTERTAINMENT

Audio and video, tailored room by room.

Entertainment should transition seamlessly from intimate family use to large-scale hosting while preserving design aesthetics and acoustic quality.

Smart Audio

- Distributed music with independent room control
- Dedicated cinema or media room performance tuning
- Outdoor zones for terrace, garden, and pool experiences

Smart Video

- Unified source access across living, bedrooms, and lounge areas
- One-button movie scenes with lighting and shading integration
- Clean cable management with hidden equipment architecture



Remote access and voice without complexity.

Whether you are at home, in transit, or overseas, the system should let you verify status and adjust critical functions with confidence.

Remote essentials

Locks, gates, cameras, climate, and key scenes from one app.

Smart alerts

Event-triggered notifications for arrivals, open zones, and abnormal conditions.

Voice control

Simple spoken commands for routine comfort and convenience moments.

Redwood recommendation: apply tiered access rights for family, guests, and staff to protect privacy while maintaining ease of use.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Your network is the real backbone.

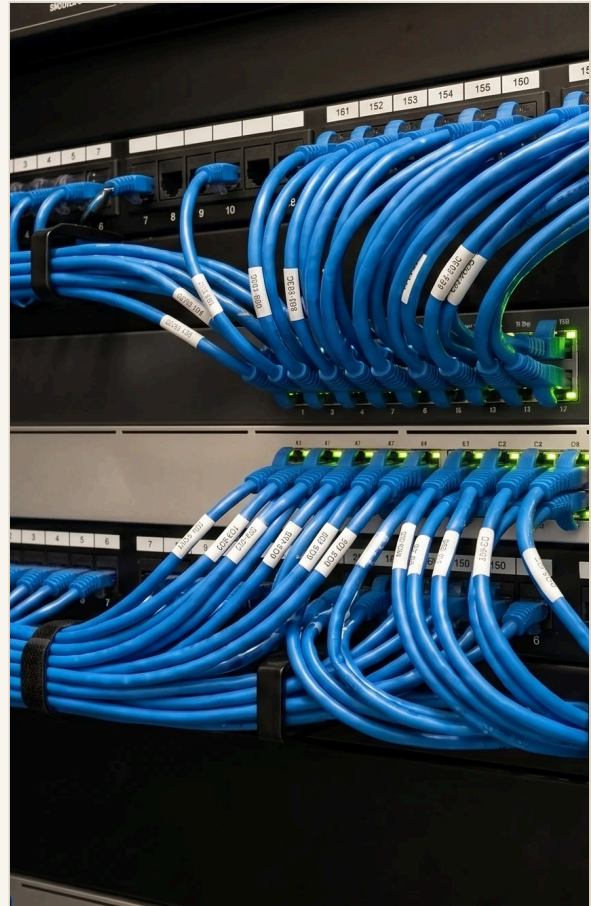
Every effortless interaction, from instant app response to uninterrupted streaming, depends on a resilient wired and wireless foundation built for your home.

Core components

- Router, managed switches, and segmented VLAN strategy
- Ceiling-mounted access points with full coverage planning
- Power management and monitored equipment rack health

Privacy and continuity

- Secure remote support with controlled permissions
- Audit trails for key user and system events
- Maintenance cadence for firmware and cybersecurity updates



ECOSYSTEM

Connected devices and future growth.

