

Distech Controls Unveils Expanded European Head Office

[Lyon, France, 20 March, 2024] - Distech Controls™, an innovation leader connecting people with intelligent building solutions, has expanded its European headquarters in Lyon, France, with a grand inauguration ceremony held on March 20. This state-of-the-art facility not only accommodates the company's growing presence in the region but also showcases its commitment to sustainability and employee well-being.

"We are delighted to be opening our expanded facility," comments Martin Villeneuve, President of Distech Controls. "After a lot of hard work and dedication, we have an office building that celebrates the very best of innovation and human-centric design. We wanted our building to be a representation of Distech Controls, we are showcasing to our customers what is possible with our products."

This expansion has increased the surface area by 25% and has given Distech Controls the opportunity to reorganise production and storage to better meet the needs and expectations of customers. Martin continues, "we moved into our building only five years ago and due to continuous growth, we are already expanding. It further cements our place as a leading provider of solutions for smart connected buildings and strengthens our position within Europe. The building supports our current and future growth and was the ideal opportunity to introduce innovative new technology."

Distech Controls appointed an integrator partner to install the new BMS and worked closely with them to understand the process of the install, see the potential barriers and live the experience as customers do on a daily basis. Distech Controls is a manufacturer, but also a building owner and can appreciate the challenges its customers face.

Enhancing the employee experience

Hybrid working the norm for many companies, Distech Controls has embraced the opportunity to rethink the use of space in their building and provide employees with a flexible office environment. The company has extended its building to include various purpose-built spaces, such as enclosed areas for focused work or collaborative spaces for creativity, all designed with hybrid collaboration in mind.

To further enhance the employee experience, Distech Controls has partnered with Jooxter, a member of its Digital Partner Programme, to develop an app that enables staff to easily book a desk, meeting room, or car charging station, with allocation based on the building's available energy.

The Resense Move sensor solution will monitor the office space and recognise which desks are occupied via its people counting capabilities. It means energy is not wasted in unoccupied spaces but equally ensures the air quality remains high in occupied areas.

A future-proof system

By integrating state-of-the-art technology and sustainable design principles, Distech Controls has embraced change and developed a smart building that not only enhances occupant experience but also contributes to a more sustainable future. The building expansion is a true reflection of Distech Controls' values, ensuring people are at the heart of what they do. Whether that is the creating an environment that enhances wellbeing, supporting its neighbours or seeing solutions through its customers eyes.

During the building expansion project, the latest generation of Distech Controls controllers have been installed, including Resense Move, ECLYPSE APEX, controllers with embedded ECLYPSE Building Intelligence and the new [Atrius](#) solution for energy monitoring.

As well as placing wellbeing at the heart of the building, energy efficiency is equally important. The Distech Controls and Atrius energy monitoring platform installed within the building allows users to monitor energy usage, ensure energy reduction targets are met and optimise building performance. The new Resense Move and its ability to count occupants also means that only the resources needed in each room are being used, further improving energy efficiency.

ECLYPSE APEX is capable of connecting with France's EcoWatt system, which aims to raise public awareness of national energy consumption and provide updates on when to reduce consumption during peak hours or when electricity demand is highest. The ECLYPSE APEX can receive notifications from EcoWatt and automatically adjust the power provided for applications such as the HVAC system or the charging stations.

Martin Villeneuve concludes, "we have designed a connected smart building that promotes the wellbeing of employees while ensuring optimised space management and energy efficiency. We are thrilled to see our new building open and are looking forward to inviting customers to see this new, bigger, innovative space."

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Distech Controls connects people with intelligent building solutions through our forward-thinking technologies and services. It partners with customers to deliver innovative solutions that can provide better health, better spaces, and better efficiencies. Its passion for innovation, quality and sustainability guides its business, which serves multiple market segments through worldwide business divisions, service offices and a superior network of Authorized System Integrators and Distributors. Distech Controls is a subsidiary of Acuity Brands, Inc.

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