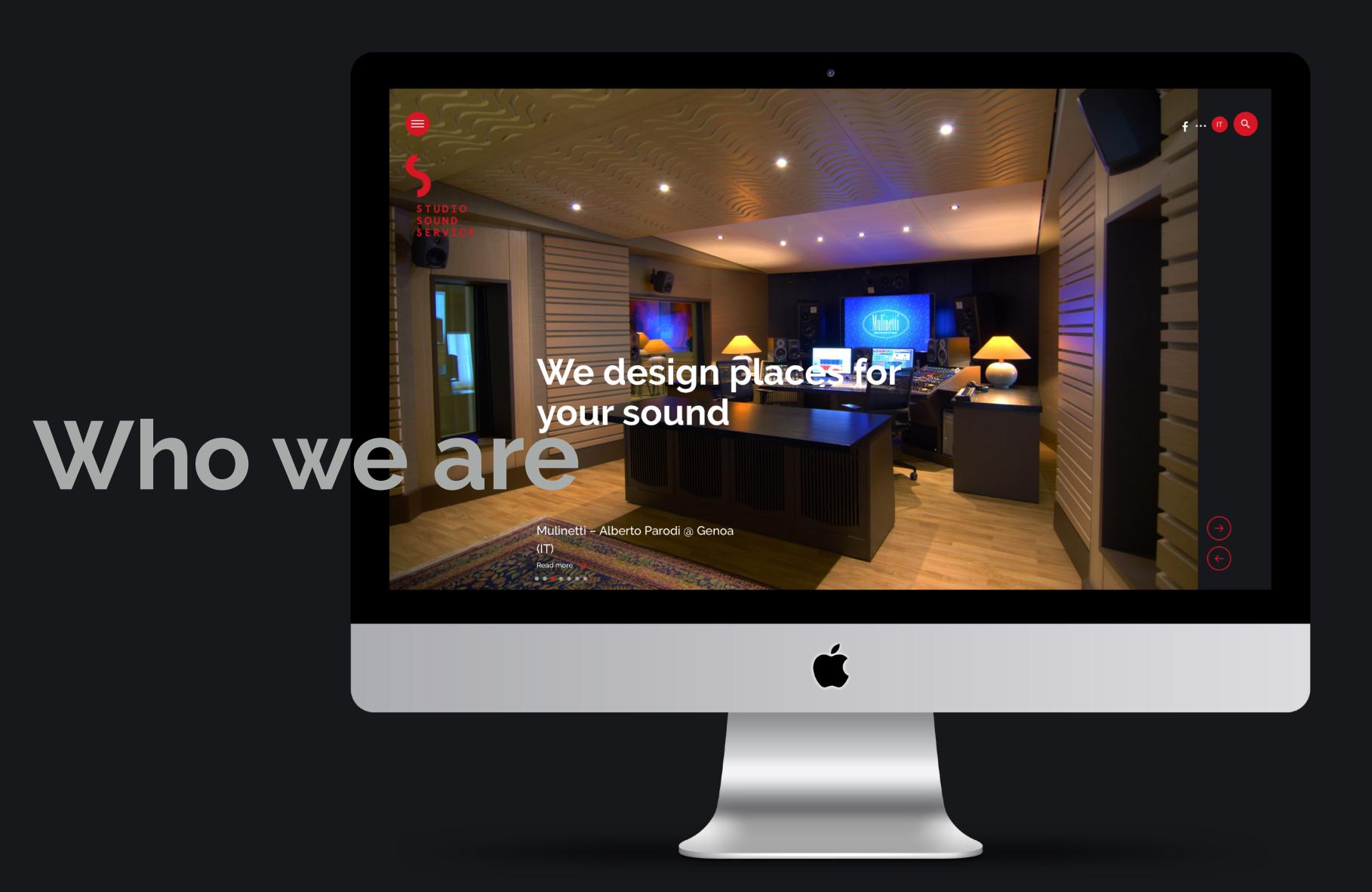




Acoustic Design for Broadcasting next Generation Audio

Dolby Atmos Design, Home Entertainment







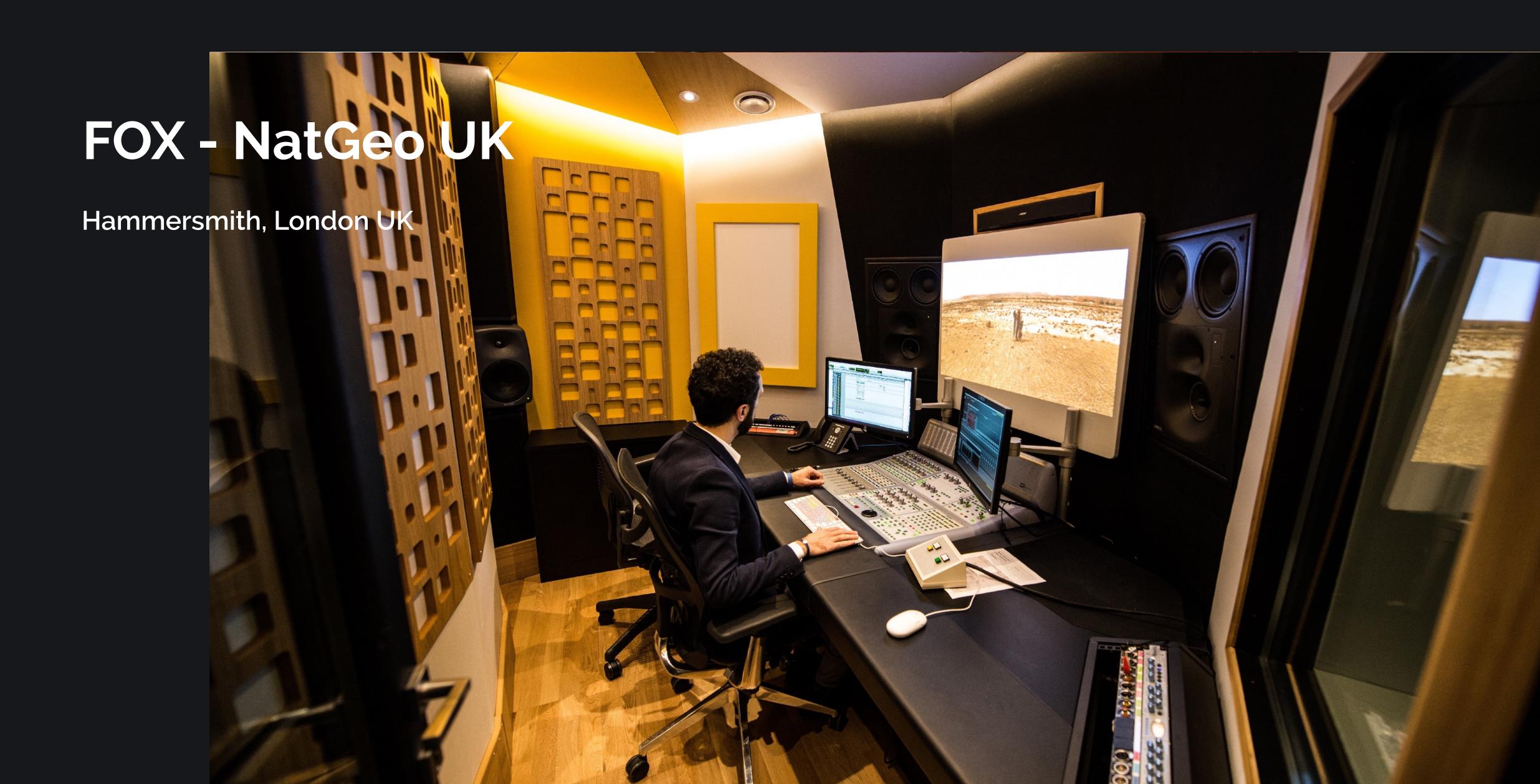
Studio Sound Service is an acoustic design firm, located in Florence, Italy. Since 1983 we design rooms for music and audio/video production. Some works:

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- D:POT Recording Arts @ Prato Fabrizio Simoncioni;
- Platinum Studio @ San Gimignano Diego Calvetti;
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- The Garage @ Civitella v.d.C. (AR)
 (Resolution Award 2014 Best Audio Facility, Nomination);
- House of Glass @ Viareggio (LU) Gianni Bini (Resolution Award 2013 Best Audio Facility, Nomination);
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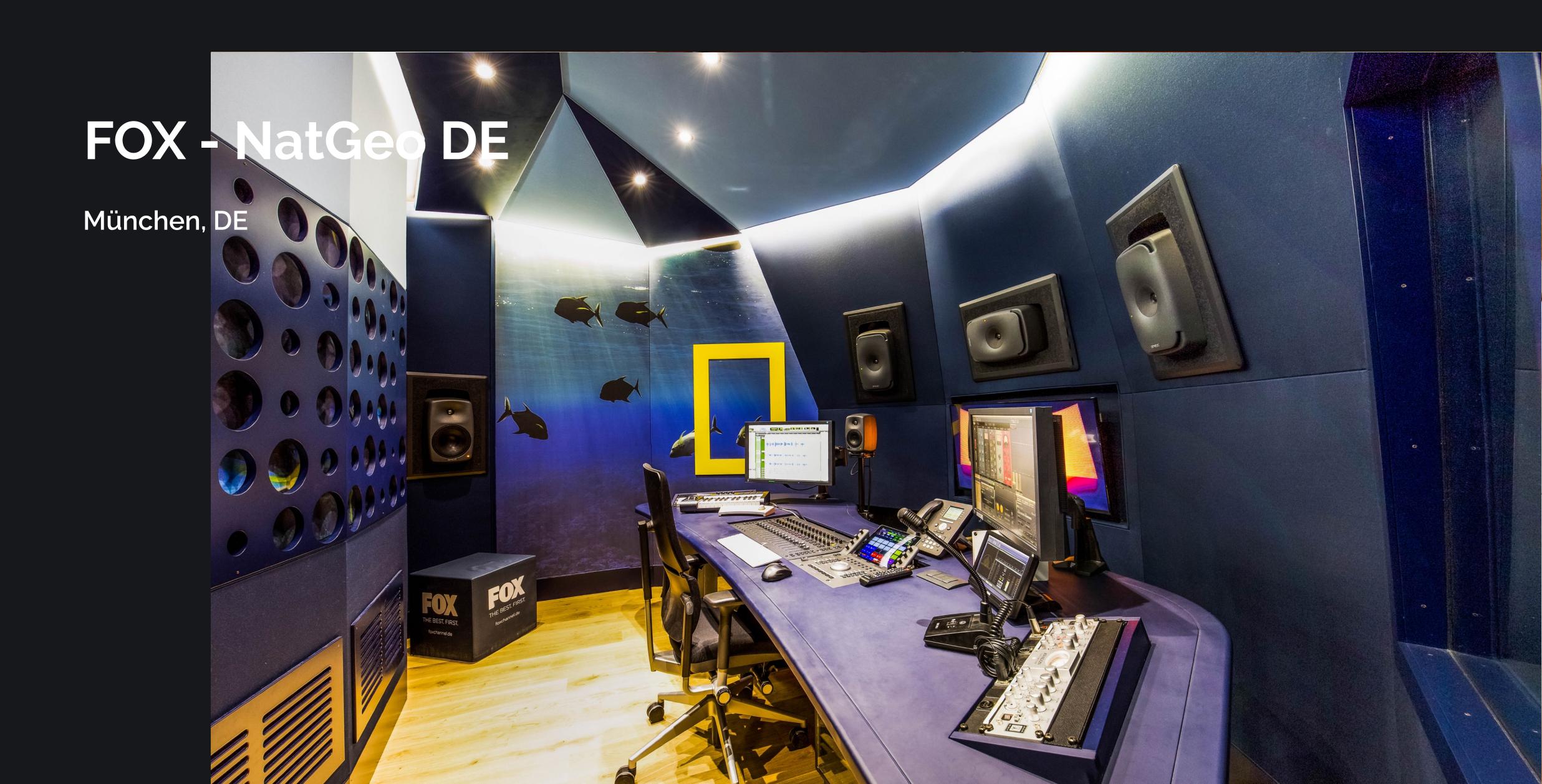
- Renato Zero Studio @ Rome;
- Marco Masini Studio @ Florence;
- Damian Lazarus, Monastic Studio @ Vicchio (FI);
- Giorgia Angiuli Studio @ Florence;
- Vinai Studio @ Brescia;
- Barys Arena (ice hockey) @ Astana, Kazakhstan;
- George Lucas Home Theater, Italy;
- Chiesa Santa Maria Nuova (Arch. M. Botta) @ Terranuova B. (AR);
- Prada Auditorium and Conference Room via Orobia @ Milano;
- Presentation room Ferrari HQ @ Maranello (MO);
- Duomo di Siena new audio system;
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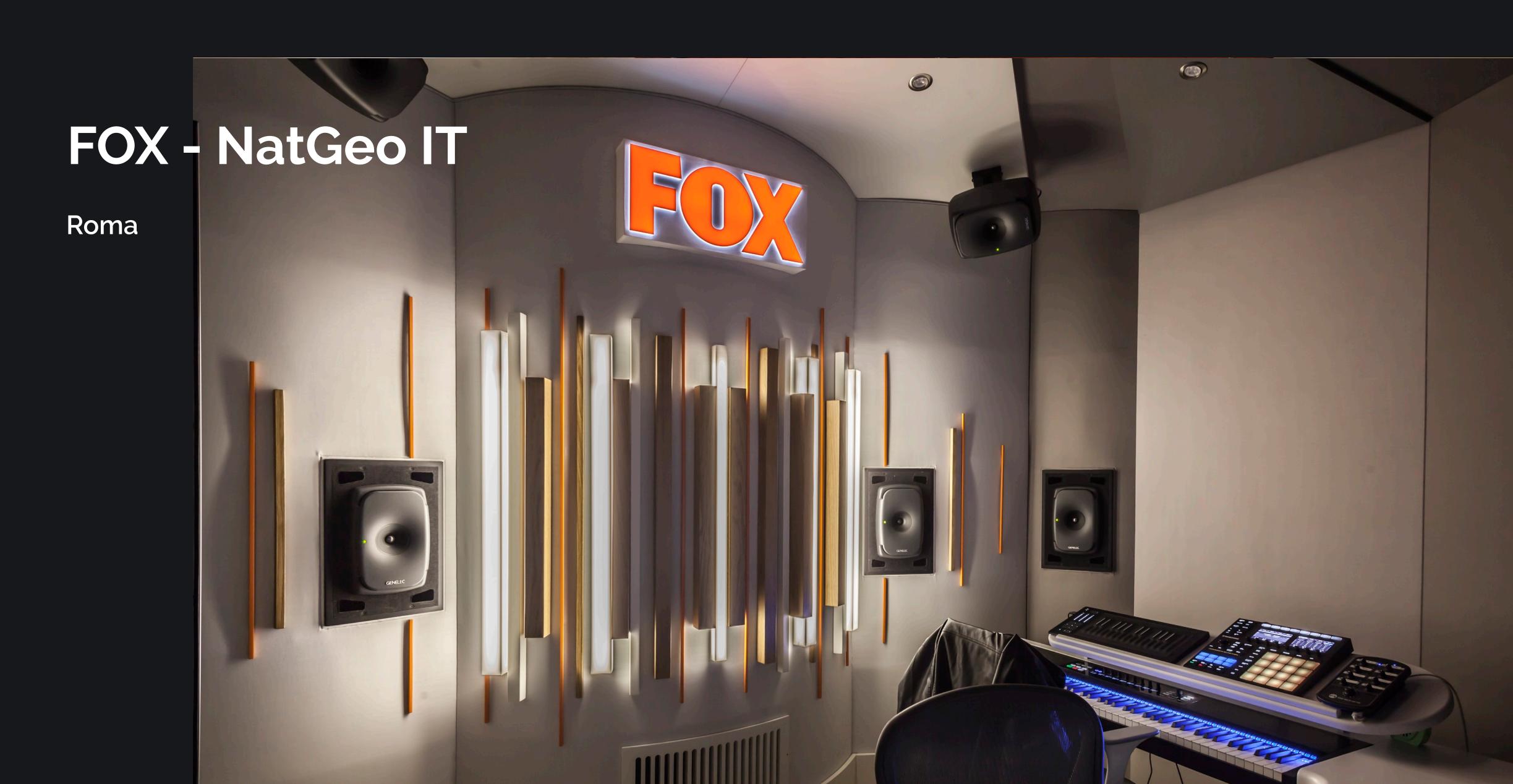








