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Smart access control and expanding cyber security needs feature in new 2N white paper on intelligent access control

Report helps professionals plan best-in-class intelligent access control solutions

Prague, Czech Republic – Companies' growing realisation that cyber security and web-enabled smart building access are together becoming a single security priority for business heads the insights in a new white paper on the intelligent access control market from [2N](#), the global leader in IP intercom systems.

Called *The Evolution of Access Control: guidance for smart office projects*, the report enables building owners, employers, installers, FMs and security professionals to examine different market drivers – such as wider uptake of IP-based control units and next-generation Bluetooth access technologies. These insights will help buyers and installers deliver best-in-class intelligent access control solutions in the years ahead.

The paper's examination of progress towards smarter building solutions comes amid rapidly-increasing digitization of business processes driven by pandemic conditions: a McKinsey survey in late 2020 found that firms have already accelerated digital interactions in their customer service channels and supply chains by three to four years.¹

2N's report details fast-emerging technology-driven trends that customers and installers alike cannot ignore: more than four in ten office workers now say their preferred method for storing access credentials is their smartphone, the use of readers with built-in access controllers is projected to grow by more than 50% by 2024 and companies worldwide were already planning a near 40% increase in cybersecurity spending in only 12 months following 2019.

In addition, as business leaders try to accommodate hybrids of remote and office space for this year's planned return to work, the study looks at important sub-trends in intelligent access control for buildings, including:

- Practical migration paths from legacy RFID cards to next-generation Bluetooth-based access systems for building owners
- Critical success factors for mobile access implementations and a cyber security checklist
- Rising demand for integration of IP-based building access control solutions with separate physical security and camera systems

The paper's insights also include latest successful intelligent access control implementations in the international office, commercial and education sectors.

Matt Raban, distribution manager for the UK and Ireland at 2N, said: "There is undoubtedly rising demand for intelligent access control solutions but emerging technology trends and building users' changing preferences are shaping best practice solutions for smart buildings in the UK. Our white paper builds on our ongoing innovation with partners worldwide to guide customers towards the right solutions for their workplace and property development needs."

2N's white paper is available here [The Evolution of Access Control](#)

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Notes to editors

¹ Source: [COVID-19 digital transformation & technology](#), McKinsey & Company, October 2020

About 2N

2N is the global leader in IP access control systems.



2N has been in the vanguard of innovation in the sector, developing the world's first IP intercom in 2008 and the first LTE/4G intercom ten years later. The company's portfolio includes door phones, answering products and access control systems. 2N specialises in the residential sector and has products which are Bluetooth-, smartphone- and tablet-enabled.

2N takes design just as seriously as innovation – and has the Red Dot and iF Design Awards to prove it.

2N was founded in 1991 in the Czech Republic. Prague remains the global headquarters, with teams now in eight other countries (USA, United Kingdom, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, UAE and Australia) and an extensive distribution network throughout the rest of the world.

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