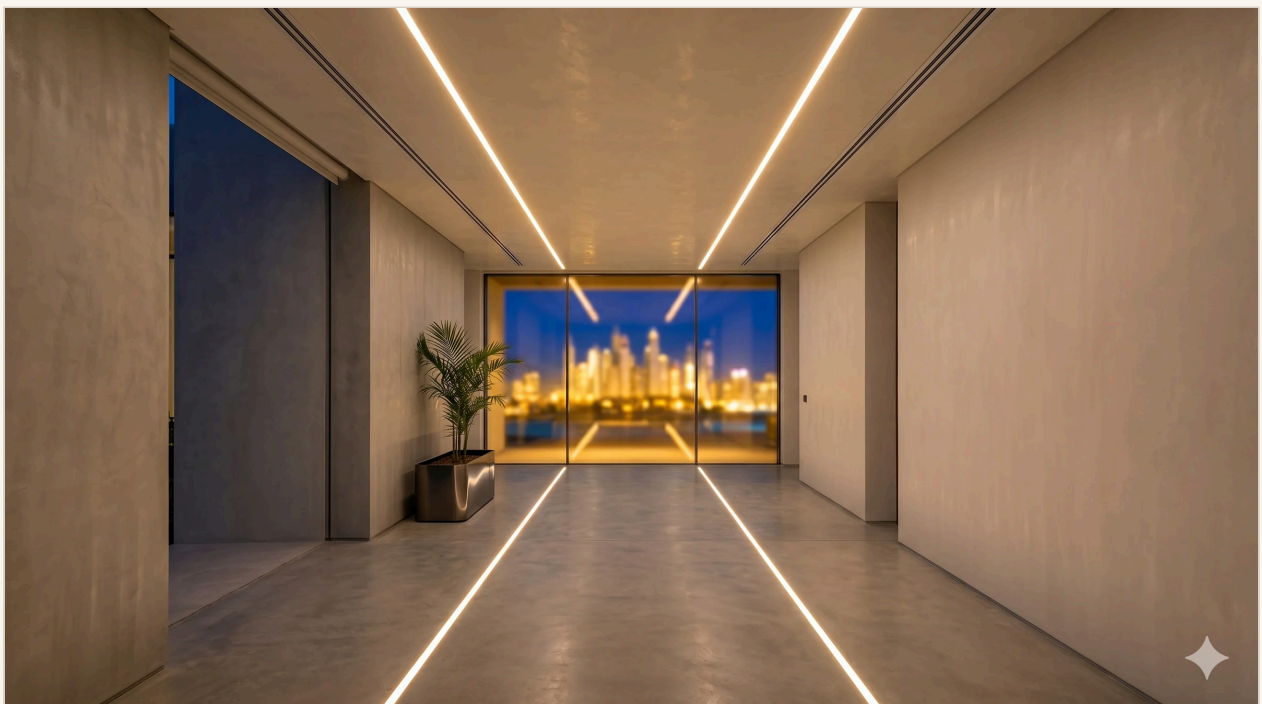
Open-platform integration keeps your home adaptable as your routines and priorities change. The objective is not to connect everything immediately, but to build a roadmap that remains clear and user-friendly over time.

Common integrations

- Shading and drapery controls
- HVAC and indoor air quality systems
- Irrigation, pool, and outdoor environment controls
- Appliance, utility, and energy monitoring layers

Expansion strategy

- Phase 1: core backbone and high-use spaces
- Phase 2: security, comfort, and remote workflows
- Phase 3: specialty zones and personalized automations
- Annual review: optimize based on real household behavior



DELIVERY

The Redwood delivery journey.

A white-glove process from discovery to long-term aftercare.

01 Discovery consultation

Lifestyle mapping, priorities, and experience definition.

02 Concept and proposal

System architecture, phased options, and investment clarity.

03 Coordination and implementation

Technical design, site coordination, installation, and programming.

04 Commissioning and handover

Testing, walkthrough training, and user personalization.

05 Aftercare and optimization

Support, updates, and iterative refinements based on use patterns.

CONSULTATION PREP

Bring this checklist to your consultation.

What should your system prioritize?

- ☐ Whole-home control and convenience
- ☐ Lighting design and automated scenes
- ☐ Security, access, and monitoring
- ☐ Cinema, audio, and media performance
- ☐ Comfort, climate, and energy outcomes

What is your project type?

- ☐ New build residence
- ☐ Renovation or extension
- ☐ Single-zone upgrade
- ☐ Hospitality or commercial venue
- ☐ Retrofit of an existing smart system

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