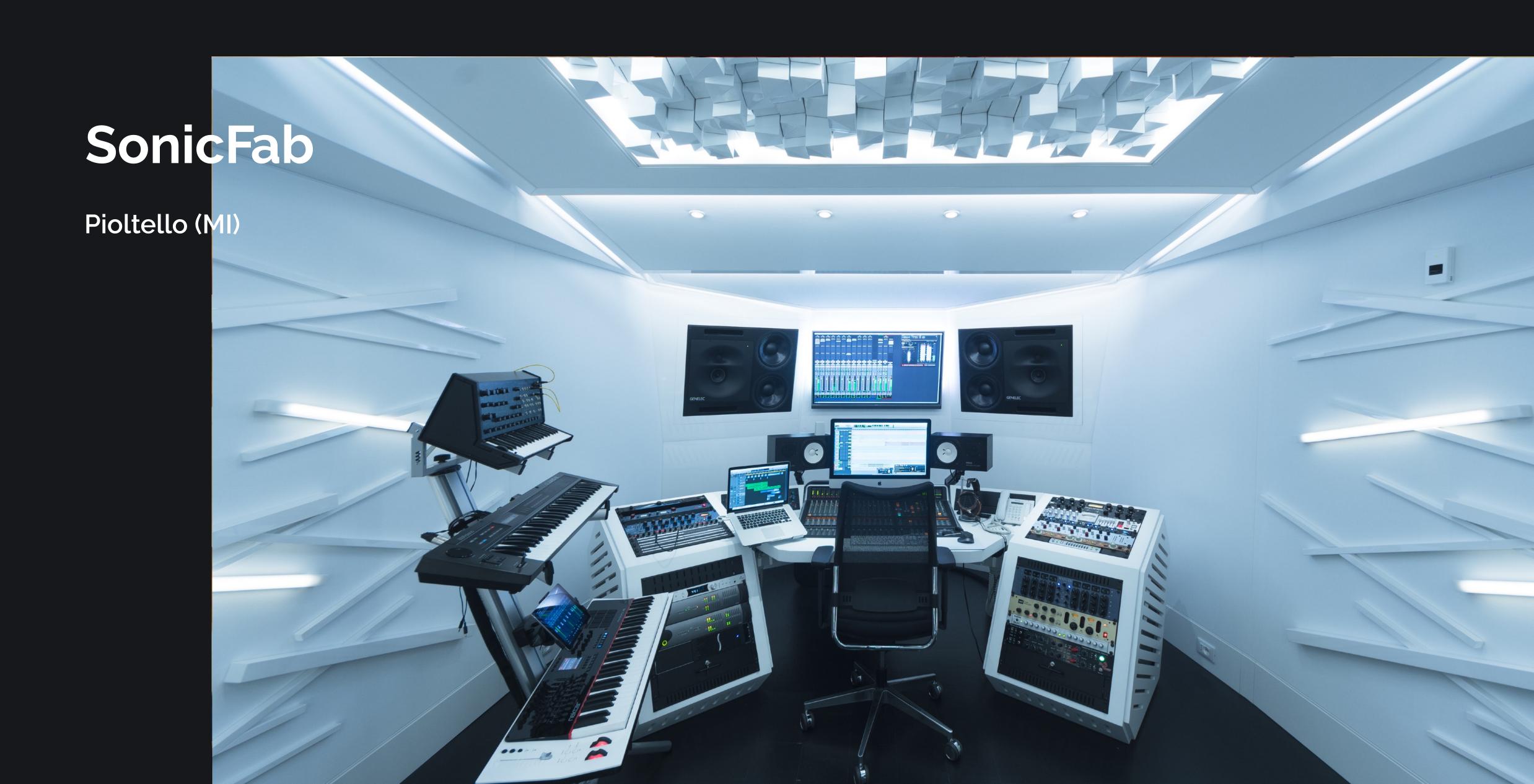








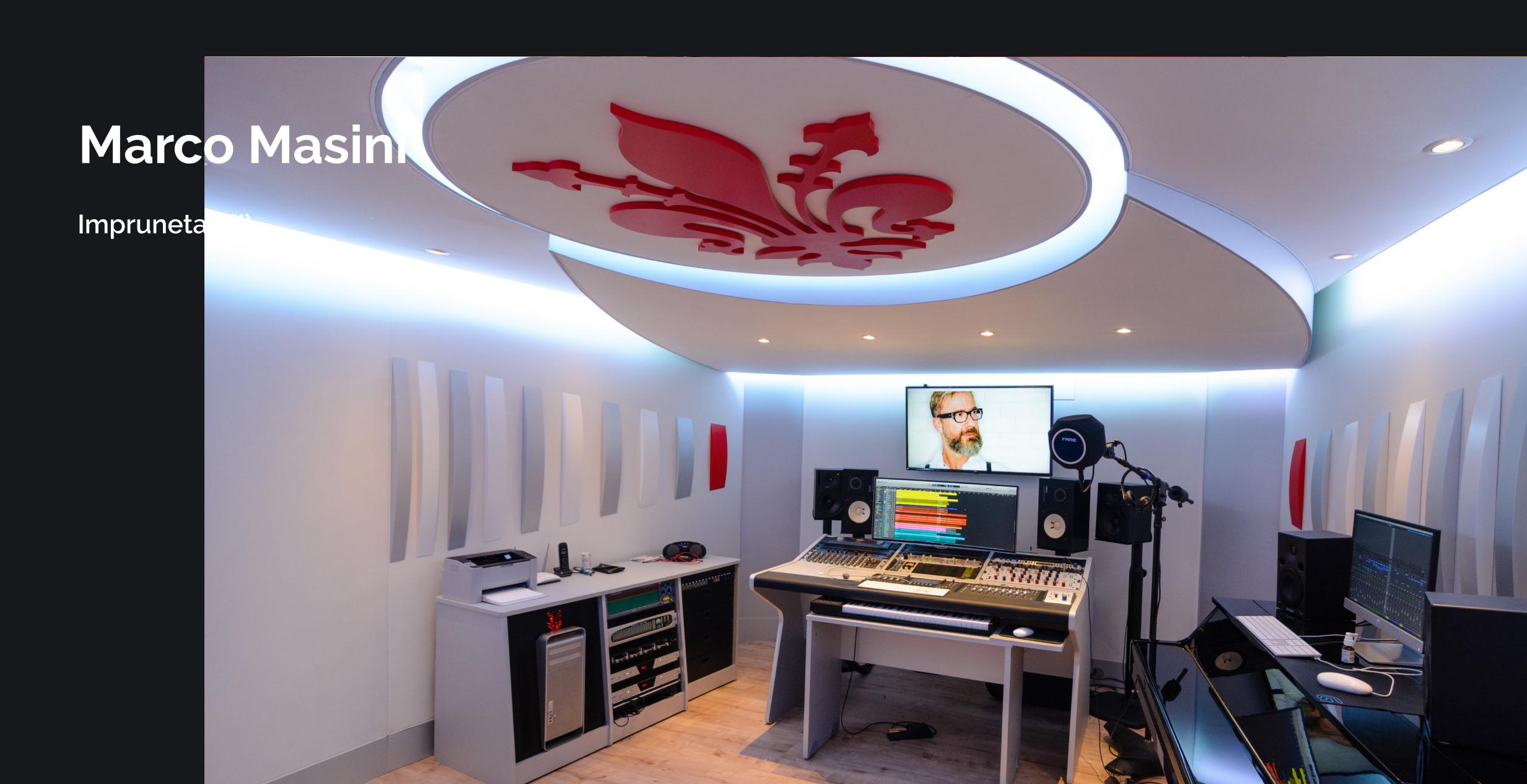




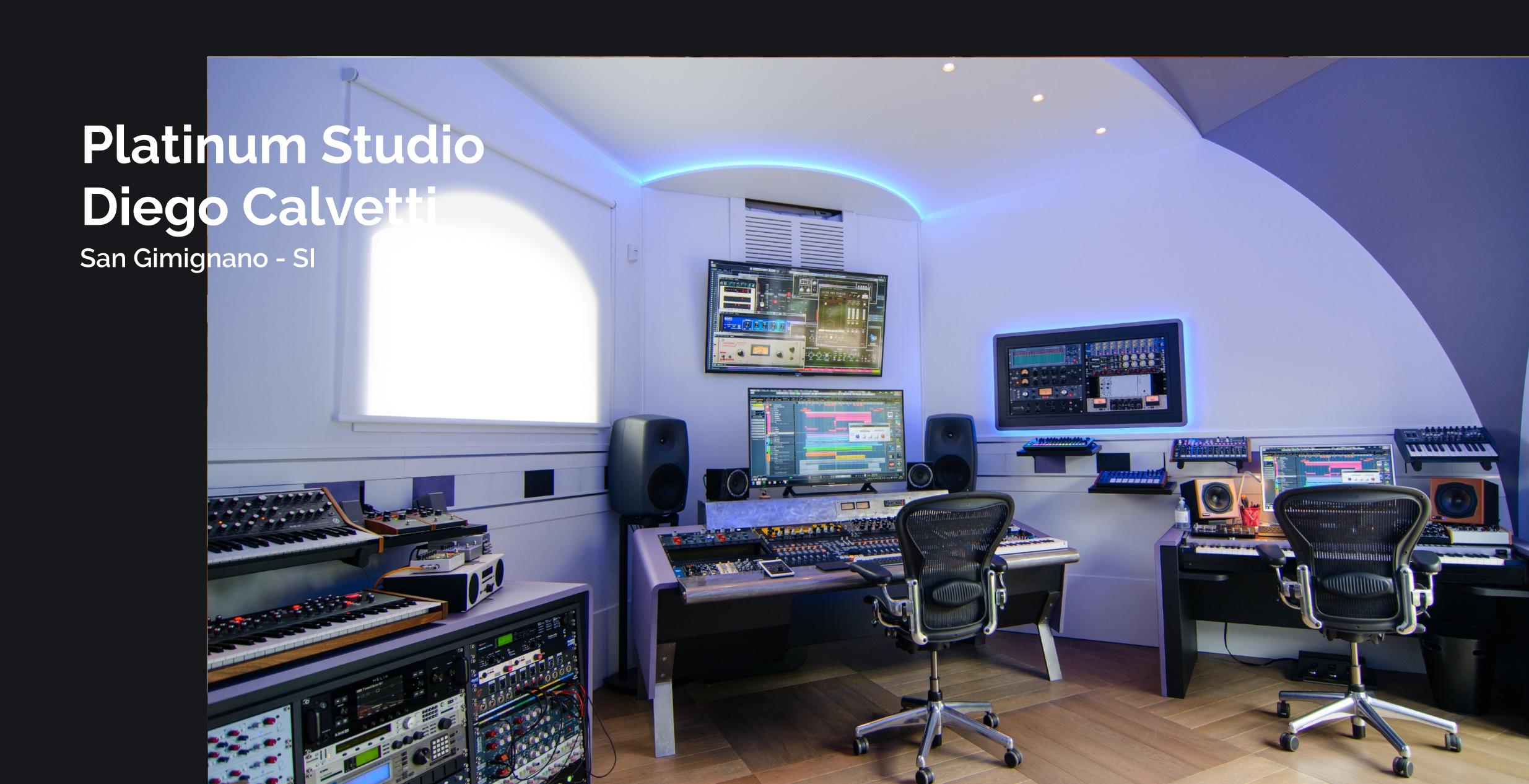








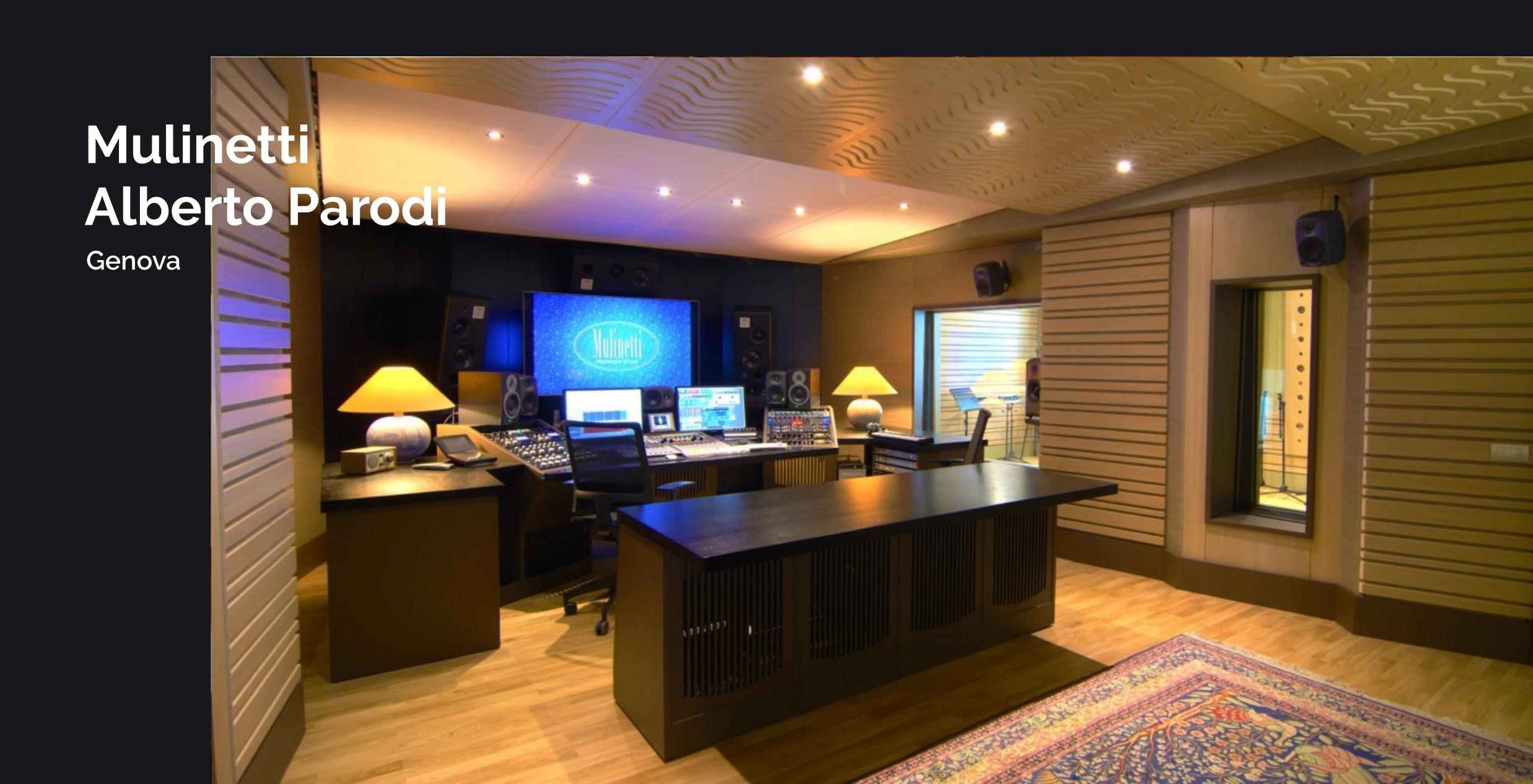
















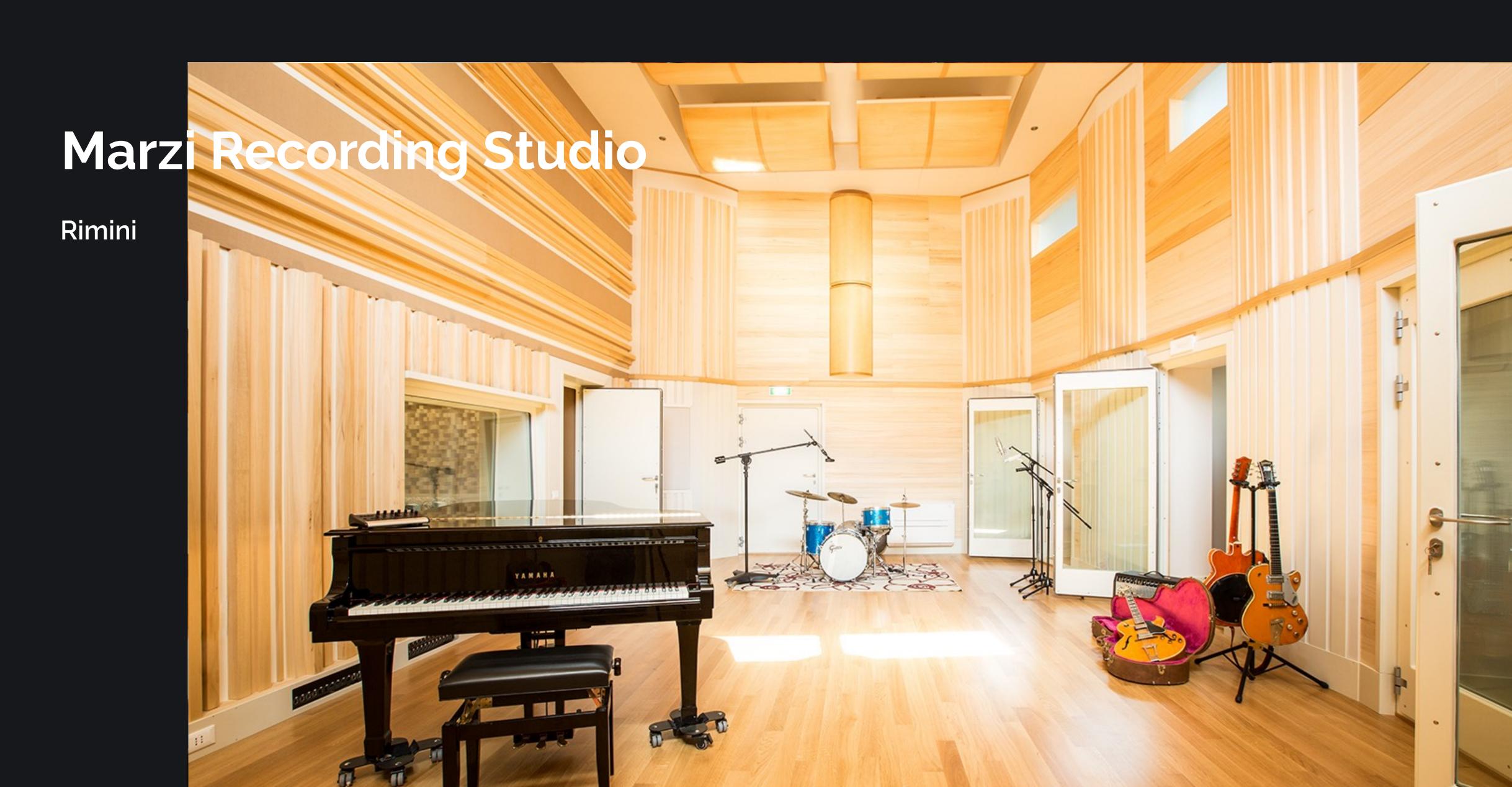














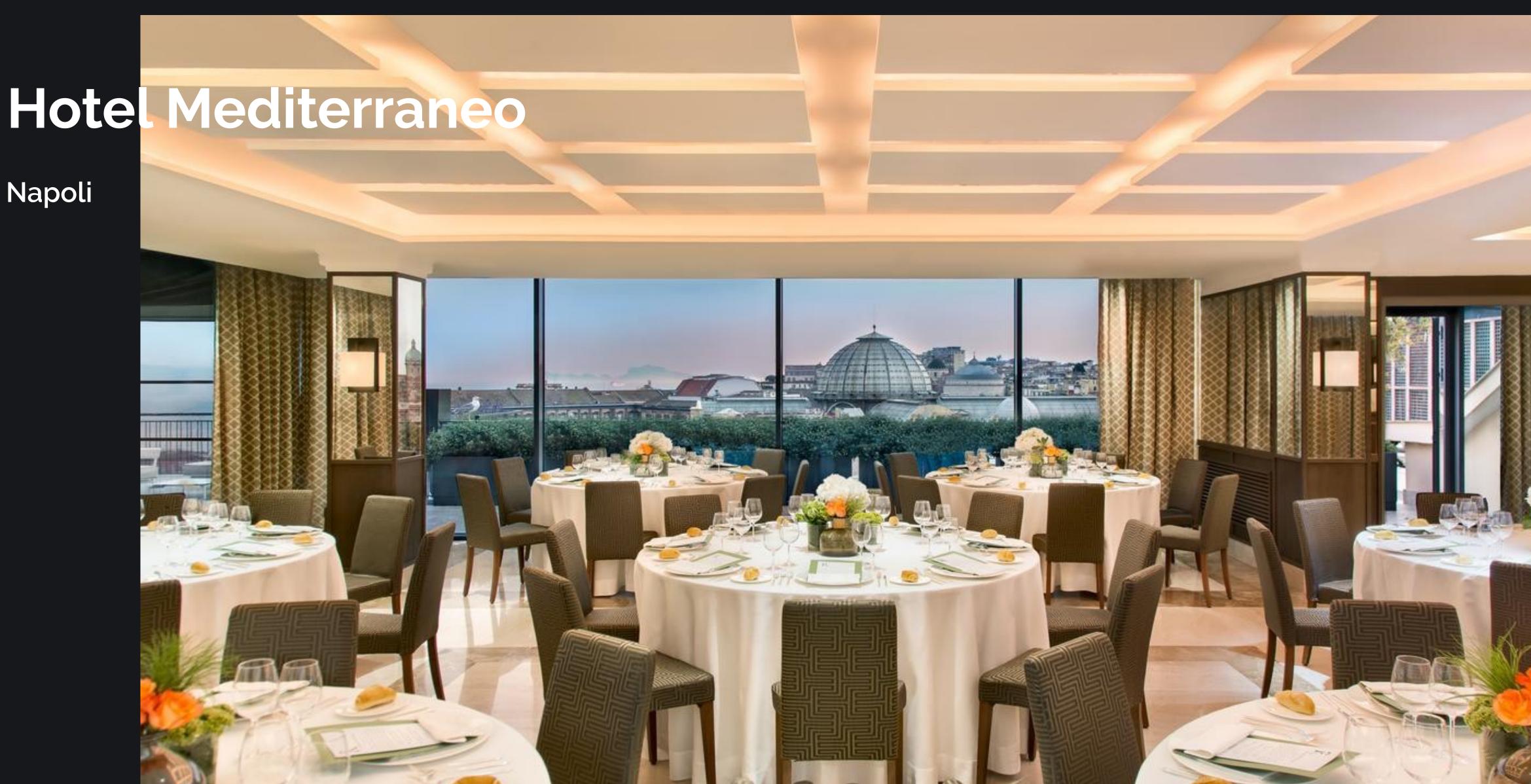




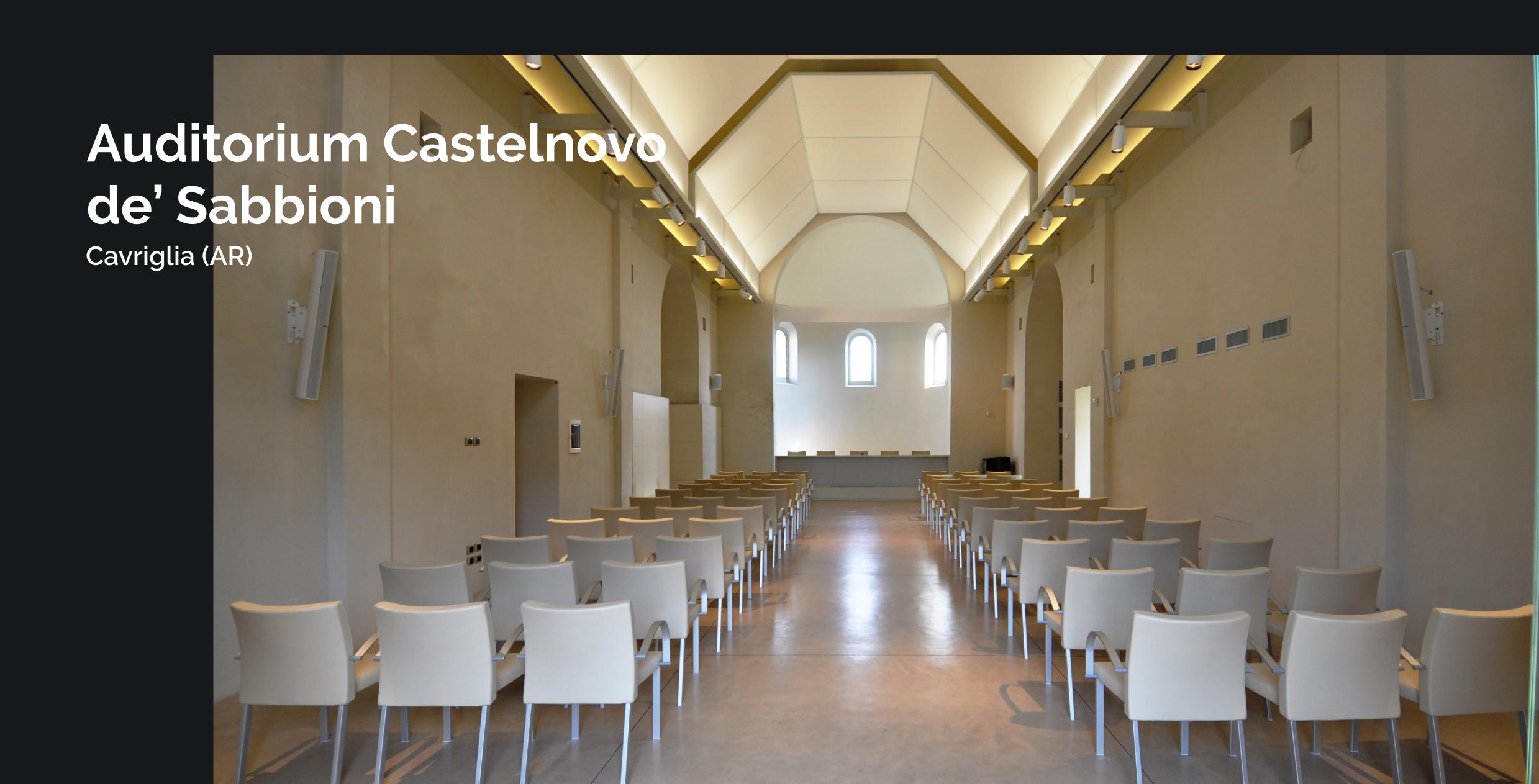




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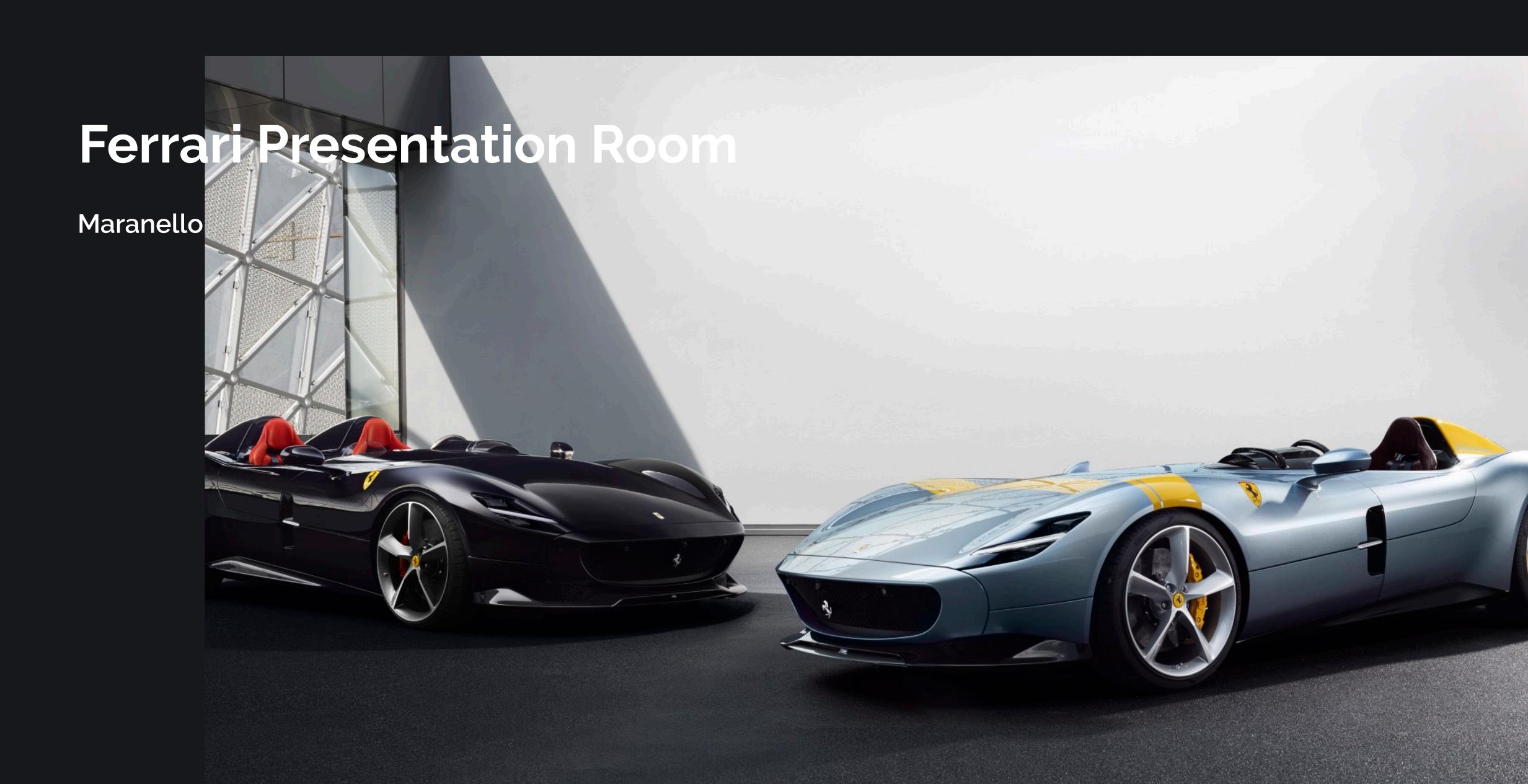




