

The new Hotel Casino Barrière in Lille opts for IP-Surveillance. More than 500 Axis network cameras ensure round the clock security for the gaming establishment.



Organization:
Lucien Barrière Group

Location:
Lille, France

Industry segment:
Casinos and Gaming

Application:
Video surveillance,
safety and security

Axis partner:
Genetec

Mission

The new casino hotel in Lille, France opened its doors in spring 2010 in the heart of the city. A veritable leisure center at the cutting edge of innovation, it has benefited from the latest technology available, most notably in terms of video surveillance. The Lucien Barrière Group therefore demanded a full IP system to ensure the protection of people and property and adherence to gaming regulations.

Solution

The Lucien Barrière Group decided to ensure the security of its casino hotel with 598 network cameras, 90% of which are Axis network cameras. A video management system and a Genetec access control system make it possible to visualize and manage the cameras from one single interface.

Result

This 100% IP security system entirely meets the satisfaction of the security services of the hotel Casino Barrière Lille. The openness of the system, its easy integration and utilization, as well as the quality of the images supplied correspond to the expectations of a gaming establishment of the scope of the Lucien Barrière Group.

"The Axis camera models, which we have carefully selected from what is on the market, correspond perfectly to the specific constraints linked to our profession of gaming casinos."

Mr Cottinet, Head of video surveillance, Lucien Barrière Group.

The new Hotel Casino Barrière Lille, which covers 44,000m² and includes the hotel, conference facilities, a casino, a theater, 3 restaurants and 4 bars, was conceived to be a showcase of current innovation concerning gaming, animations and the technical infrastructure. Convinced of the advantages of the interoperability offered by network video surveillance, Mr Cottinet, Head of video surveillance of the Lucien Barrière Group, made the choice to have a network system of cameras for the Lille site.

Tests carried out by the Enghien Casino and the continuity of the installation of around fifty Axis network cameras on the site of the Blotzheim casino allowed Mr Cottinet to validate his choice of equipment. Today there are more than 500 Axis network cameras which ensure the security of the establishment. All of the cameras are managed by a Genetec system which also integrates an access control function. This integrated solution makes it possible to avoid the risks of "stacking" of the system and reduces risk of breakdown. Independent and closed, the video surveillance network is highly secured and requires authentications.

The constraints of video surveillance in a gaming establishment are numerous. Firstly, the weak light requires cameras which are able to manage light and contrast excellently. The height of the ceilings, like in the table games room in Lille, means that a powerful zoom for the motorized cameras and a good depth of field for the fixed cameras are required. The tests carried out by Mr Cottinet's teams discovered the following camera models among the vast Axis range: AXIS 209FD, AXIS M3011, AXIS 216FD and AXIS 225FD for fixed domes, AXIS 221 for fixed cameras and AXIS 214 PTZ for motorized models which make it possible to follow a person and to investigate a scene in detail.

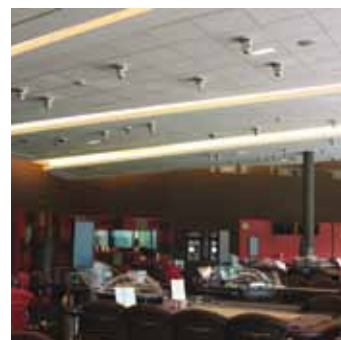
The specific regulation for the gaming industry also requires the ability to certify that gaming takes place according to regulations. General regulations control the conformity of the installed video surveillance equipment before any opening. Equipped with an average of one camera per 5 to 6 slot machines and 2.5 cameras per gaming table, the Barrière Casino Lille was verified as being in accordance with regulation. Like all establishments open to the public, casinos are also subject to the declaration of the local prefecture and must adhere to the standards imposed by the Decree of 3 August 2007, as well as the specific clause on gaming of 31 July 2009.

Mr Cottinet is satisfied with the video surveillance installation which he prescribed and developed over almost two years as the blueprint works progressed. He particularly appreciated the openness of the cameras and the video management system, their ease of integration into auxiliary products, their ease of integration into auxiliary products, the simplicity of the configuration and updating (notably in view of the scope of the system) and the quality of the image created which complies with the requirements of the application.

Even though he is not a direct client of Axis, Mr Cottinet believes to have benefited from a true partnership with the brand. "We were able to explain our specific needs to the personnel of Axis R&D, test products and were informed of future innovations brought to the range of products. This real accompaniment by the manufacturer played an essential role in our choice of solution."

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