

# Lighting the Way

The world's first all-LED residence goes on sale

A few months ago, we predicted that LEDs (light-emitting diodes) would dominate residential lighting within the next decade. (See "PATH Tech Check", May/June 2003.) Shortly afterward we heard about a new apartment near London, England, that claims to be the world's first to be 100 percent lighted by LED's.

The Vos Pad, as the apartment is called, was designed by the London designer Marcel Vos ([www.vossolutions.com](http://www.vossolutions.com)). The apartment's lights are fully dimmable, with complete chromatic control. It includes a spectacular, LED-illuminated spa bath, and a color-changing side-lit shower screen. There are a range of LED simulated candles, and specially commissioned LED sculptures. The ambience of The Vos Pad is controlled by a Lutron custom-built home control system.

LED lights have an exceptionally long life of 50,000 to 100,000 hours—that's 10,000% longer than an incandescent bulb. A white-light LED can also produce ten times as much light as the incandescent.

The Vos Pad is no demo project. After a few months garnering publicity for the company, the 1-bedroom apartment was put up for sale. Asking price: 750,000 pounds. As of this writing in late September, it was still available. **THE**



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The Vos Pad's lighting, from sconces to candles, comes from light-emitting diodes.

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