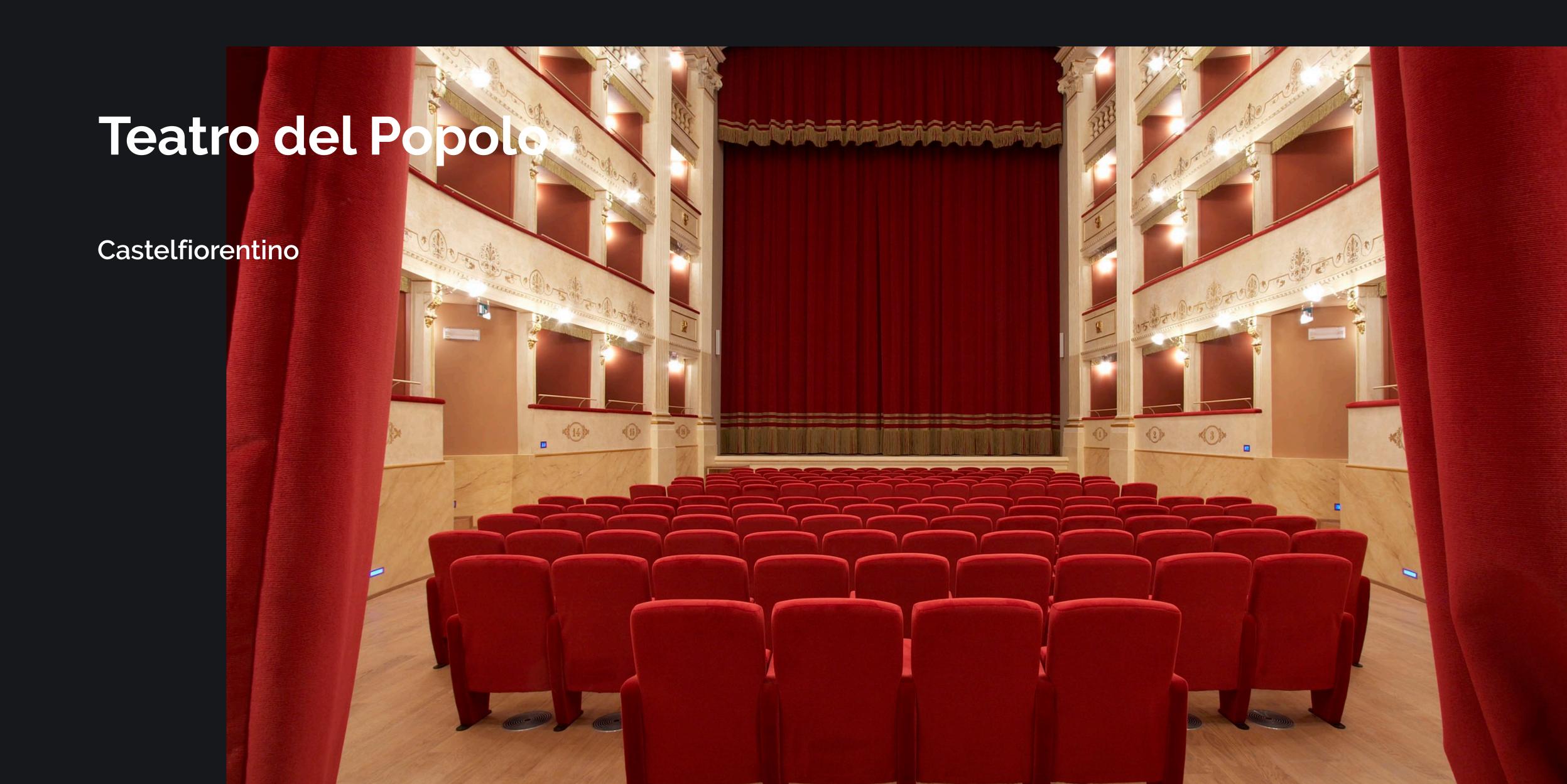














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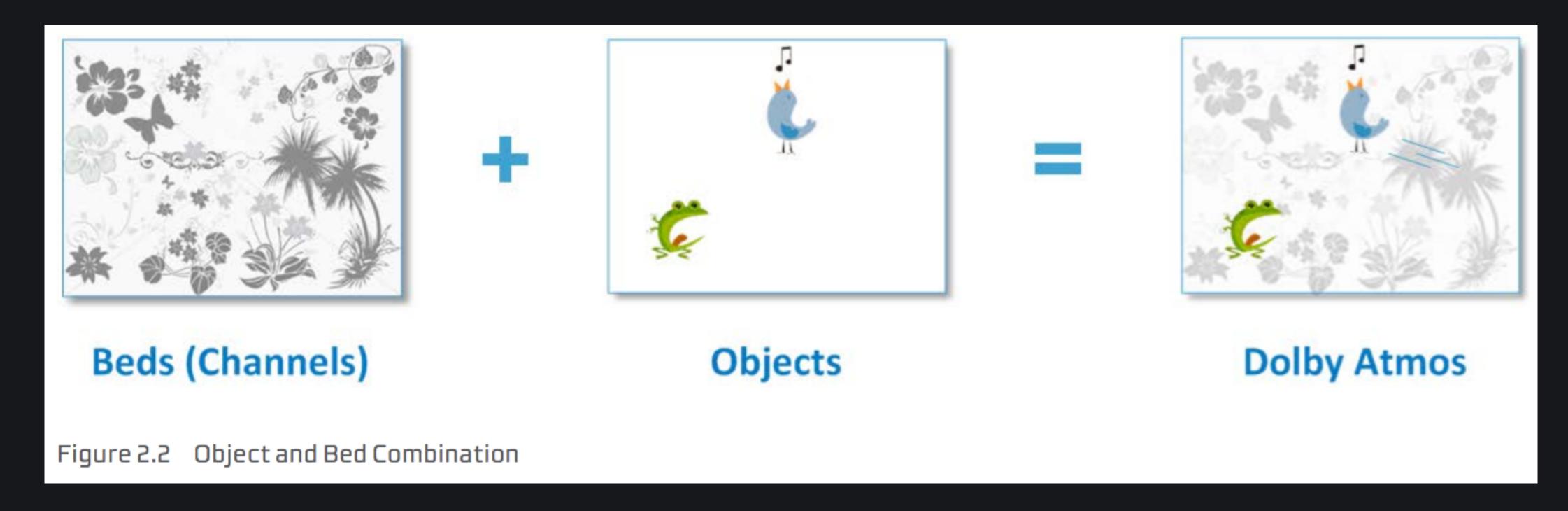


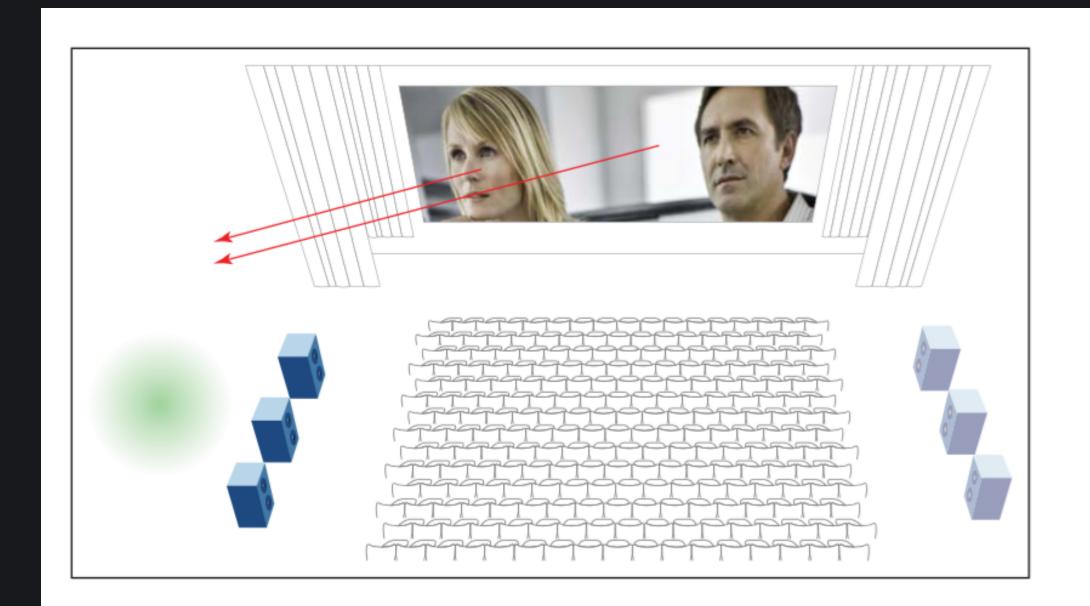


Objects + Beds

While the use of audio objects provides desired control for discrete effects, other aspects of a movie soundtrack do work effectively in a channel-based environment.

- A. beds are channel-based submixes or stems (5.1, 7.1 or 9.1)
- B. e.g. ambient effects or reverberations actually benefit from being fed to arrays of speakers —> channels.





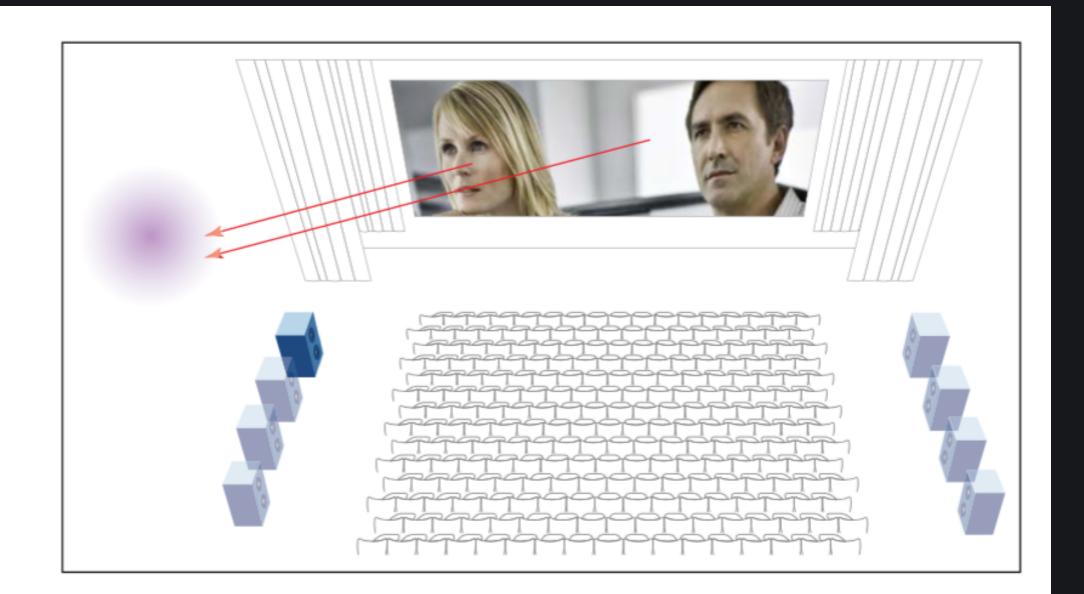


Figure 2.1 Benefits of Increased Surround Resolution for Audio/Visual Coherence

Audio Objects:

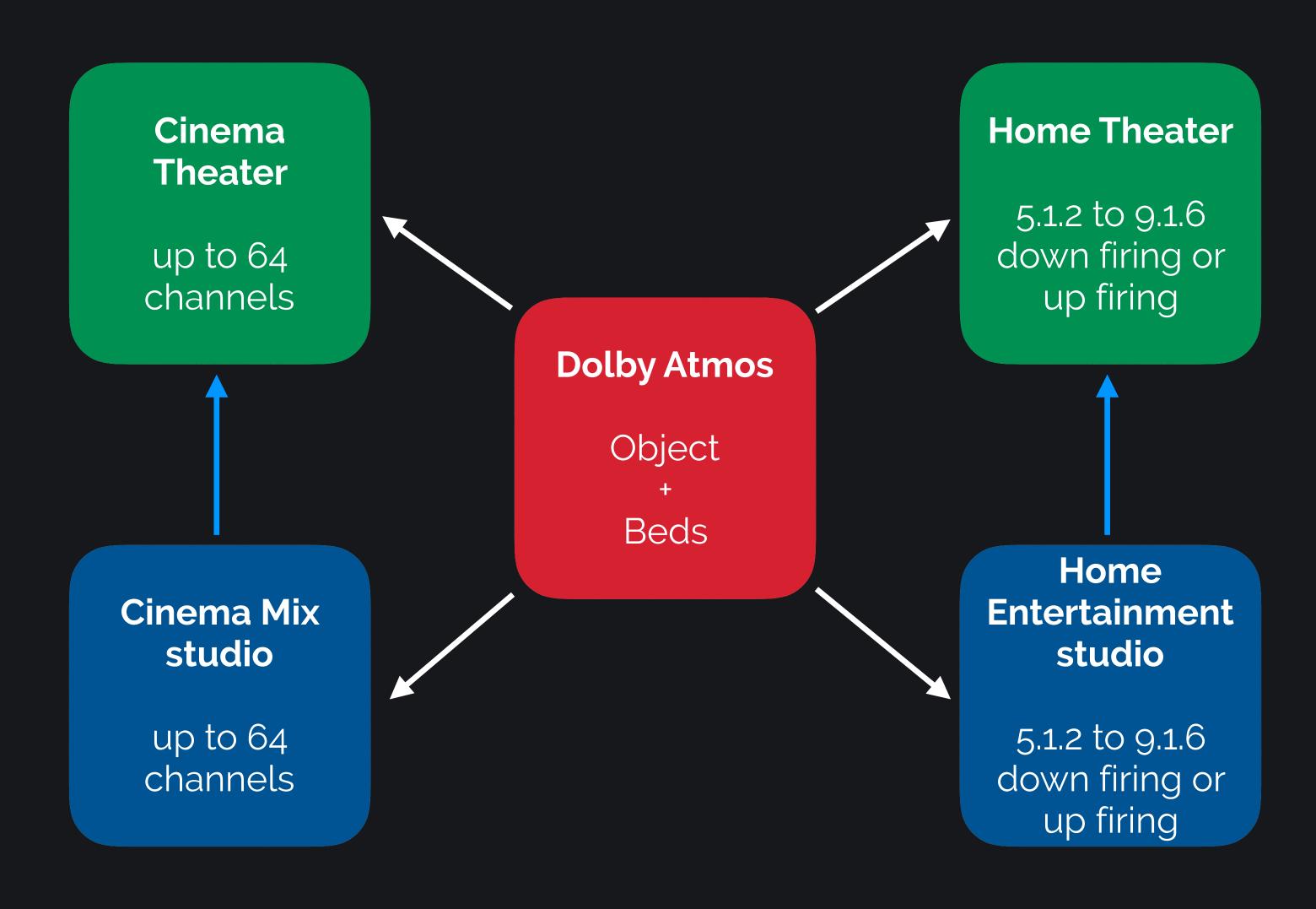
groups of sound elements that share the same physical location in the auditorium



location (x, y, z), not speaker!

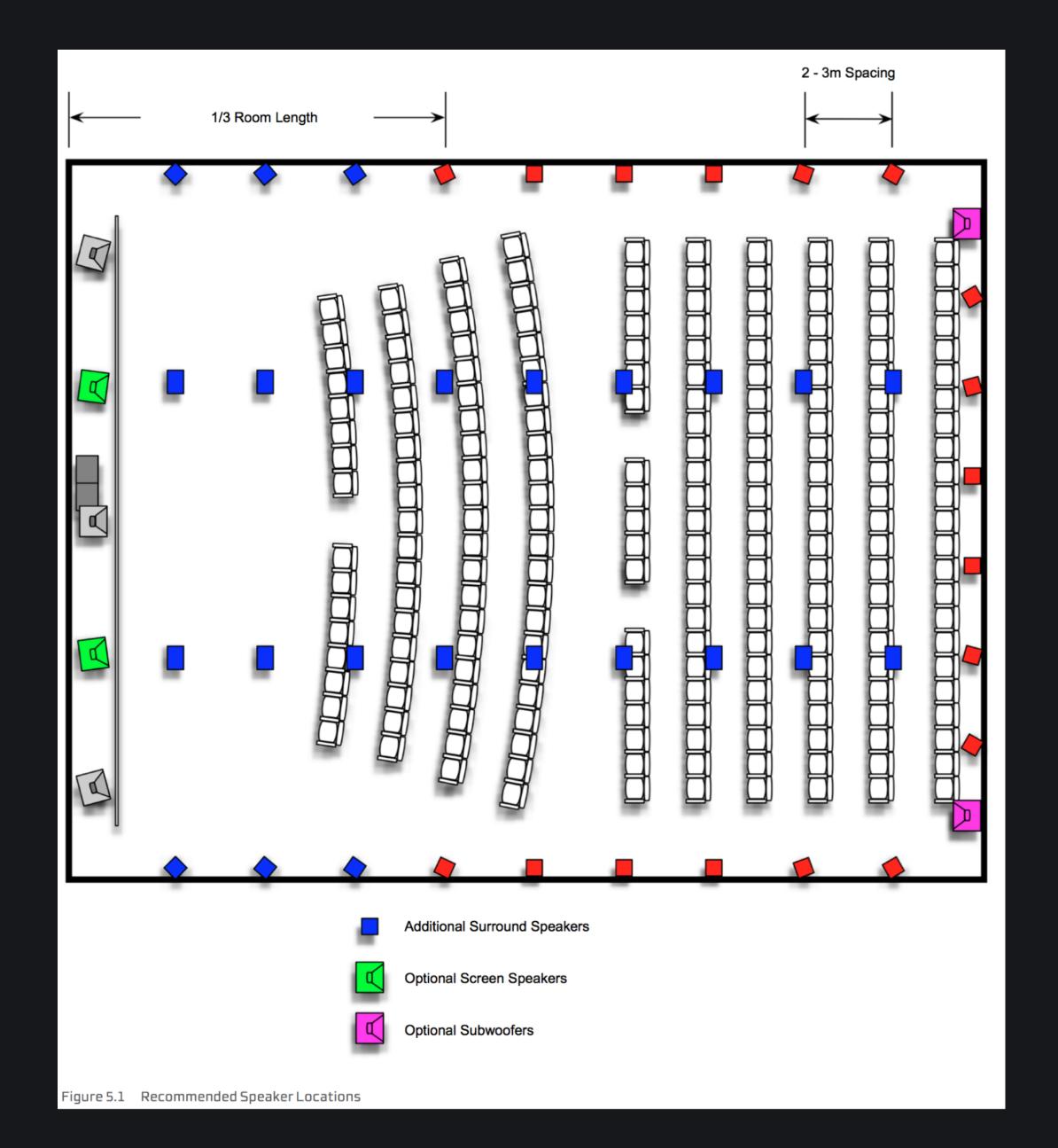
- A. They can be static or move.
- B. Controlled by metadata that details the position of the sound at a given point in time.
- C. When objects are monitored or played back in a theatre, they are rendered according to the positional metadata using the speakers that are present, rather than necessarily being output to a physical channel.

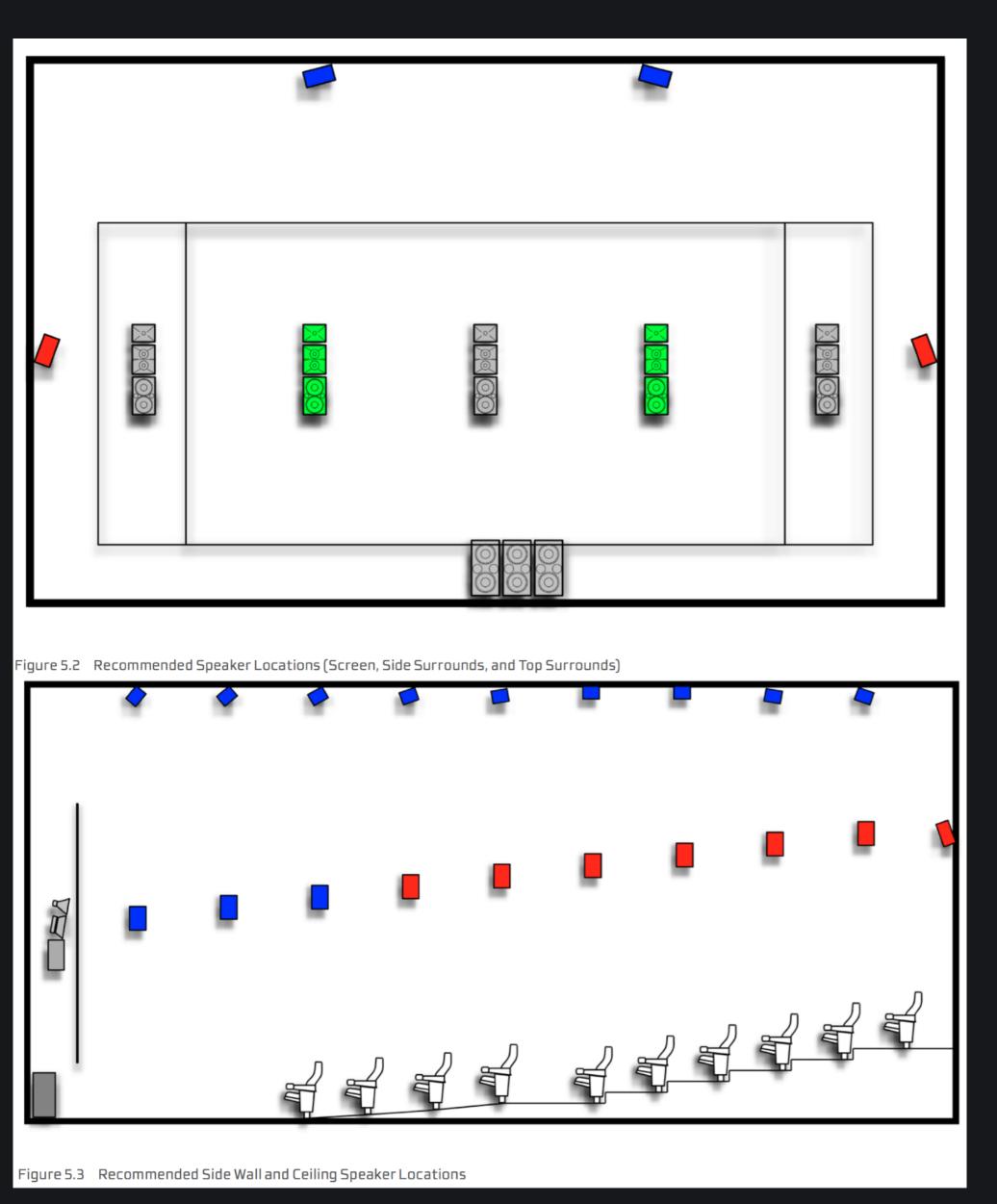




- Different speaker locations can differ in effectiveness depending on the theatre design.
- Dolby Atmos is adaptable and able to playback accurately in a variety of auditoria (highly flexible configurations).
- The speakers layout remains compatible with previous cinema systems.
- In contrast to using all 64 output channels available, the Dolby Atmos format can be accurately rendered in the cinema to other speaker configurations such as 7.1, allowing the format to be used in existing theatres with no change to amplifiers or speakers.

