

Watching Over The Oracle

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The Oracle shopping center in Reading has become one of the first sites to demonstrate the maturity of digital video recording by upgrading from one DVR system to another.

With other end-users still migrating from analog, The Oracle opted for an Enterprise system from Vigilant Technology UK when an existing DVR installation was found wanting in reliability and functionality.

The Vigilant system, which has been installed by Vindex Systems, records and stores images captured by domes and static cameras located throughout the main mall as well as the site's riverside facilities which include bars and restaurants. The system also covers adjacent leisure facilities; nightclubs and car parks.

Clive Talbot of Vindex said: **"The client needed the reliability, robustness and capabilities demonstrated by the Vigilant system. The center has moved from recording one frame every two seconds to 12.5 frames a second per camera and this leap has produced dramatically improved picture quality and value."**

He continued: **"Security managers at The Oracle are appreciating the flexibility that allows Vigilant users to adjust each channel by camera input; in order to assess and improve images from different locations. It's rewarding to see a customer getting a daily return on their investment after experiencing significant reliability issues with the previous units."**

Vigilant's Enterprise system in use at The Oracle offers 2CIF high resolution at half frame rate recording. The system is fully scaleable and so there is no limit on future camera numbers.

The largest retail center in Berkshire, The Oracle is known for its waterfront promenade stretching along both sides of the River Kennet. The complex is spread over 22 acres and more than £250m has been invested in the development, which offers 65,000 sq ms of shopping and leisure space across three levels. Over 2,300 vehicles can be accommodated in the center's two car parks where the functionality of the Vigilant DVRs is proving particularly useful.

Mark Novak, Commercial Director of Vigilant in the UK said: **"The installation at The Oracle is a prime example of how a good partnership between a system manufacturer/vendor and a system integrator delivers tangible benefits to the end user. Working in such close cooperation allows both parties the opportunity to explore in significant depth how to deliver any given solution in the best possible way".**

Crawley-based Vindex Systems offer consultancy as well as installation and maintenance services. The company's client portfolio includes the Apple Computers, Cromwell Hospital and Medical Research Council.

About Vigilant

Vigilant Technology, a BATM Company, is a global leading provider of intelligent IP surveillance and security solutions. The company offers a turn key solution including video servers, DVR/NVRs, intelligent real-time video content analysis and sophisticated, proactive control center solutions. Vigilant has a worldwide customer base and is globally supporting tens of thousands of cameras in airports, governmental sites, financial institutions, correctional facilities, casinos, city centers, and more.

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