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### **MetLife CEO Retires with Crestron**

When you've made a phenomenally successful career out of making Metropolitan Life the global insurance giant that it is today, retirement may be seem a little tedious. Not so when your name is Robert Benmosche and your retirement home of choice is a stunning Croatian villa overlooking the Adriatic coast which is packed full of the latest in home automation gadgetry. Yes, this Crestron-controlled idyll proves that whilst life in retirement may take a more sedate pace, the technology can still be up to speed!

Located in one of the most picturesque bays in Dubrovnik, the Benmosche's beautiful stone villa has been renovated to spectacular effect. With its swimming pool, jacuzzi, multi-room audio-visual, lighting and security systems, this property takes the concept of a comfortable retirement to another level. All this, plus Crestron's award-winning *Total Home Technology* control solution, ensures that Mr Benmosche, former MetLife Chairman and CEO, can still keep his finger on the pulse and maintain control, even in retirement.

Zagreb-based Crestron International Partner, company DARSONIK, has provided Mr Benmosche with a Crestron control system with software that interfaces with lighting, multi-room audio, security and video distribution TV/SAT systems, whilst also offering the potential for future expansion and the implementation of additional functionality.

Security was a key concern on the project. The security system includes video surveillance which is capable of viewing up to 8 camera video signals on a Crestron TPS-5000 wired touch panel from the central position in the villa. This can also be viewed on a separate “Crestron TV” channel on any TV monitor in the villa as well as via the internet browser of any PC, anywhere in the world. Crestron’s innovative e-Control software enabled DARSONIK to ensure that the villa’s control functions were also accessible from Mr. Benmosche’s home in New Jersey. Every security camera in the villa has its own preset position and can be changed easily to one of six different presets. If there is a motion sensed, the appropriate camera zooms and focuses on the moving object whilst constantly recording. When the motion stops and after a pre-determined interlude, the intuitive Crestron control system automatically returns the camera to its default preset position.



Six different audio zones, both indoor and outdoor, come under Crestron control including the villa’s central CD/DVD changer which enables audio and video distribution throughout the property. Outside, the audio experience is enhanced in locations such as the atrium and arcade, with the installation of inconspicuous water resistant rock speakers.

Crestron control technology interfaces with the villa's lighting system, sending commands to all indoor and outdoor lighting zones with a touch of a button on a Crestron touchpanel. The villa boasts various automatic lighting functions, the spa lights for example only illuminate when it's dark outside and motion is sensed. DARSONIK has also engineered "interactive walkway lighting". When walking on the villa's external pathways, the Crestron system automatically turns on the lights in front of you and turns off the lights behind after a predetermined time.

The stone construction of the 700m<sup>2</sup> villa, presented its own challenges, particularly with routing cable from each of the four levels to the central technical room where the villa's two racks are located. Each floor has its own local distribution panel hidden in the wall for accessing cables from other levels and for patching audio and video control signals as well as power cabling. A central Crestron AV2 core processor connects to all these subsystems for easy, centralised control.



With such a spectacular property and such an impressive array of home automation technologies at his fingertips, Mr Benmosche will enjoy a very comfortable and fulfilling retirement indeed. Easy control for easy Living ..... and well deserved!