Donato Masci Dolby Atmos – Recommended Speaker Location – Theatre



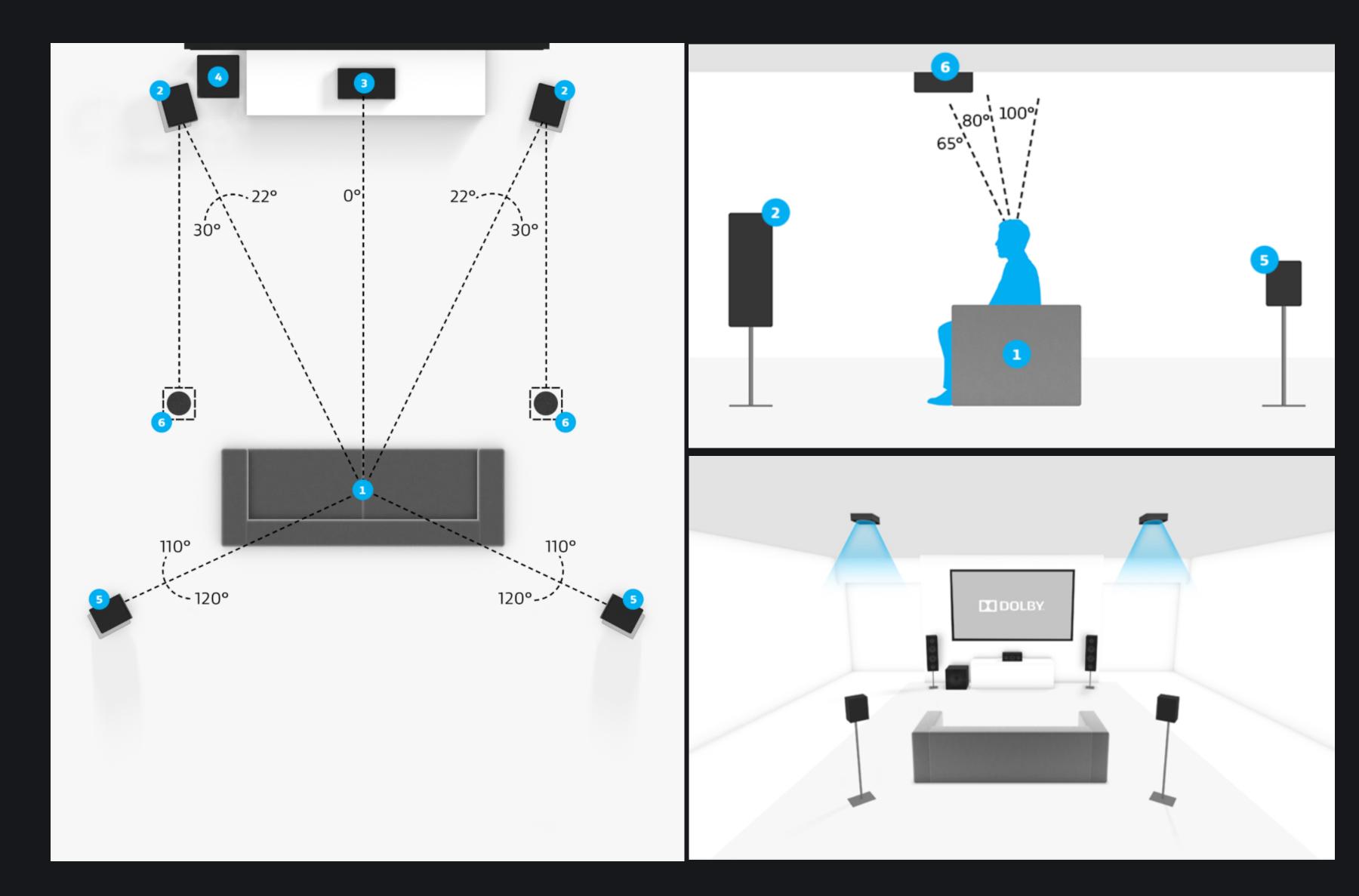




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Dolby Atmos – Recommended Speaker Location – Home Theatre

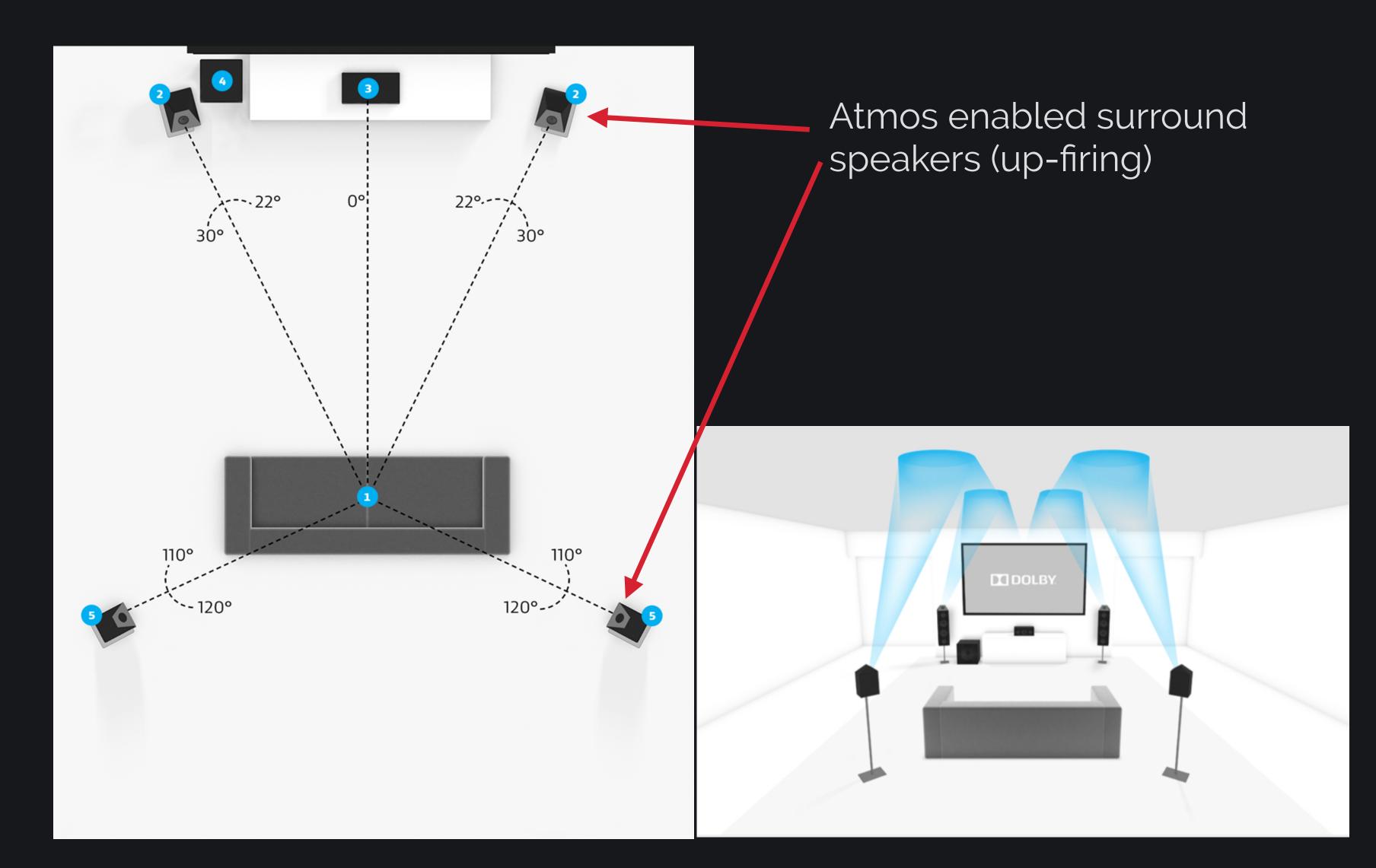
Home Theater 5.1.2 down-firing



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Dolby Atmos – Recommended Speaker Location – Home Theatre

Home Theater 5.1.4 up-firing

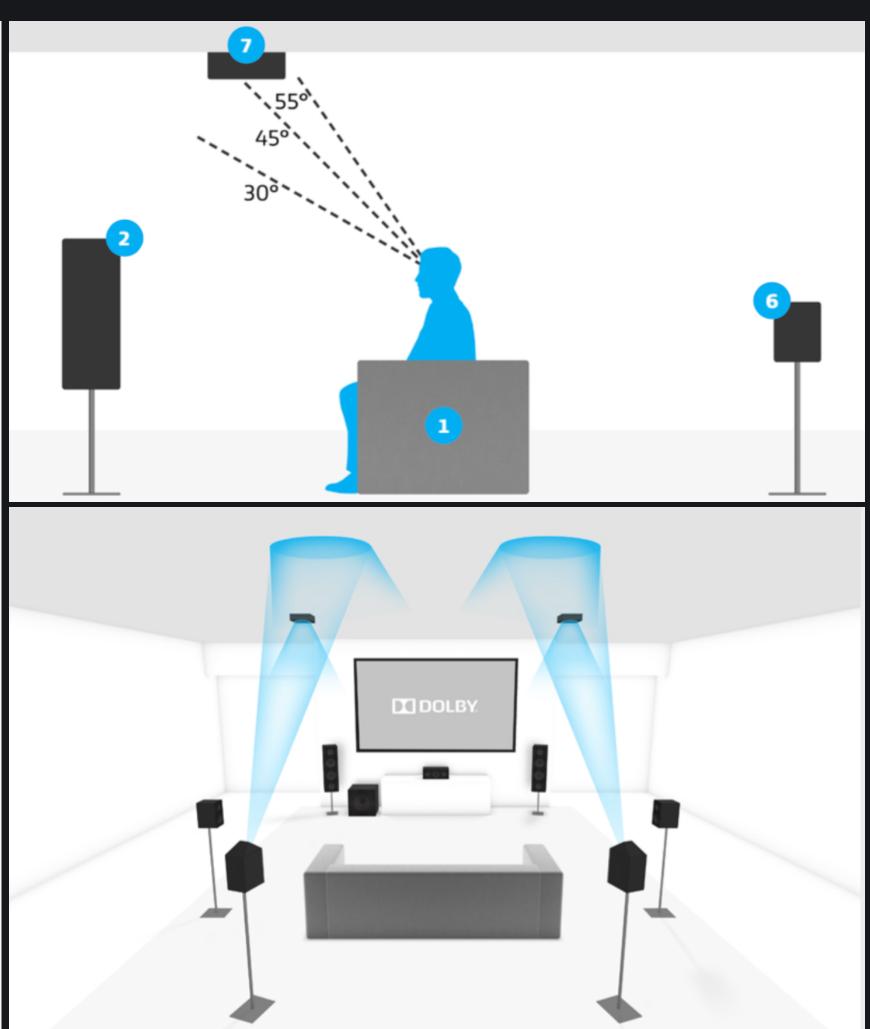




Home Theater
7.1.4
Hybrid overhead

front down-firing back up-firing

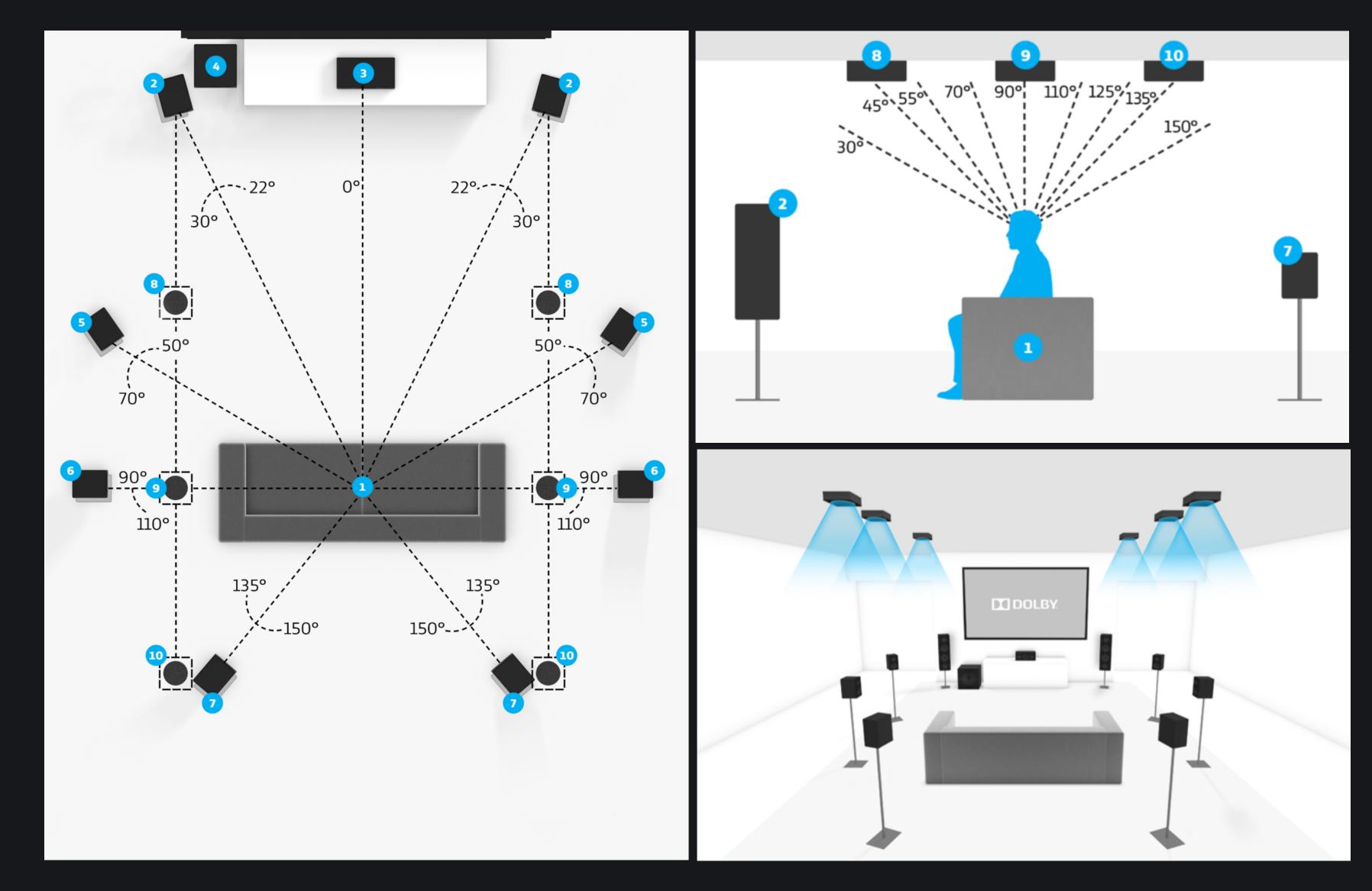
22°--`` 110° 135° --150° 150°--



Atmos enabled surround speakers (up-firing)

Dolby Atmos – Recommended Speaker Location – Home Theatre

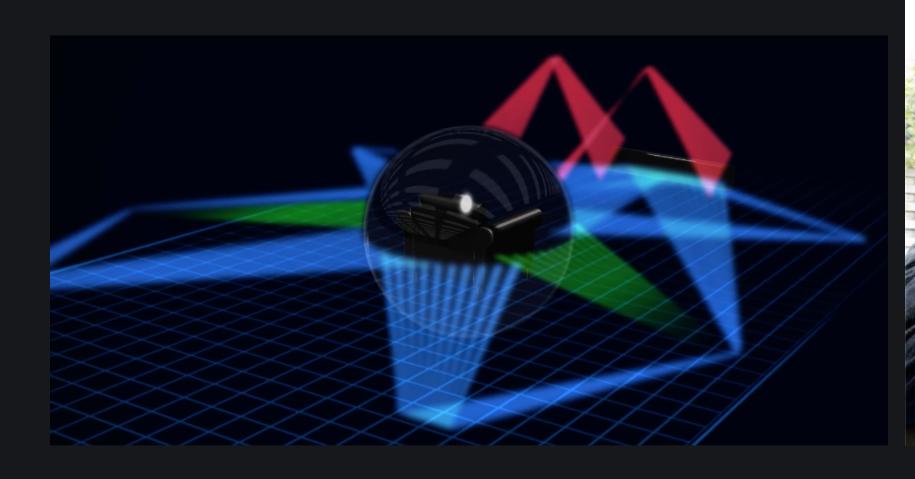
Home Theater 9.1.6 down-firing



Home Theater Atmos Soundbar

Atmos enabled surround speakers arrays (up-firing)











Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment Requirements

- A. Room Volume > 28 m³ (> 3.6x3.3x2.4 m) Room > 58 m³ may be more practical!!!
- B. Acoustic treatment like a control room.
- C. If you use up-firing speakers, ceiling must be reflective.

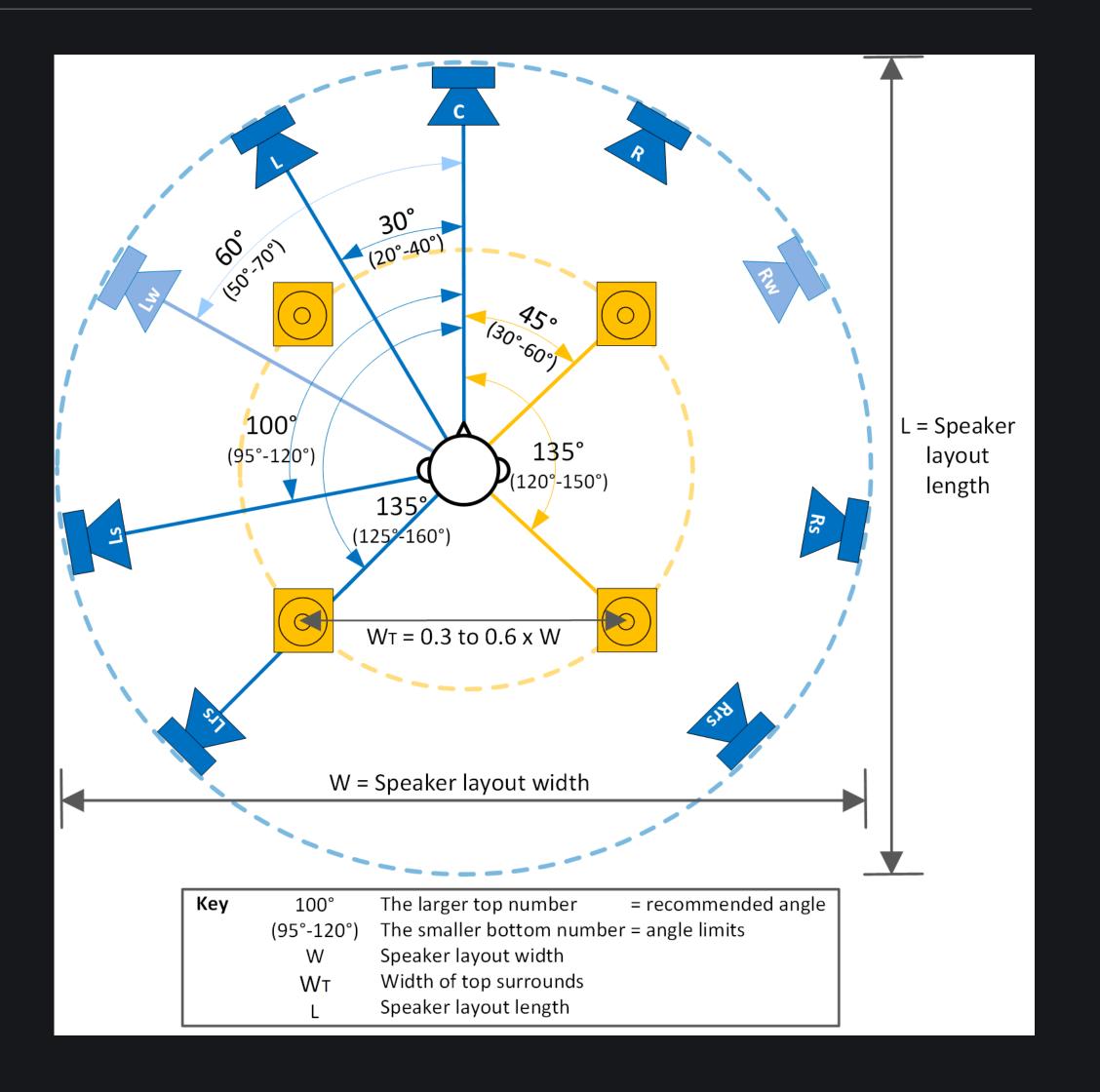
DARDT Excel file from Dolby with specs (Dolby Atmos Room Design Tool)



Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment Arrangement of Speakers

- A. Basing on **ITU-R 775-3**:
 - LCR 30+30°
 - Ls 100° (95÷120)°
 - Lrs 135° (125-160)
- B. Speakers equidistant from the listening position, but this is not always possible.
 - -> delay and level calibration

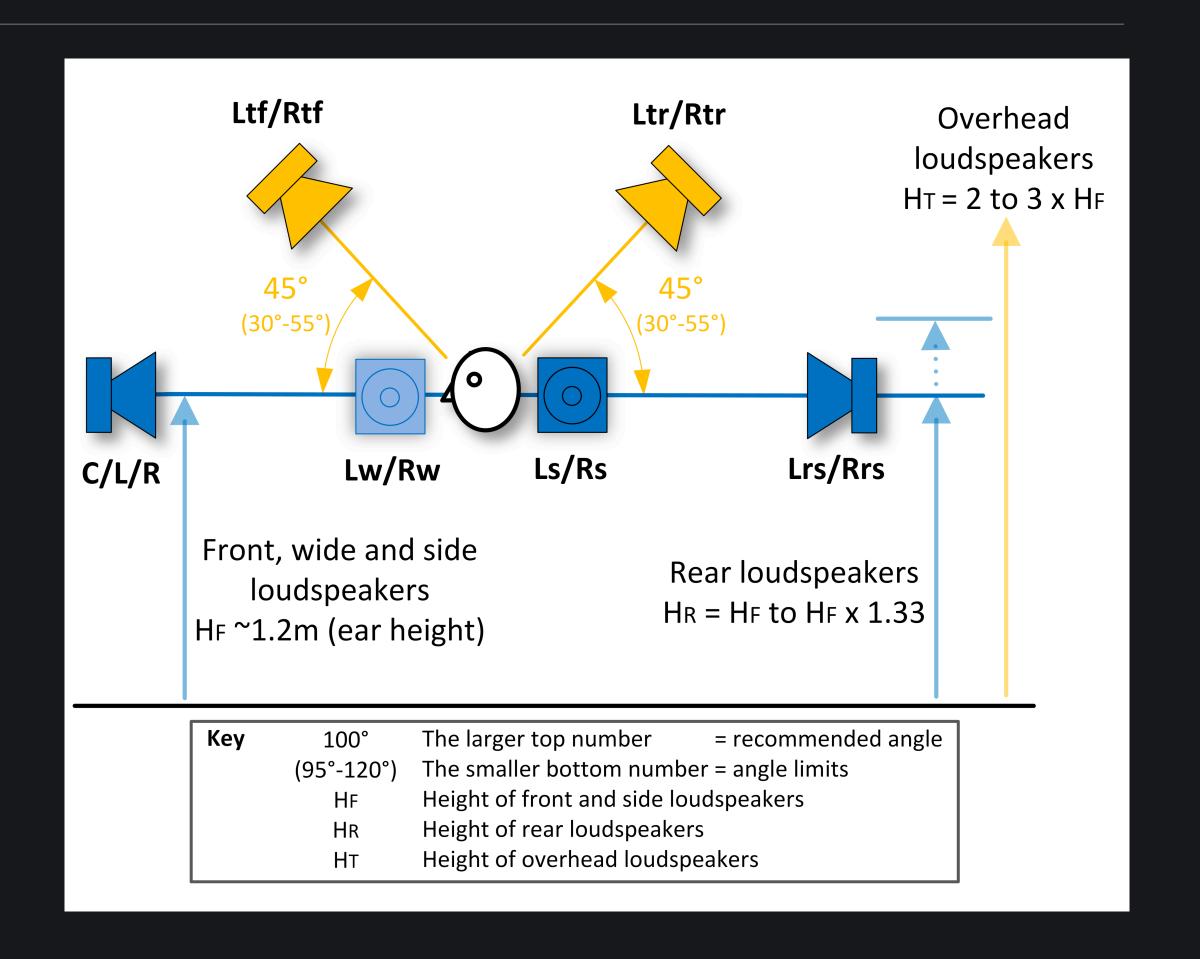
ITU standards are closer to the consumer experience so Dolby uses them for HE arrangement





Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment Arrangement of Speakers

- A. Speakers height (ITU-R BS 1116-1):
 - LCR + Ls/Rs —> (H_F) at ear-level (120 cm), *if possible*
 - Lrs, Rrs -> (H_R) at ($H_F \div H_F \times 1.33$) so (120÷160 cm)
- B. Ceiling speakers:
 - the overhead side-to-side separation should be 0.3 to 0.6 of the width W of the overall layout.
 - the height H_T must be 2 ÷ 3 times the floor speaker height H_F (i.e. 240-360cm).
 - the angle towards the listening point must be 45° (adjusted 30÷55)°.

