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Guncast Swimming Pools Explores the Great Indoors

As autumn draws in, many property owners may consider an indoor swimming pool to enjoy swimming at home all year round. Jack Harding, of Guncast Swimming Pools, advises what to consider before taking the plunge.

“Installing an indoor swimming pool presents the opportunity to include various special features, such as a spa pool, sauna and even a swim-up bar. But home swimming pools often require planning permission so, before deciding on any indoor pool ideas, it is vital to seek advice from a swimming pools expert and an architect” explains Jack Harding, director of Guncast, a luxury swimming pool company.

Guncast Swimming Pools works closely with

leading architects to ensure that its luxury swimming pools are designed and built to the highest standard and in keeping with the property’s style and build requirements.

Jack explains that many people don’t realise the importance of heating and dehumidifying the air within the pool hall to control condensation. “A swimming pool can produce aggressive condensation that could eat into the walls and affect the integrity of a building” he says. “Investing in a decent central air handling plant is essential to help avoid extensive architectural damage”.

Strict control of the air temperature, which must be maintained at 1 °C above the temperature of the swimming pool itself, at all times, reduces the risk of condensation.





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To retain the pool's heat, a cover can be used when the pool is not in use, which also helps reduce the required room temperature. "Many people don't consider covering an indoor swimming pool" says Jack. "But due to the required temperature control, using a cover is a more economical and environmentally friendly way to control the pool hall's atmosphere".

Various pool covers are available from suppliers such as Guncast, including automatic covers, which help to retain the pool's heat and offer an added element of security and safety when the pool is not in use.

"For the ultimate in covering pools, some people opt for a moving floor system" adds Jack. "The mechanically powered floor covers the pool securely enough for the room to be used as a function room, retaining heat and acting as a safety cover. The floor can then be lowered into the ground to reveal the pool underneath, when required."

For the option of indoor and outdoor swimming all year round the half and half alternative could be the solution. "With adjustable floors and walls to create a swimming pool that is half indoor and half outdoor, people can enjoy the best of both worlds, without compromising on space" Jack adds.

To set the ambience in the pool room, fibre optic lighting can incorporate various colours and softness. The pool lighting can also be set on house management systems, so the mood set in the pool room can reflect the mood in the rest of the house and be controlled at the touch of a button.

Maintaining water quality is integral to any pool, but many would prefer to cut back on the amount of chlorine they use, which is difficult to avoid completely. However, the level of chlorine can be significantly reduced by implementing an automatic chemical dosing system and an ozone disinfection system, which ensures clean and clear water, using the minimum of chemical additives.

"Many people object to the smell of chlorine" says Jack. "But an ozone system, which Guncast can provide, helps to break down the Chloramines, which cause the smell."

Finally, regular maintenance is vital to keep a luxury swimming pool in top condition and many companies offer follow up maintenance. Guncast offers its own dedicated service division, Guncast Pools Service Ltd, offering anything from weekly to yearly maintenance programmes and a rapid response breakdown service to keep pools running all year round.



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To speak to a specialist or for more information, visit www.guncast.com.

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Notes to Editors:

Guncast Swimming Pools (www.guncast.com) is a family-run business with a worldwide reputation for quality design and construction of luxury swimming pools.

The company name is reference to many years of experience, using the Gunitite method of construction. Gunitite is a superior technique that uses sprayed concrete to create a single cast shell, and is recognised in the industry as one of the best ways to build a swimming pool.

Originally launched in the 1970s by Bruce Harding, Guncast is now run by the founder's son, Jack Harding, from the company's head office in West Sussex.

Guncast has a sister company, the Oxford Pool Building Company, in Oxford.

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