



Matheson Ormsby Prentice Invest in State of the Art Data Network by Kedington

Matheson Ormsby Prentice, one of Ireland's largest law firms, has invested in state of the art data network by Kedington for its Dublin headquarters.

The new installation includes ten communications rooms spread throughout various floors, 350Kms of the very latest and highest speed Category 6a / 10Gigabit UTP copper cable, 6Kms of 10G Fibre optic cable and 5,500 UTP points as well as a wireless (WiFi) network system.

With the largest share of the Irish Structured Cabling market by far, the combined power of Kedington and Systimax ensured the delivery of a robust, reliable and flexible LAN infrastructure.

Matheson Ormsby Prentice is a leading Irish law firm. Its clients include many of the Fortune 500, FT Global 500, FT Euro 500 and FT Asia-Pacific 100 companies, as well as some of the largest public, private and State-owned companies in Ireland. The firm is based in Dublin and has offices in London, New York and Palo Alto, California.

"Like all large companies today, Matheson Ormsby Prentice was faced with a difficult decision at design stage," says Matt Porter, managing director for Kedington. The need for 99.9999% up-time drove Matheson Ormsby Prentice towards Systimax, the Global leader in Structured Cabling products, and Kedington, the Irish leader in Structured Cabling Installations. The combined strength of these two heavy hitters in the Structured Cabling Industry guaranteed Matheson Ormsby Prentice a best-in-breed cabling network.

"The choice of Category 6/1Gig cabling versus Category 6a/10Gig cabling was the first decision facing the company. Matheson Ormsby Prentice realised it was already deploying 1Gig electronics, so the next industry upgrade it would need to support would most likely be 10Gig electronics, requiring a Cat 6a solution" adds Porter.

"Industry leaders such as Cisco are already testing 10G cards in their labs and will shortly launch these products in their Core switch fabric. 10 G at the Edge will follow some time later, possibly in 3 to 5 years. However, the cabling infrastructure is expected to last 20 years. Another consideration is that should Matheson Ormsby Prentice decide to retro fit the building for the next generation electronics, it would in effect have to tear its new building apart. The cost of implementing a Category 6a / 10Gig cabling system now versus the cost of their investment in the overall building left them in no doubt that this was a good decision," he says.

Category 6a is the fastest unshielded copper cabling solution on the planet and requires a high degree of training to ensure the installation is fully standards compliant. High quality products are also a must, since these products are expected to support very onerous speeds of 10Gig in the future.

"One must remember that these cabling networks will be required to carry every single voice and data package generated by the client over the next 20 years.....without a single failure! Kedington has spent large sums of money training and preparing for 10Gig installations over the last two years. Our clients are currently reaping the benefits," Porter explains.

These installations will be continually asked to support every increasing data speeds, some of them exponential increases, over the next 20 years. Most applications these networks will support have not even been designed yet.

“Kedington has the proven ability to future proof its networks. For 20 years Kedington’s networks have supported ever increasing bandwidths and increasingly complicated mission critical networks. Our commitment to training and our understanding of the international standards enables us to stand head-and-shoulders above our competition,” adds Porter.

About Kedington

Kedington was founded in 1989 and was purchased by Denis O’Brien’s Esat in 1999. In March 2003 an MBO, lead by Matt Porter and Colm Lyons was concluded taking the company back into private ownership. Matt and Colm managed to secure the entire Republic of Ireland operation, with offices in Dublin, Cork and Limerick, and kept the original management team together. Its customers have enjoyed a seamless change-over and continue to benefit from a huge wealth of expertise that still resides within the group.

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