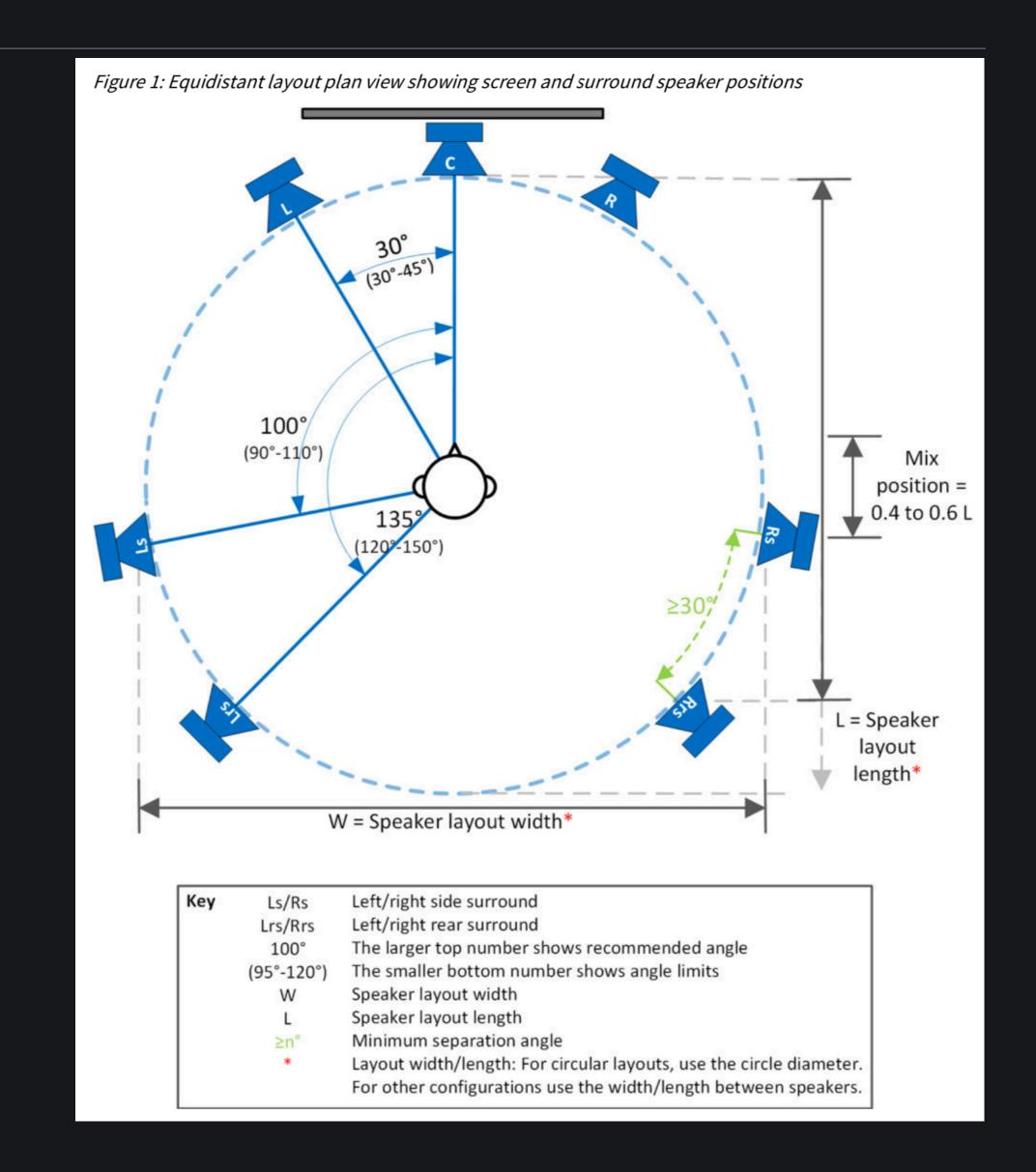




Dolby Atmos HE Configurations

1. Equidistant Layout

- 2/3 Mix position
- suitable more for: Soundtracks composing, QC, music applications

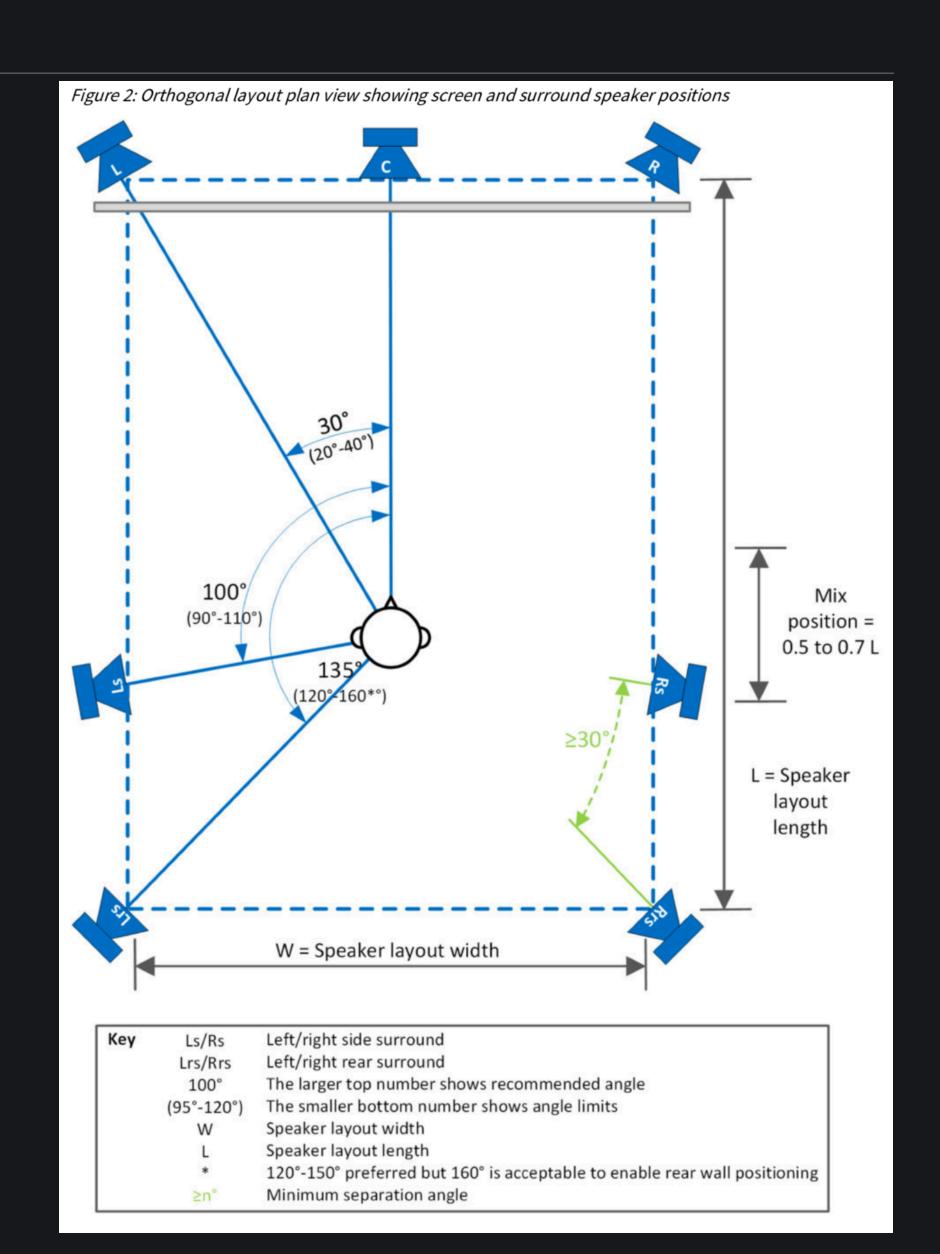




Dolby Atmos HE Configurations

2. Orthogonal layout

- 2/3 Mix position
- suitable more for: TV mix room



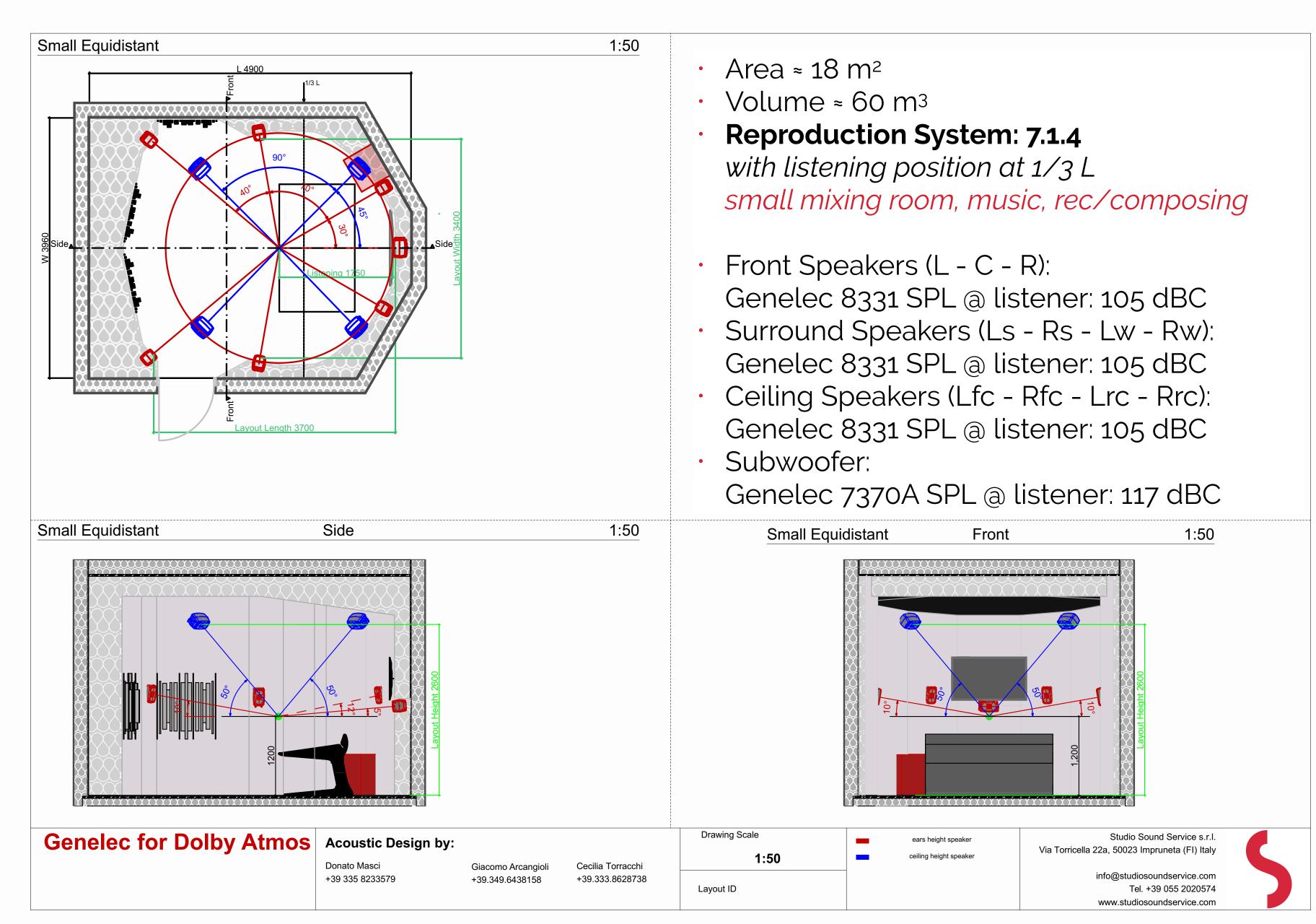


Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment Calibration

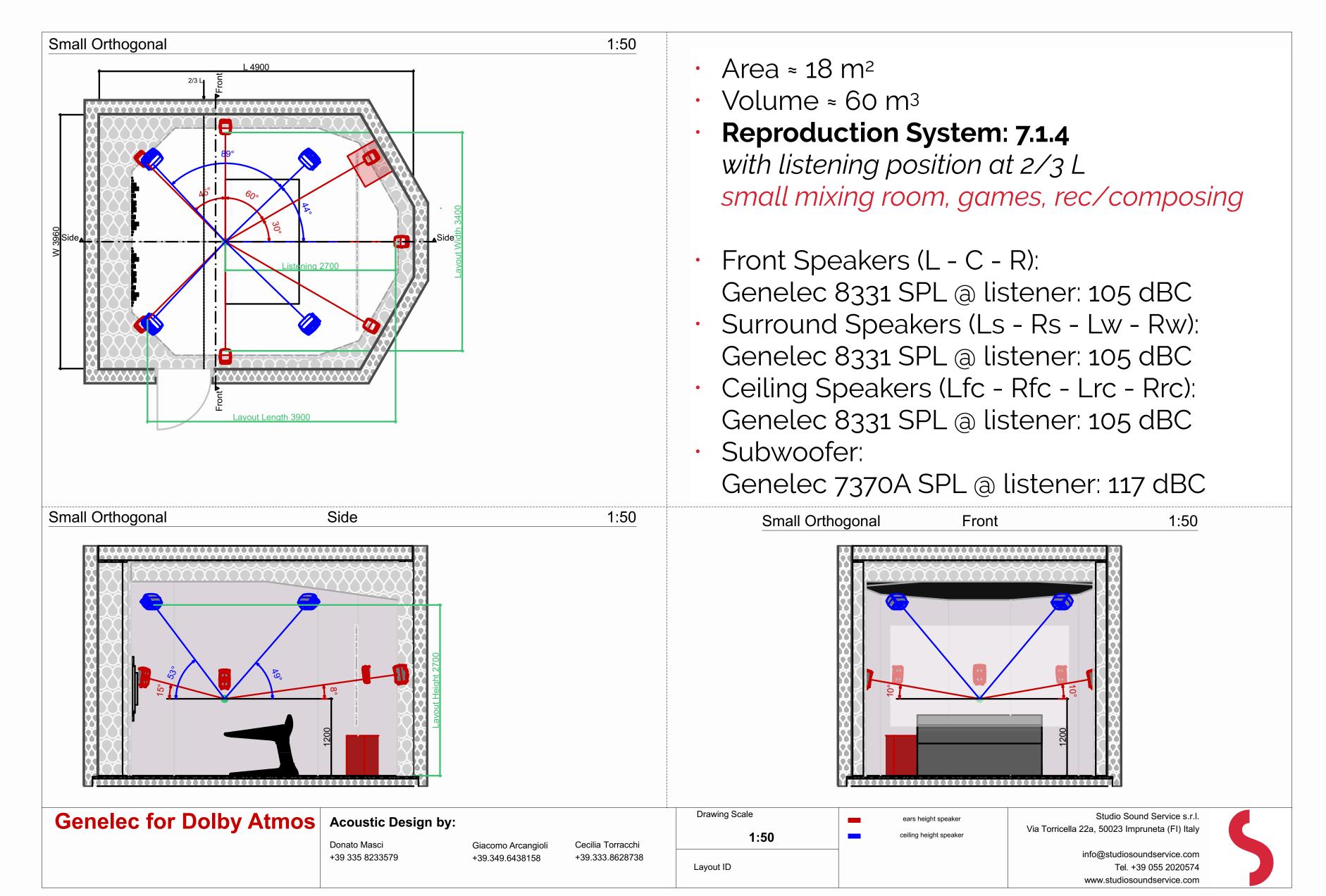
- A. Calibration from 79 to 82 dB (C) with a pink noise RMS at -20 dBFS for Game: 75 dB
- B. each speaker must be calibrated to 79 dB(C) and each speaker must be able to play 99 dB(C) at the listening point with a 102 dB(C) option for rooms that need more headroom.
- C. LFE +10 dB ITU-R BR-1384
- D. Calibration and Target Curve:
 - room bigger than 125 m³ SMPTE 202: 2010 X-Curve ± 3 dB (100÷16k) Hz
 - room smaller than 125 m³
 the X-Curve slope 2kHz <u>may be reduced</u> or the knee-point may be moved up to 4 kHz, 8 kHz or even higher in some cases



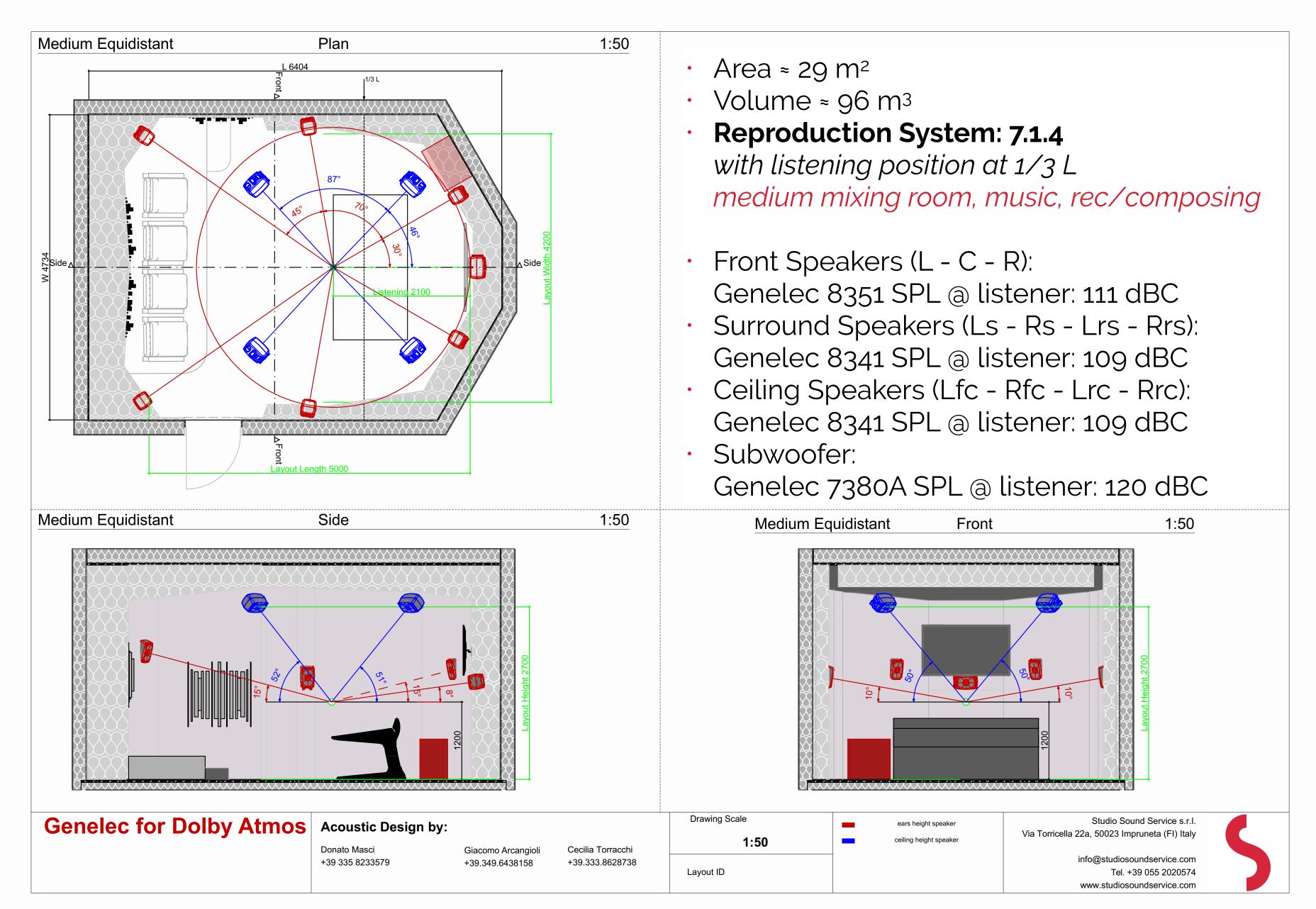




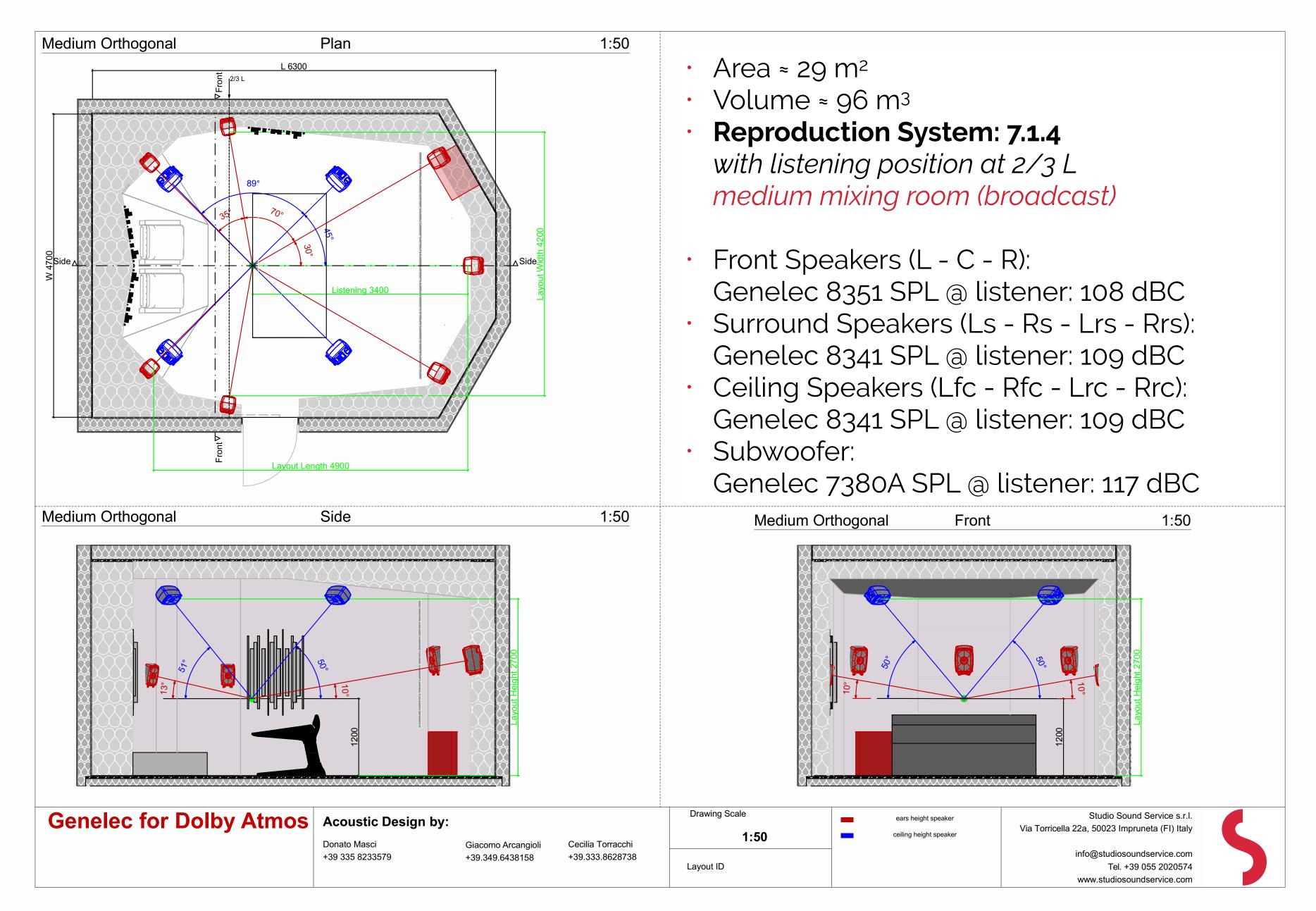




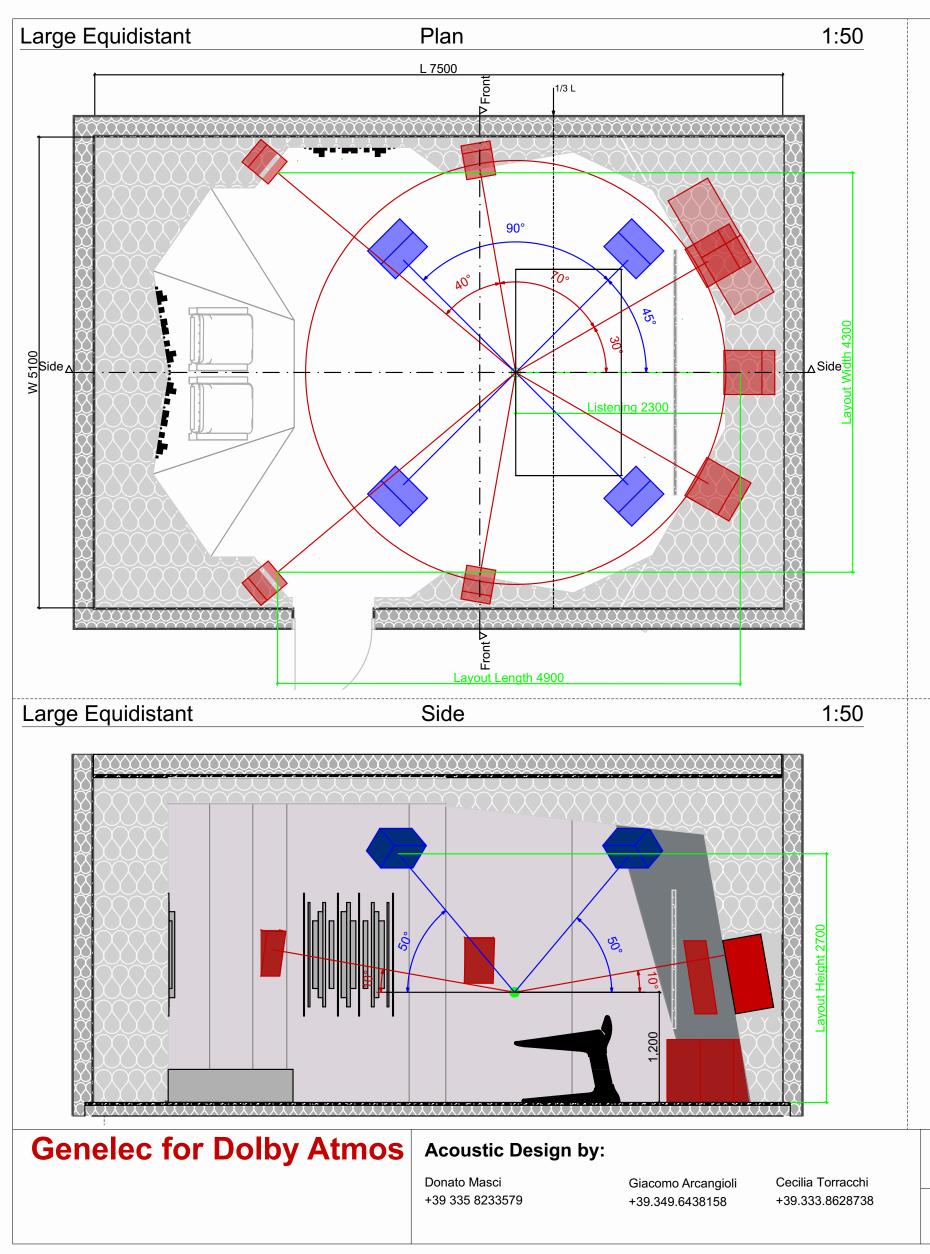








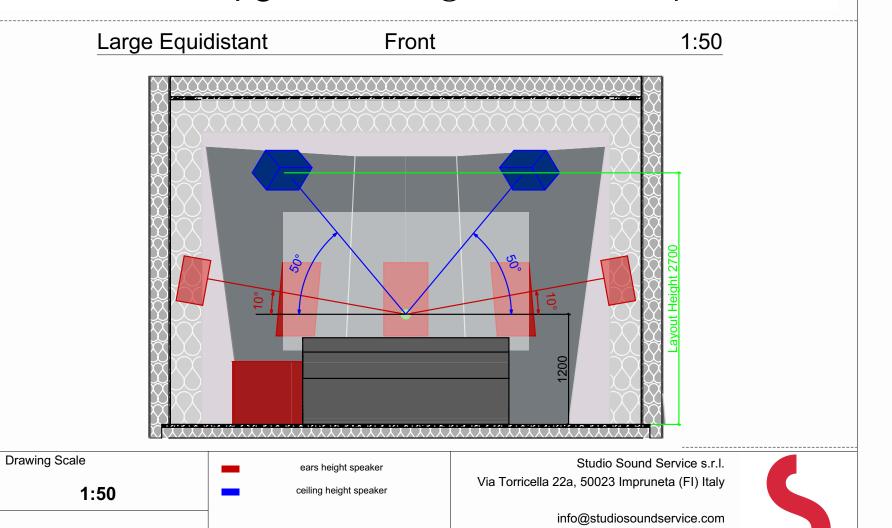




Area ≈ 50 m²

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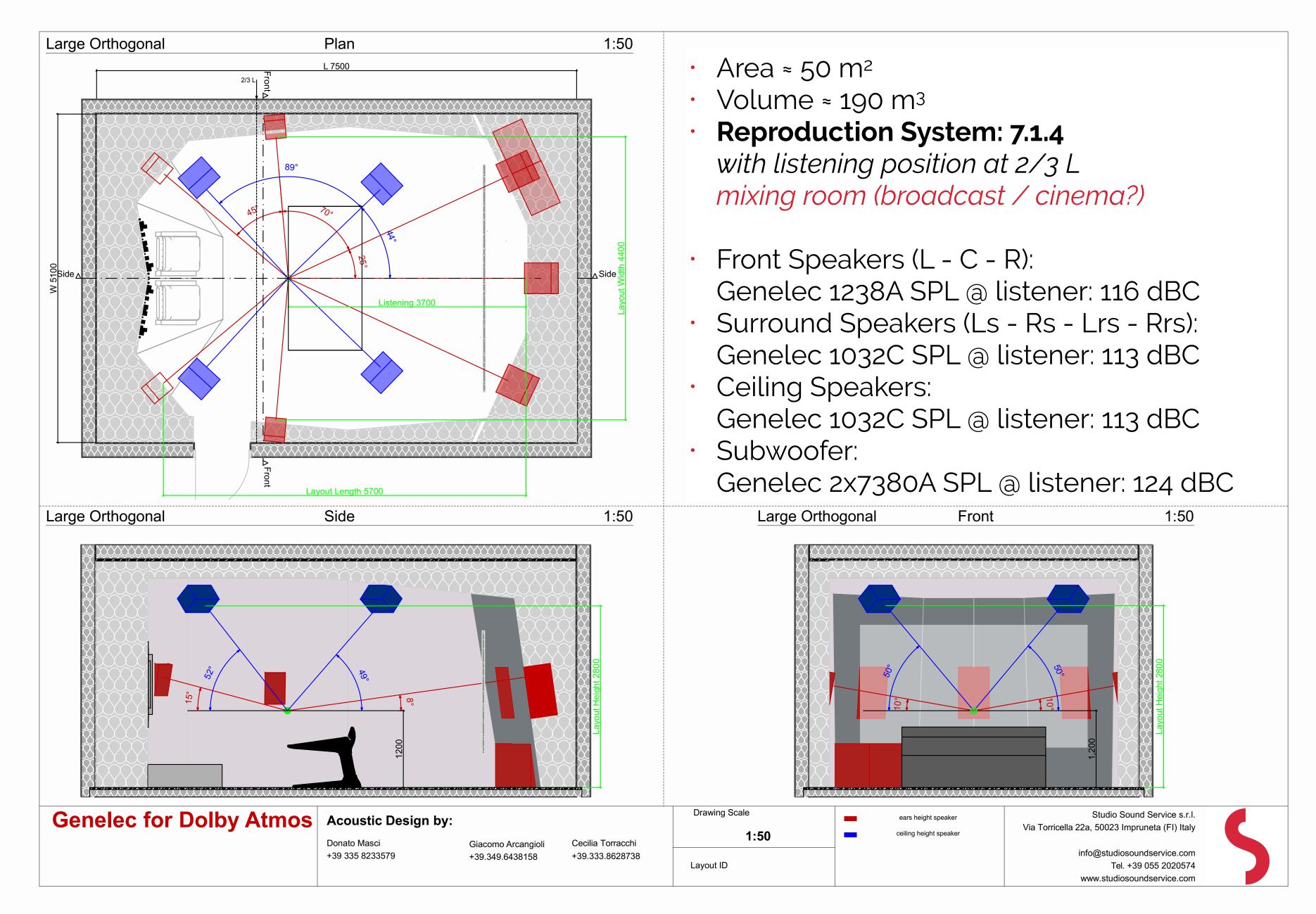
- Volume ≈ 190 m³
- Reproduction System: 7.1.4
 with listening position at 1/3 L
 big control room soundtrack composers
- Front Speakers (L C R):
 Genelec 1238A SPL @ listener: 120 dBC
- Surround Speakers (Ls Rs Lrs Rrs):
 Genelec 1032C SPL @ listener: 113 dBC
- Ceiling Speakers:
 Genelec 1032C SPL @ listener: 113 dBC
- Subwoofer: Genelec 2x7380A SPL @ listener: 124 dBC



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Problems found in practice about Dolby Home Entertainment design:

basic rules of acoustics might apply to every kind of control room, but issues arise depending on the required integration between audio and video

A. Door position:

if the surrounds have to be at about 120÷150 cm height, the door position is a problem (this was not a problem for cinema mixing room because the surrounds are generally higher).

B. TV LCD vs. Projection screen:

how to integrate front speakers with the screens? upper or lower? side within the image or outside of it?

C. 1/3 or 2/3 of the room length?

these points came from the room acoustics (better room modes distribution), but the choice depends also on room functionality:

- -> 1/3 music studios (also soundtrack composers)
- -> 2/3 only mixing (cinema & broadcast)



Conclusioni:

- A. Le sale Dolby Atmos HE sono nate per le applicazioni legate all'"entertainment" come broadcast (TV), il gaming etc.
 non si deve fare l'errore di pensare che una sala di questo tipo sia un "surrogato" di una sala mix cinematografica
- B. Le differenze tra le sale mix cinematografiche sono:
 - A. le dimensioni (non più di 35÷40 m²)
 - B. i posti a sedere (per le dimensioni, non potranno essere più di due file (una davanti e una dietro alla console)
 - C. gli ascolti (Genelec vs JBL?)
- C. Le sale Equidistant possono avere casse con tweeter, le sale Orthogonal è meglio che abbiano casse con horn (>3.5m)
- D. Curva X? o no? dipende solo dalla distanza, non dall'applicazione.





FOX UK

2015 Fox Networks UK

2 Control room

1 Vocal Booth

1 Sala Post AVID









Nat Geo

2015 Fox Networks UK

National Geographic control room branded





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...con il Vocal-Booth sulla destra









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Fox Branded ha il Vocal-Booth a sinistra





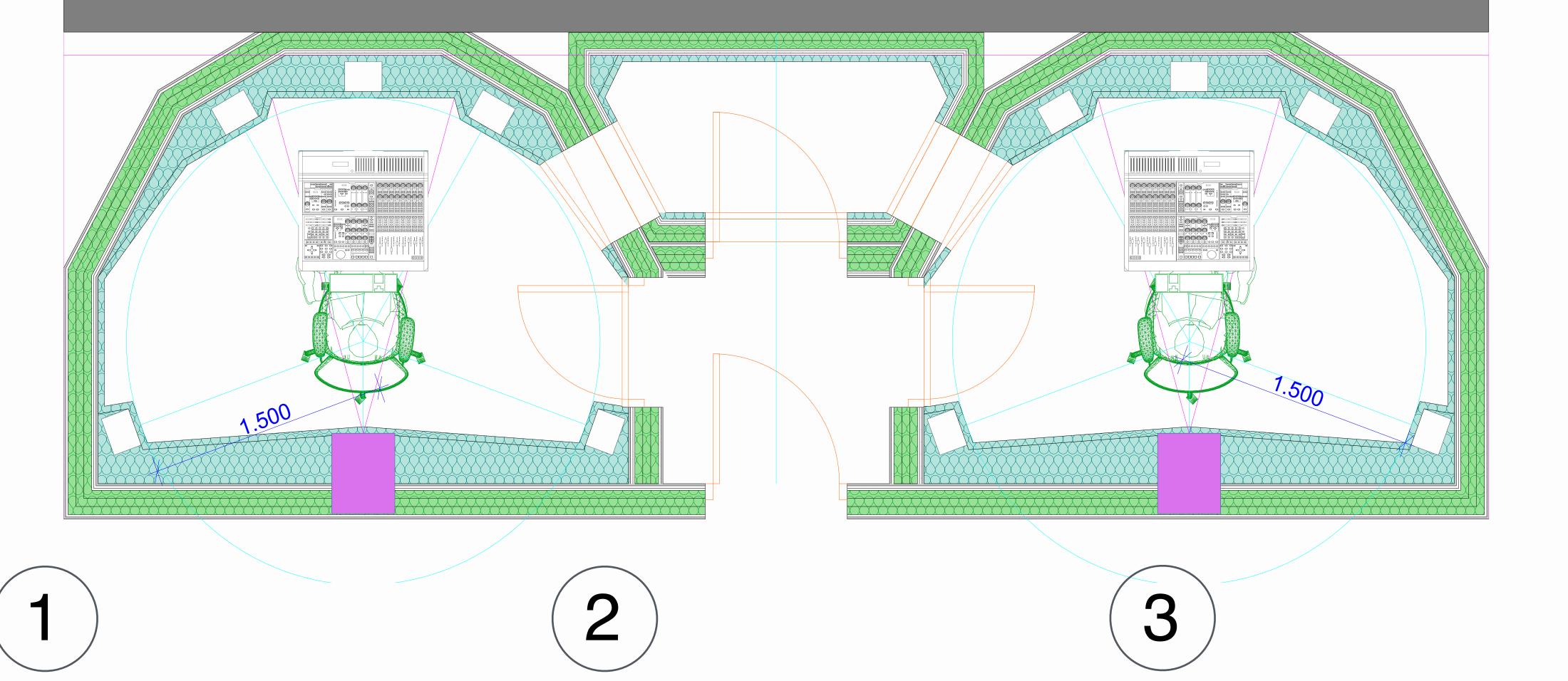


CHALLENGE

2015 Fox Networks UK

A challenge: little space and proximity





The binoculars revolution

The room shape we invented (to best occupy all the space) was similar to binoculars, with two perfectly symmetrical rooms that share the Vocal Booth.

The basic geometry

the geometry is optimized in order to keep the rooms with the necessary listening systems in the smallest possible space and to offer the best sound experience.

The entrance room

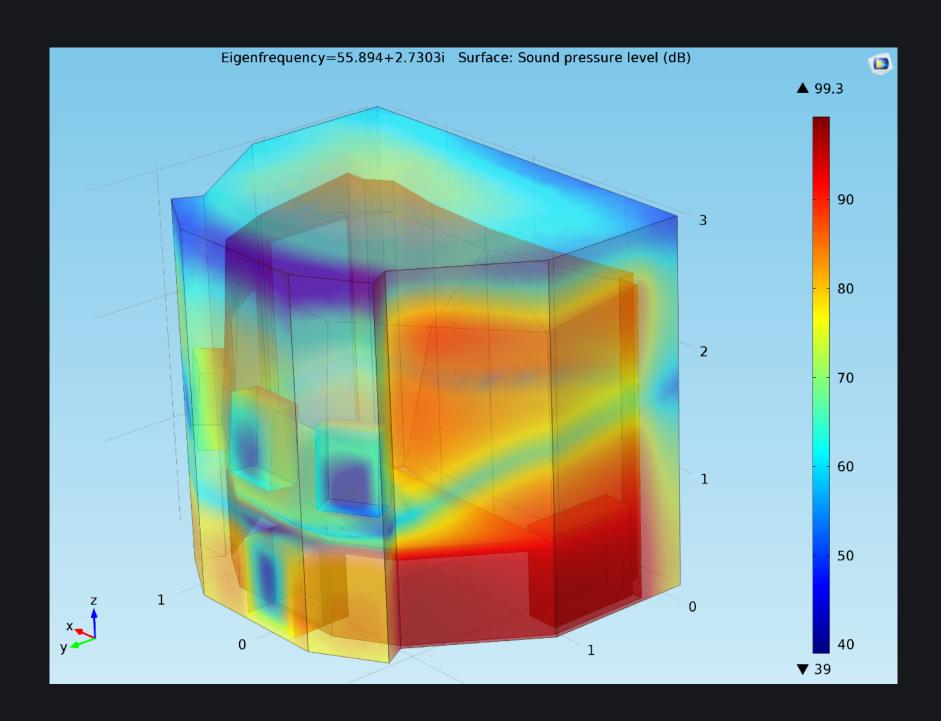
The Entrance Room increases privacy for processing and further separates the audio rooms from the open office.

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Is the FEM simulation useful for recording studio design?



- A. FEM software is a **truly valuable tool for acoustic design**.

 It provides considerable support
 to designers on a part of the
 spectrum range (**LF**) that we could
 not have much certainty on until
 now unless you precisely adopt
 a predetermined design that you
 know works from trial-and-error.
- The major innovation is that with these simulation methods you can build rooms with a good listening experience in unconventional situations while also studying alternatives and innovative acoustic treatments.



FOX Munich

2016 Fox Networks DE

1 Control Room

1 Vocal-Booth

2 Post Avid rooms









2016 Fox Networks DE

Vocal booth deep sea fabric prints





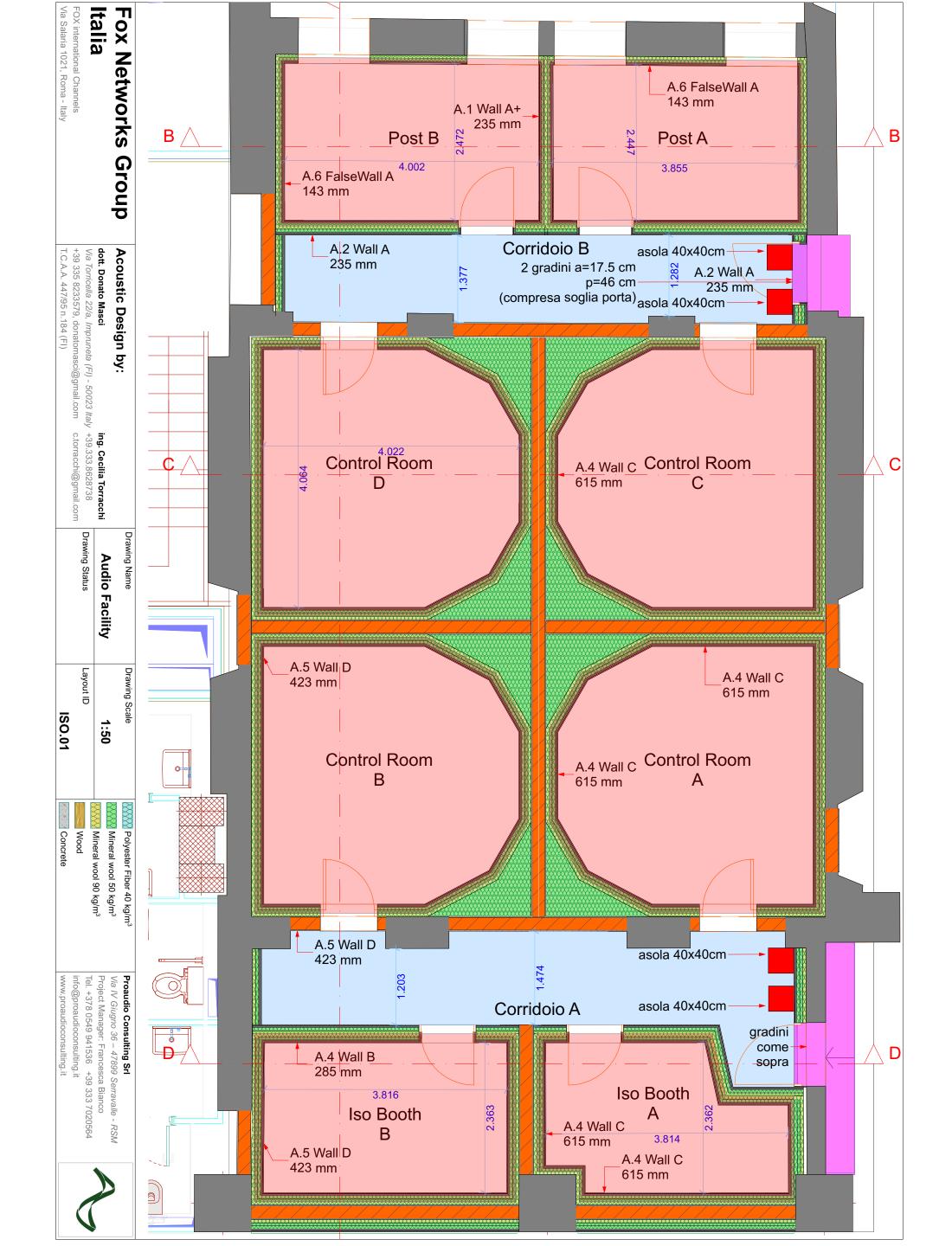
FOX Roma

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4 Control Room 2 Vocal (ISO) - Booth 2 sale Post Avid









Lay/Out

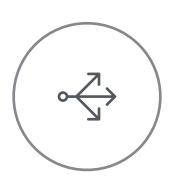


Critical issues

Historic building in the center of Rome.

Four rooms very close to each other, important acoustic insulation.

Set the geometries between the possible spaces.



Division of spaces

Keep the shape of the Fox room but insert it in a very complex context for divisions, columns etc. creation of two areas with independent access corridors (sound lock).



Functional choices

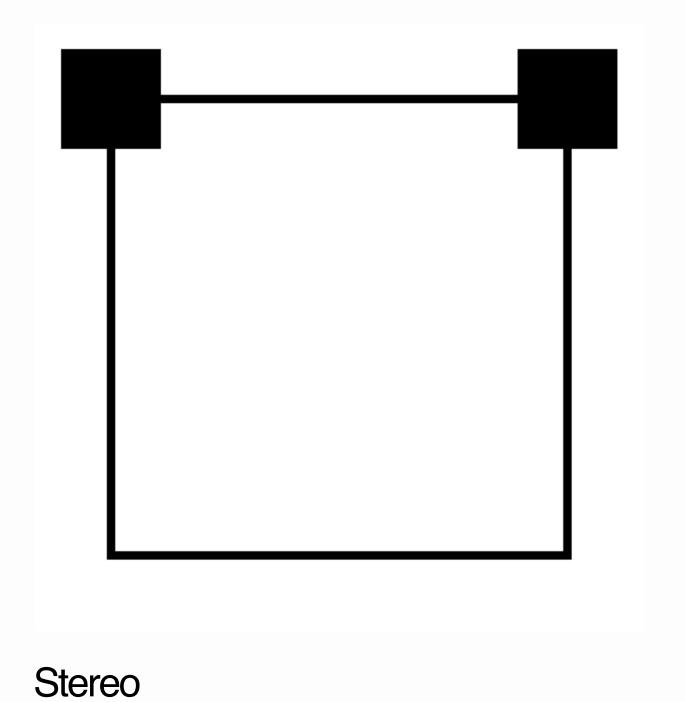
Use of a hybrid insulation system, masonry + plasterboard.

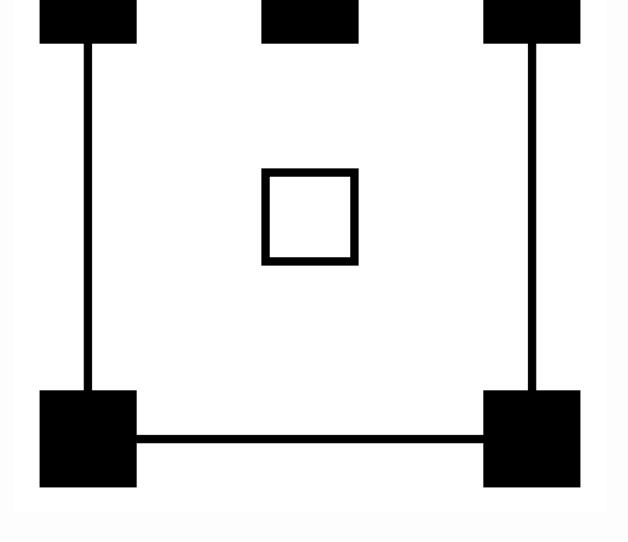
Dolby Atmos listening system.



Multifunctionality.

from stereo (2.0) to Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment (9.1.4)





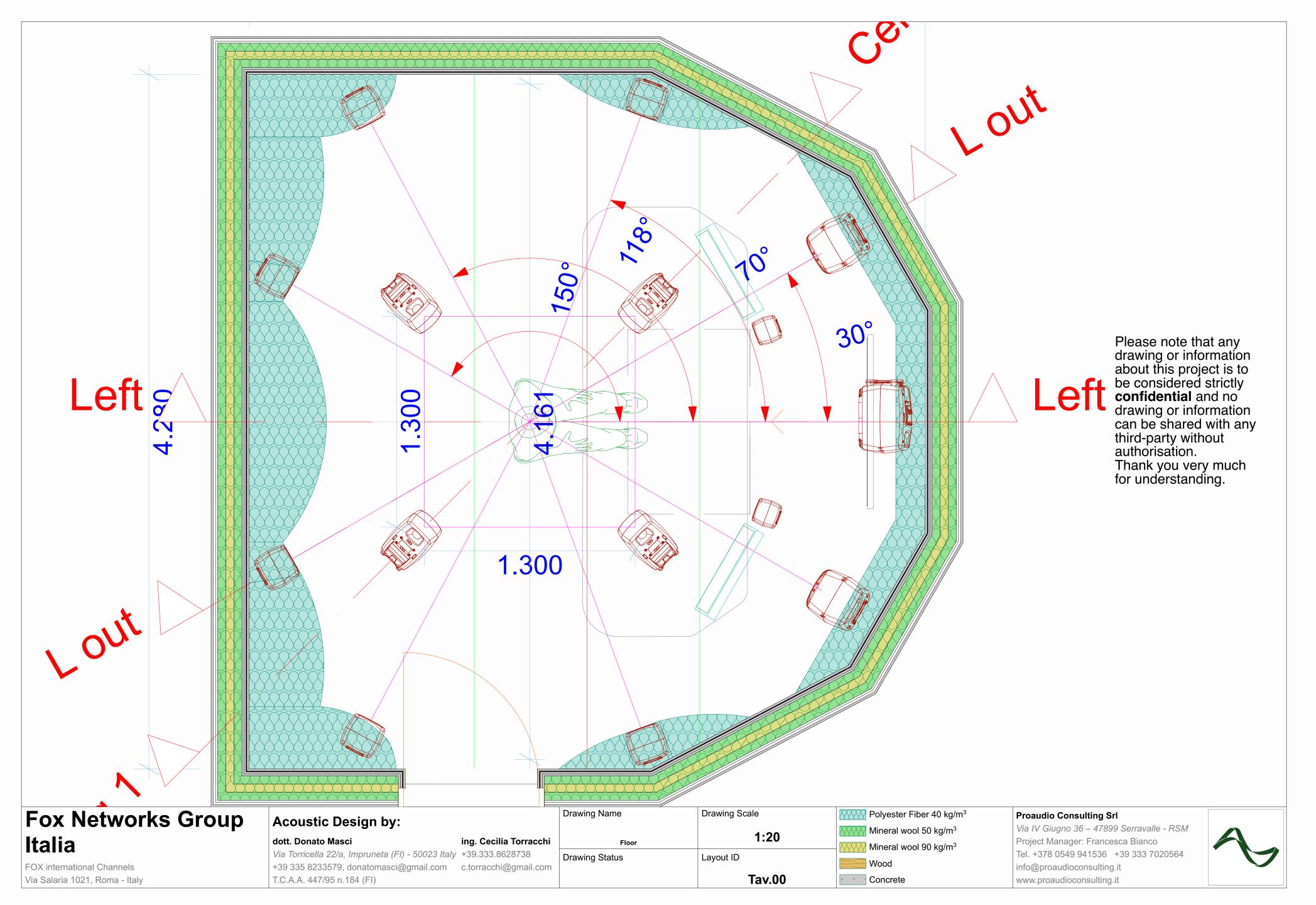


5.1 (Dolby Surround)

Dolby Atmos (9.1.4 to ...?)







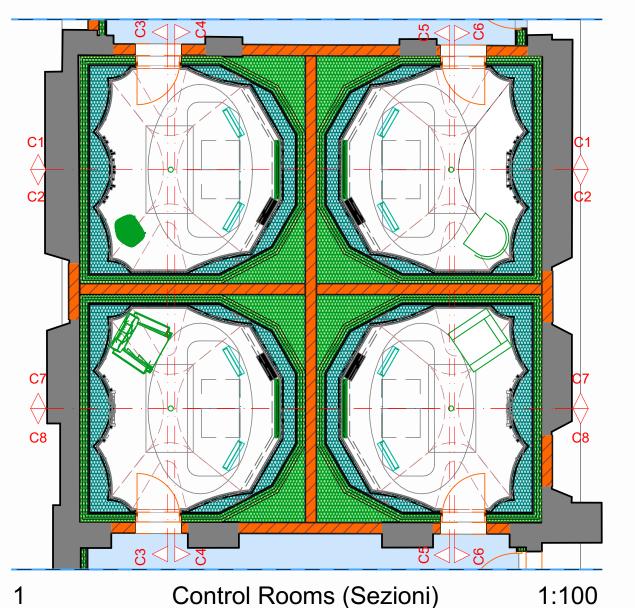


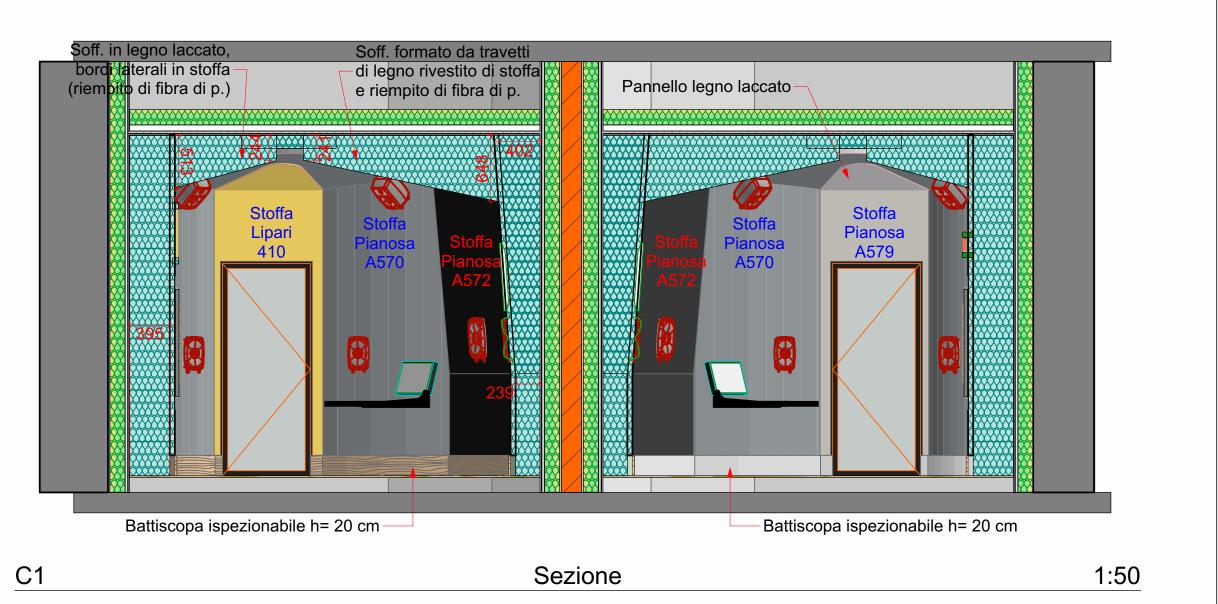
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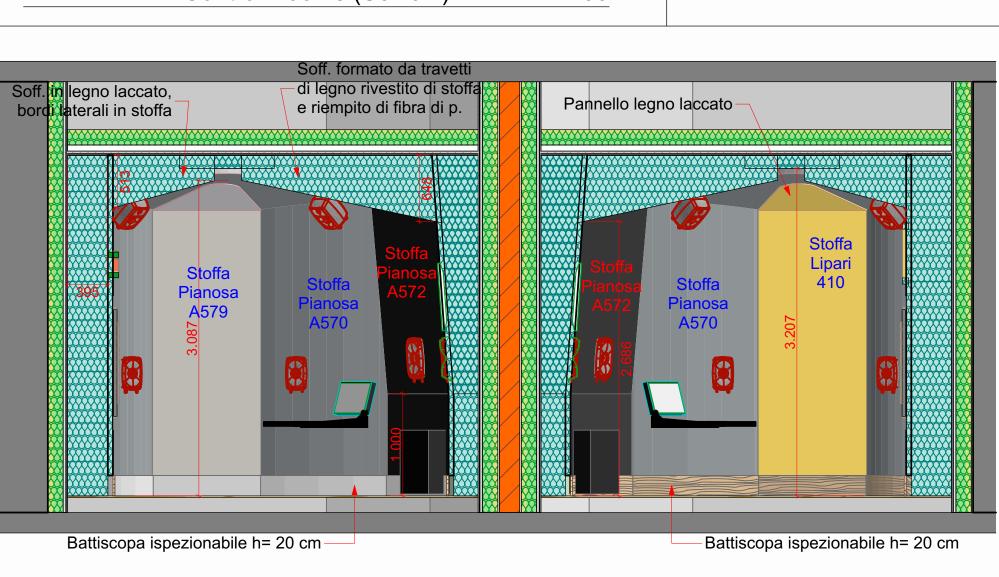
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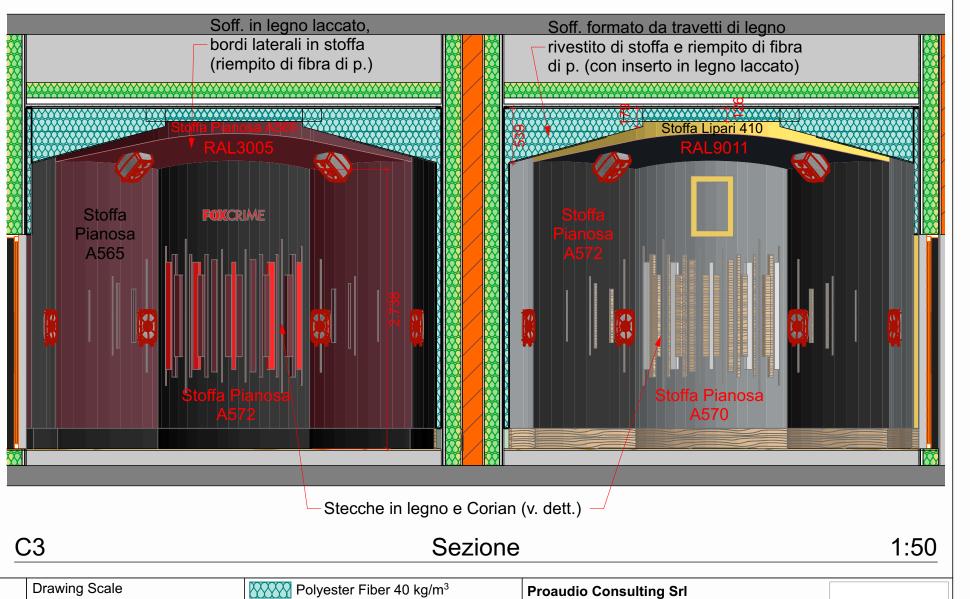
9.1.4 Dolby Atmos Home Entertainment











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9.1.4 Dolby Atmos
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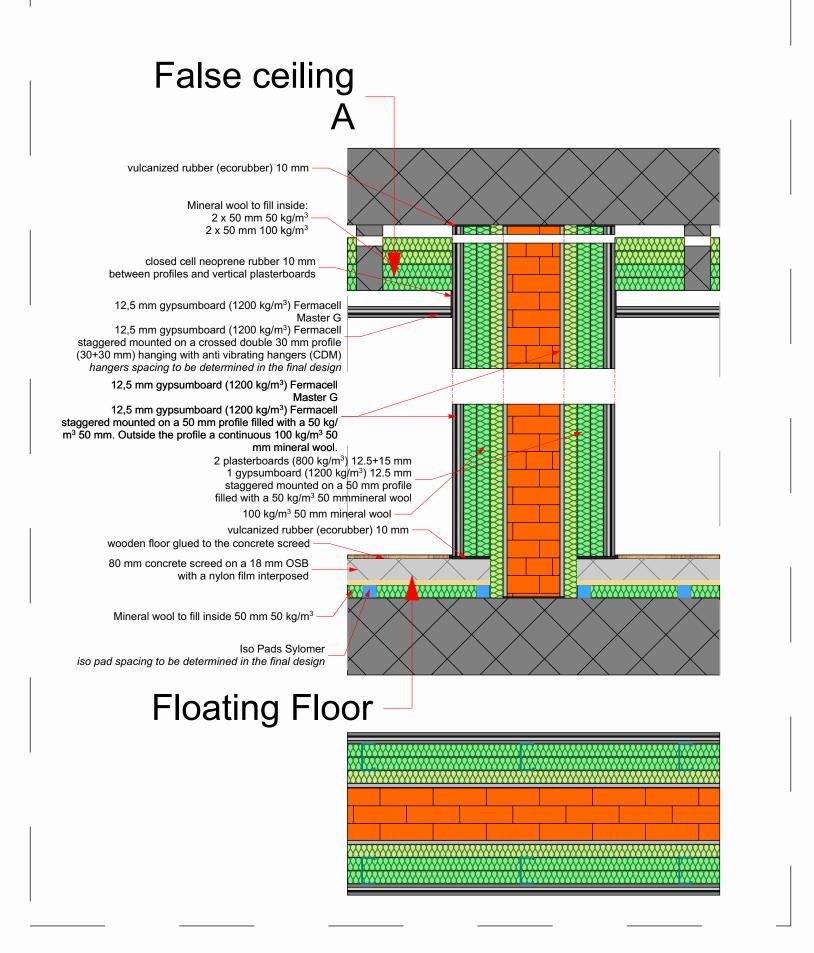
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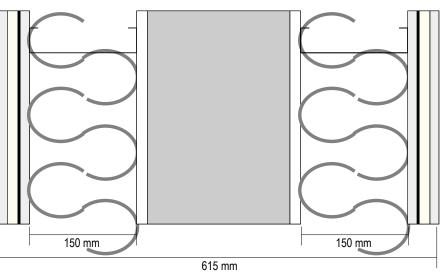
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- + 1 x 15.0 mm mm Plasterboard (?:710 kg/m3,E:2GPa,?:0.01)
- + 1 x 12.5 mm Fermacell 12.5 (?:1150 kg/m3,E:3.8GPa,?:0.01)

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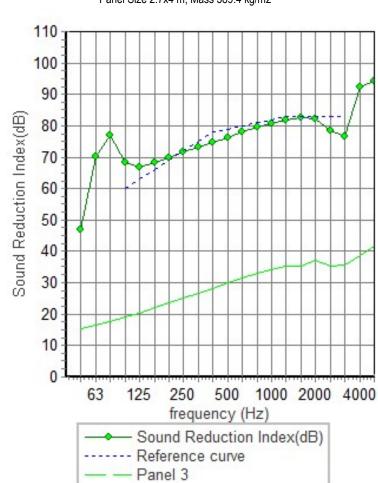
- Panel 2 + 1 x 15.0 mm Intonaco (?:1600 kg/m3,E:8GPa,?:0.01) + 1 x 200.0 mm Leca murblock typ 5 (?:1200 kg/m3,E:3.8GPa,?:0.04)
 - + 1 x 15.0 mm Intonaco (?:1600 kg/m3,E:8GPa,?:0.01)

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500	76	76		
630	78			
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wall-plasterboard partition RW=79 dB and surprisingly 47 dB @ 50 Hz

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Combining with the style of the facility.







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Chromatic research, color palette
Lighting research
Branding
Complements
Finishes







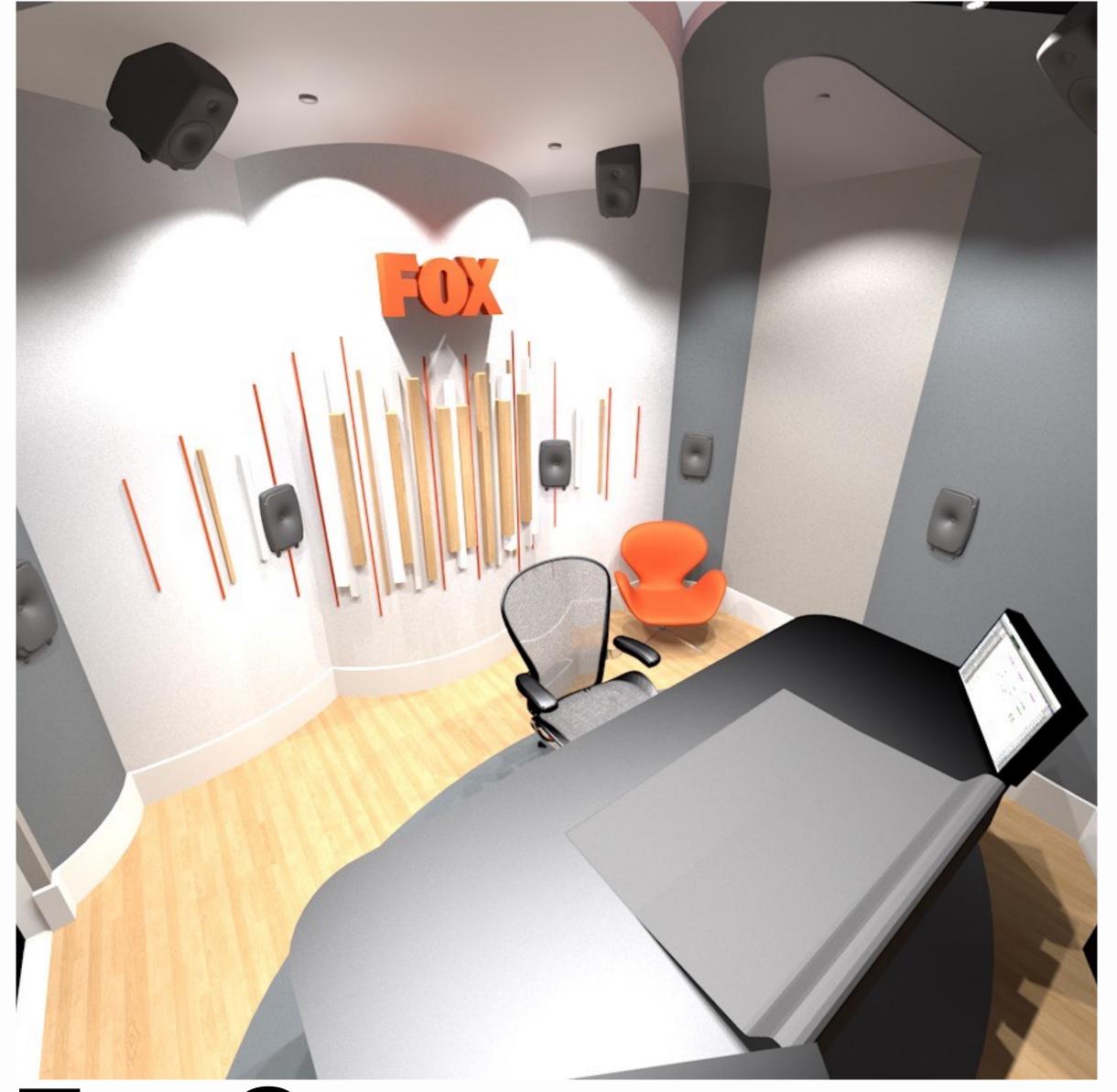


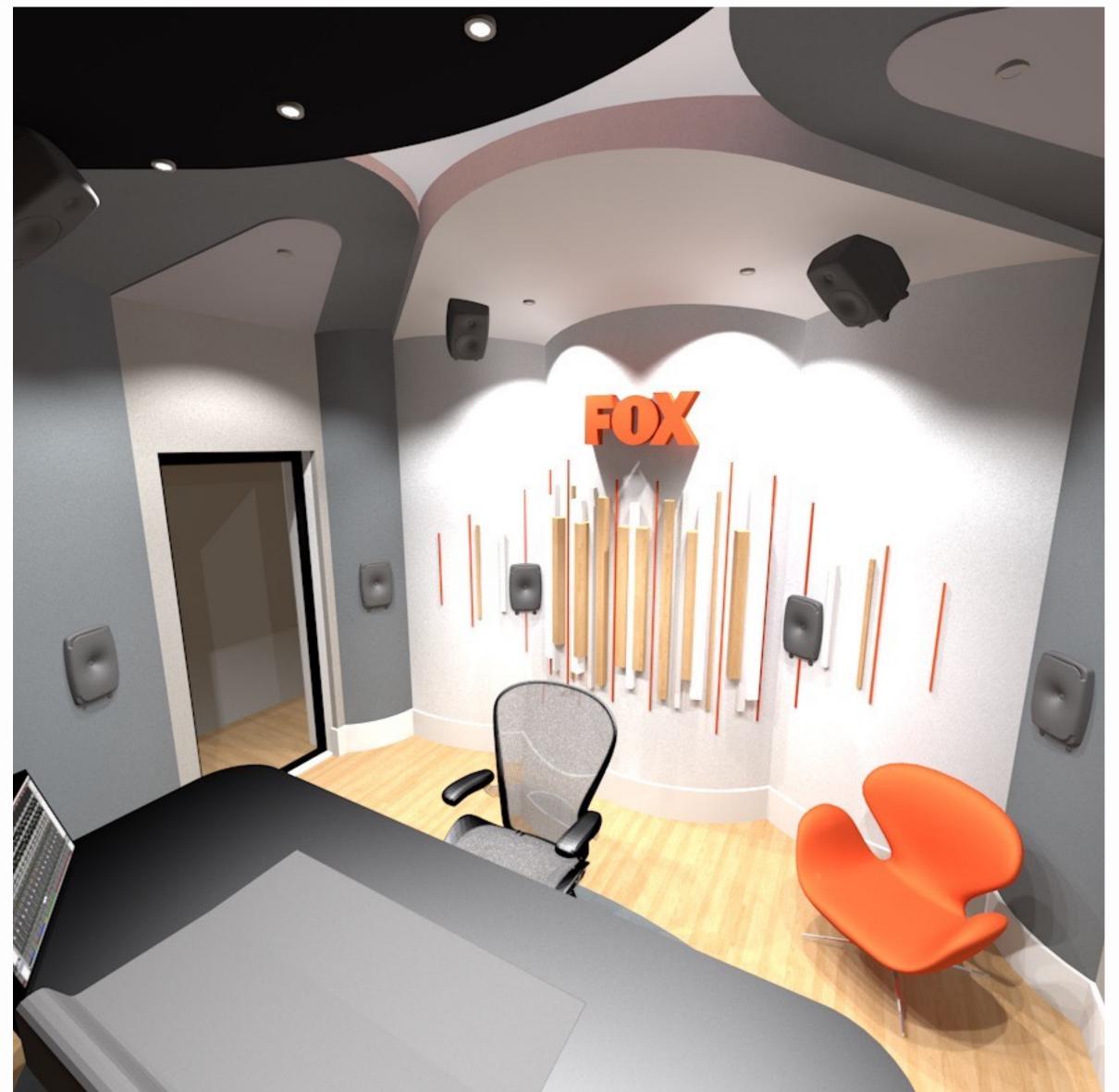


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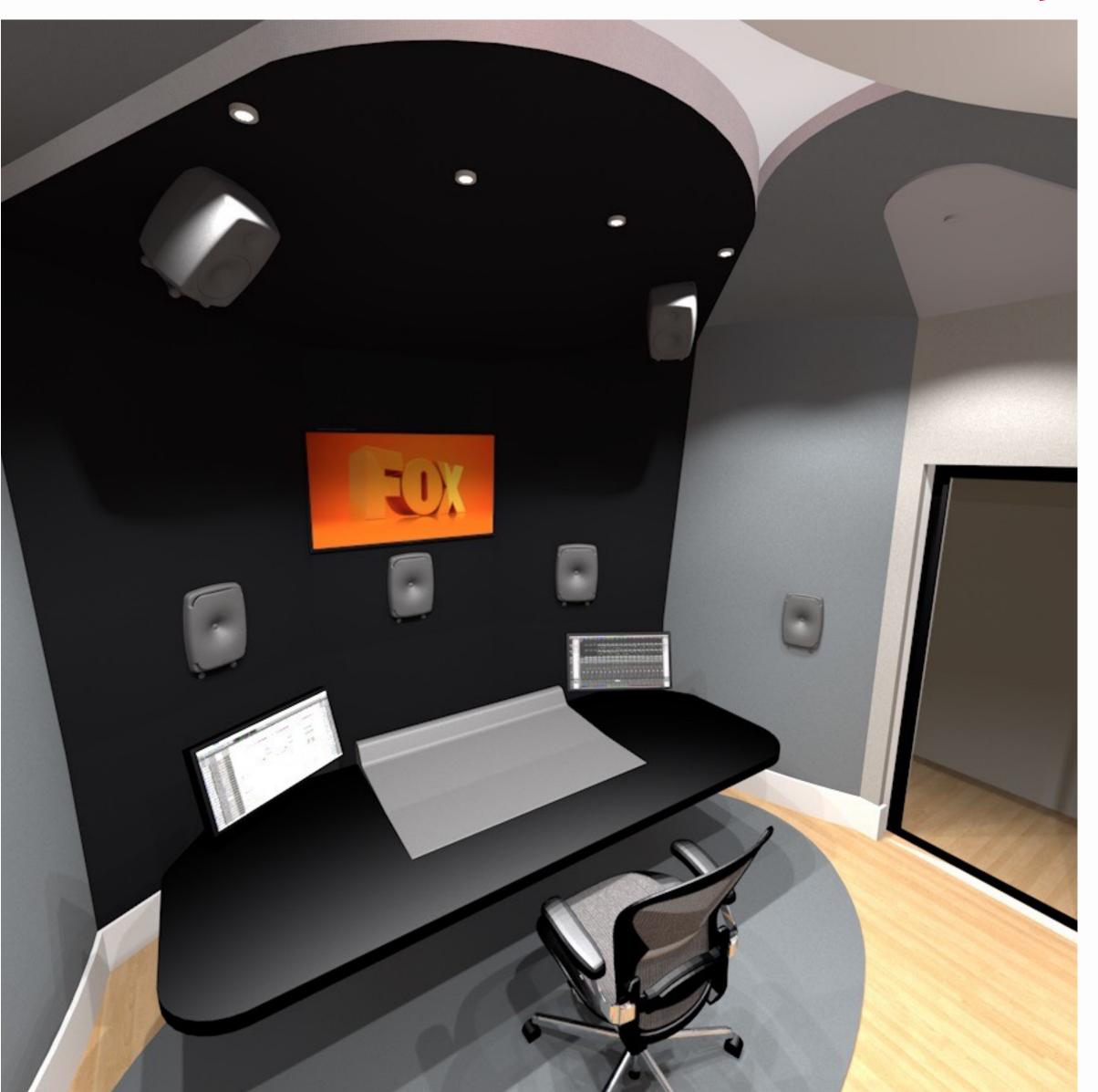


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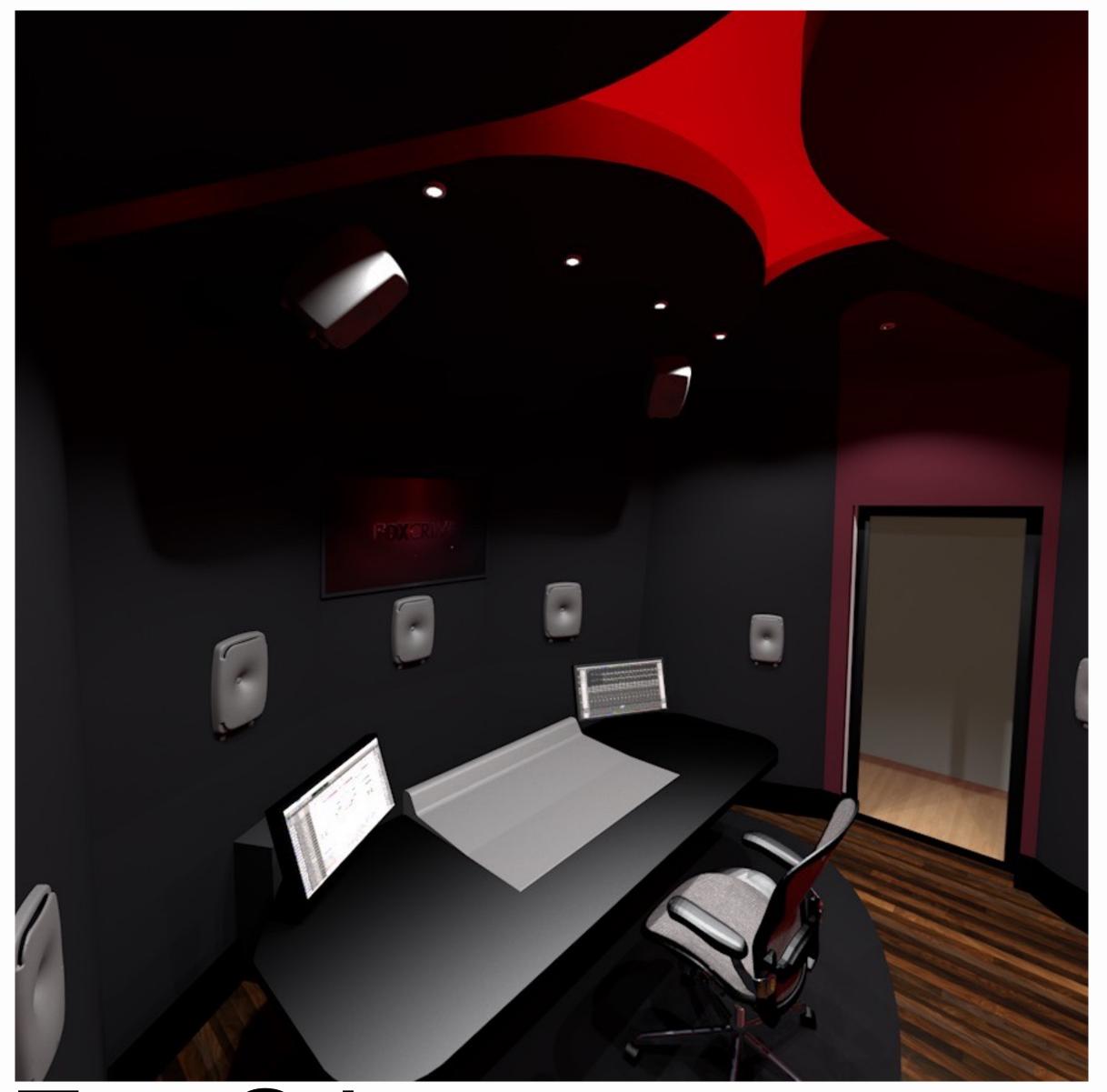




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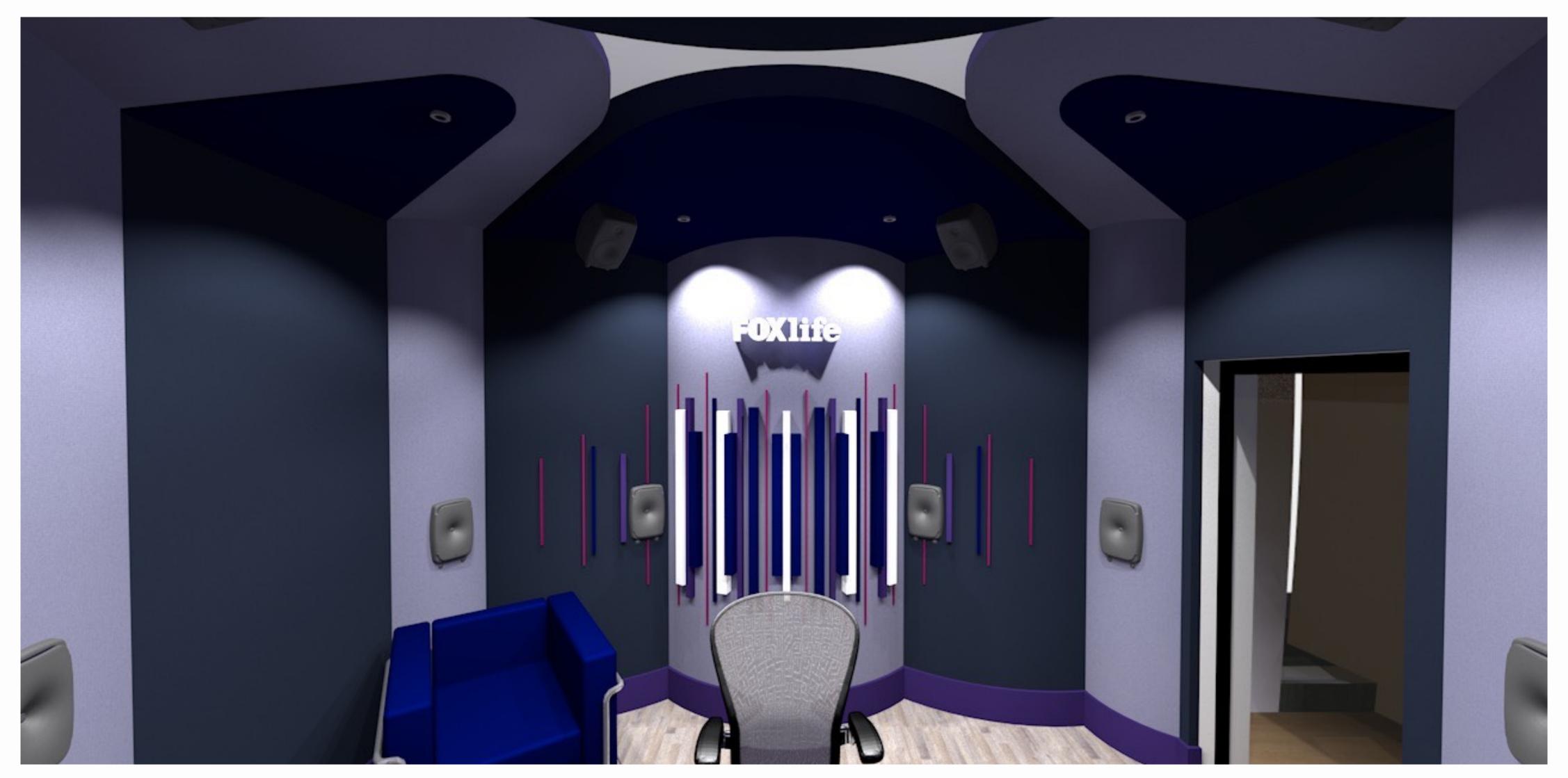




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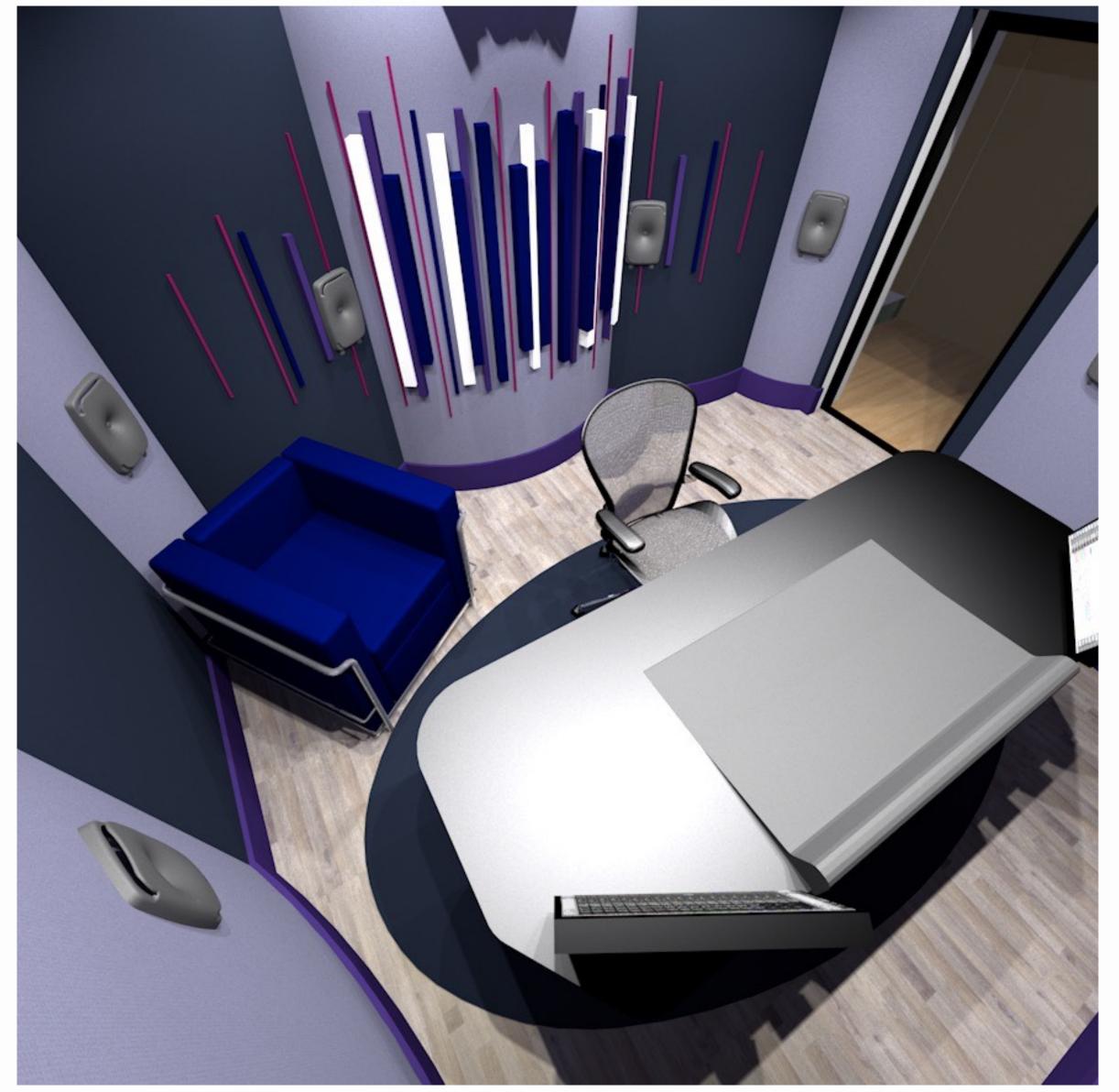




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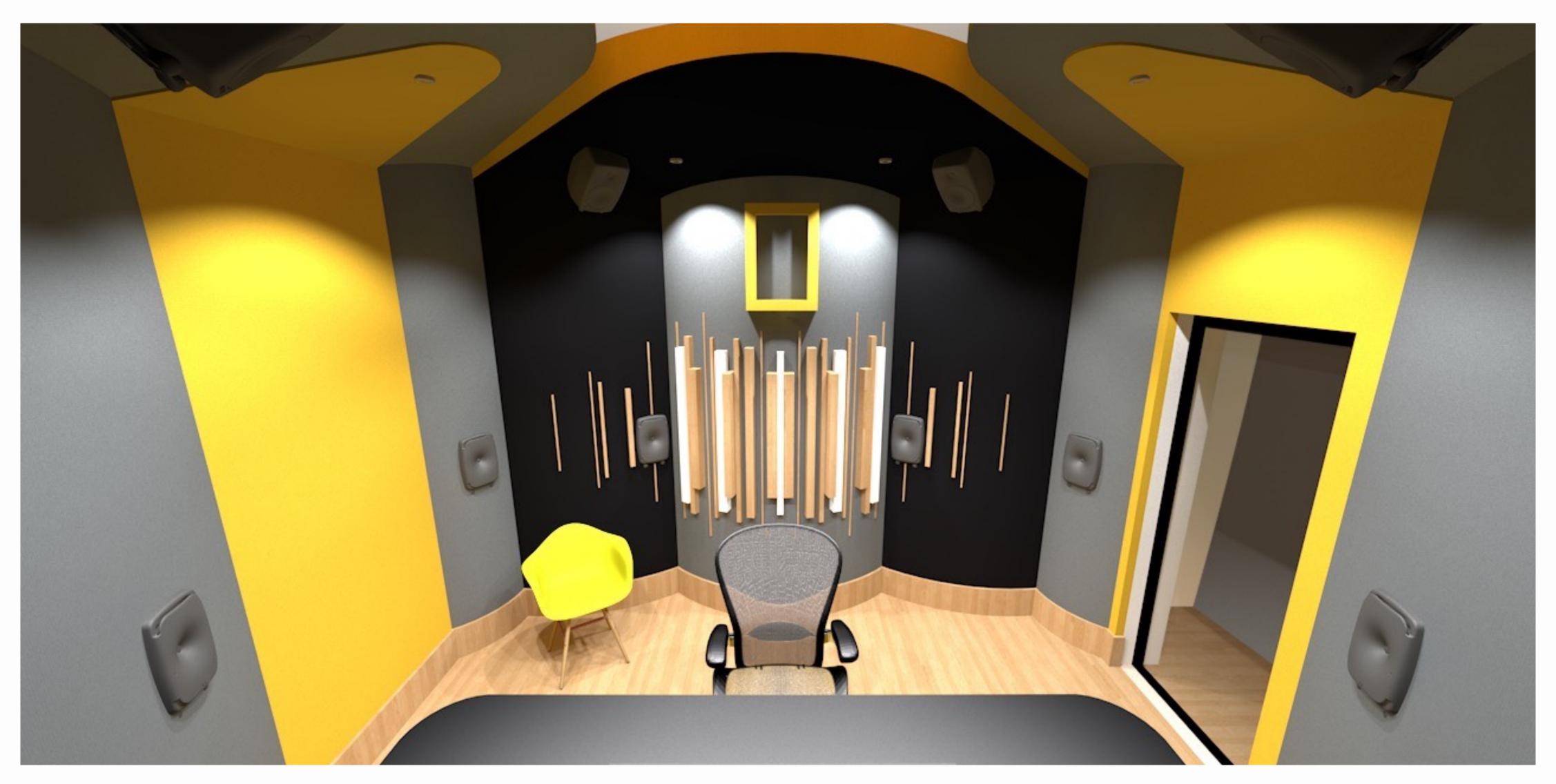




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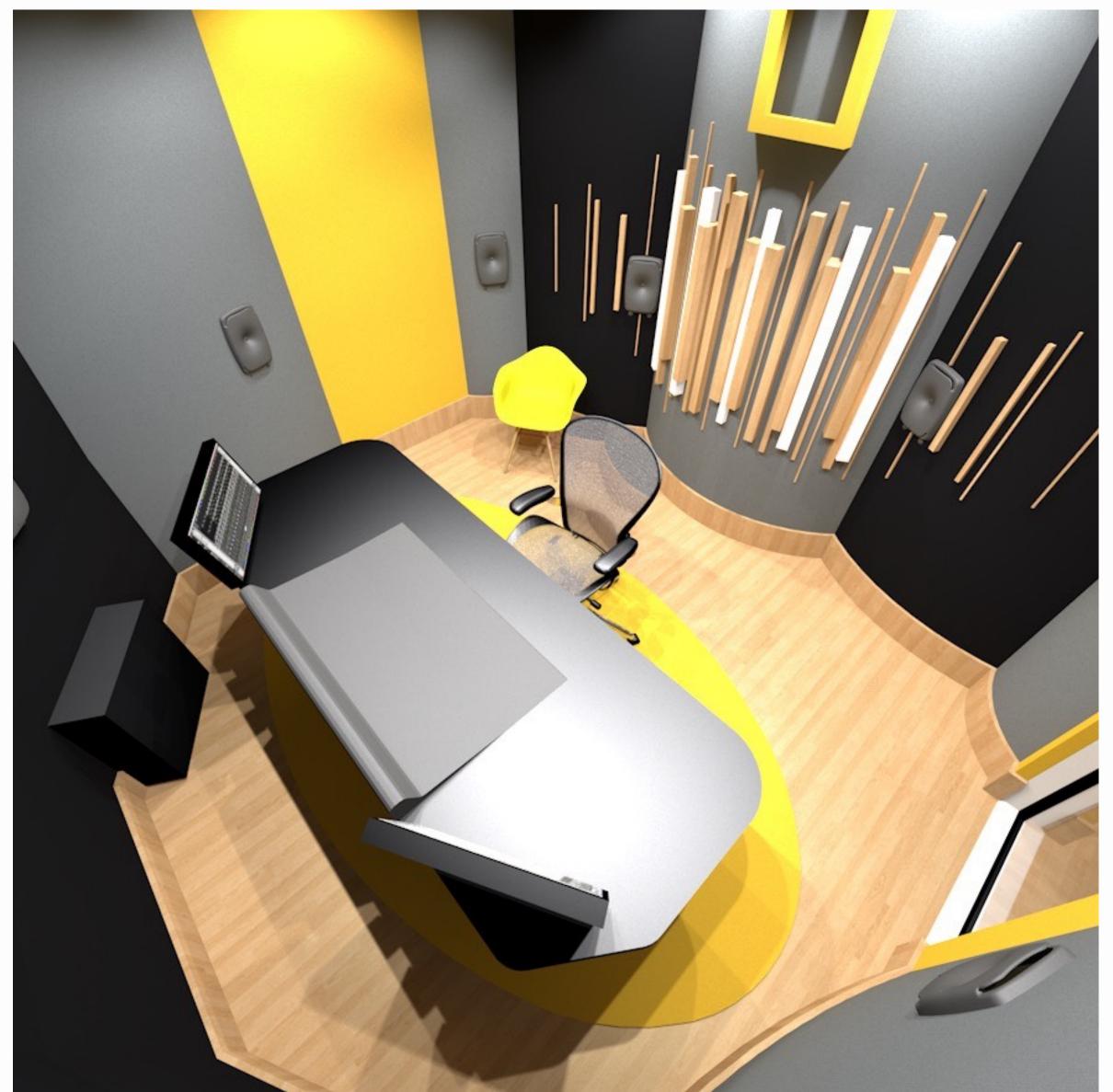


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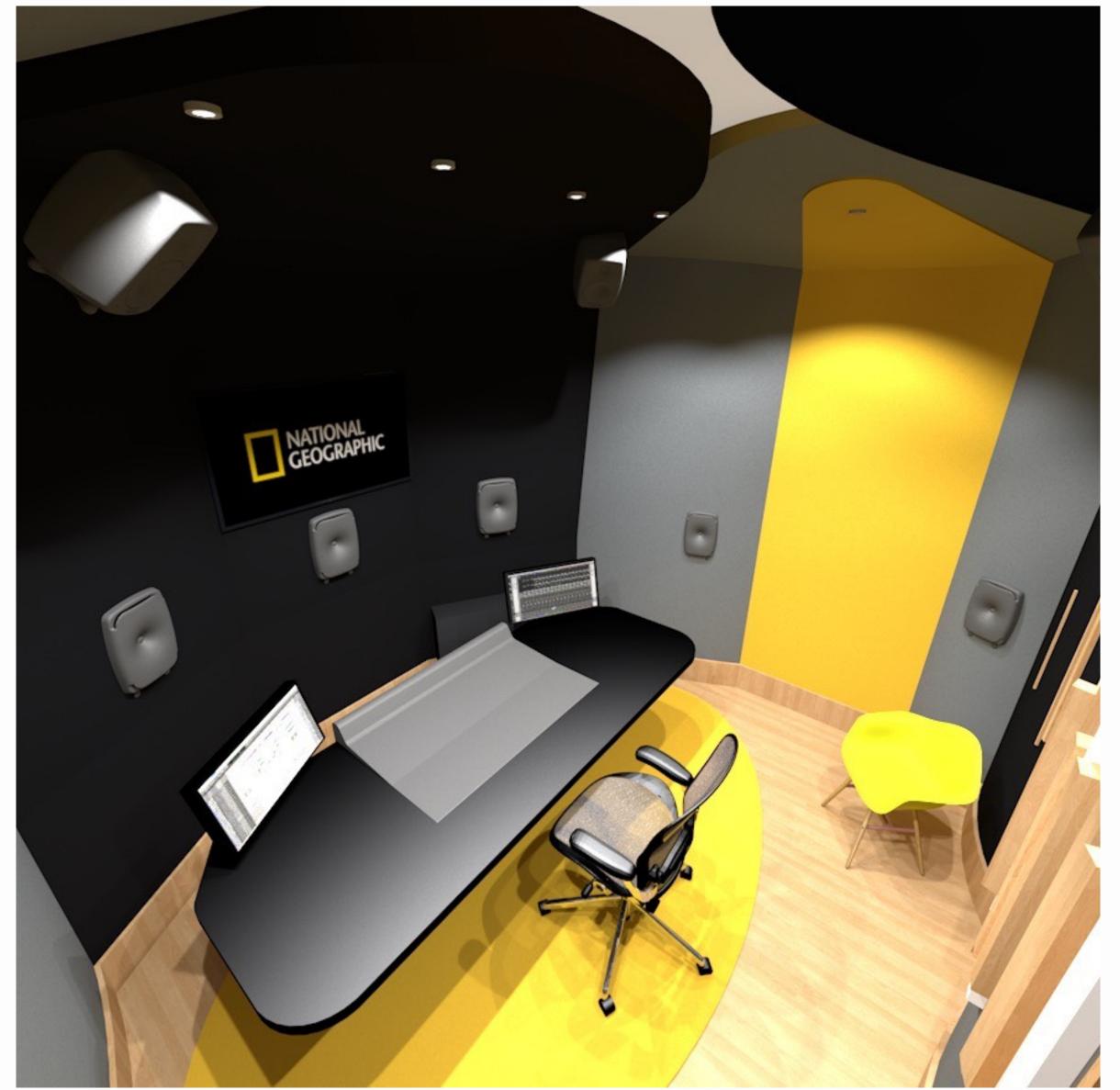


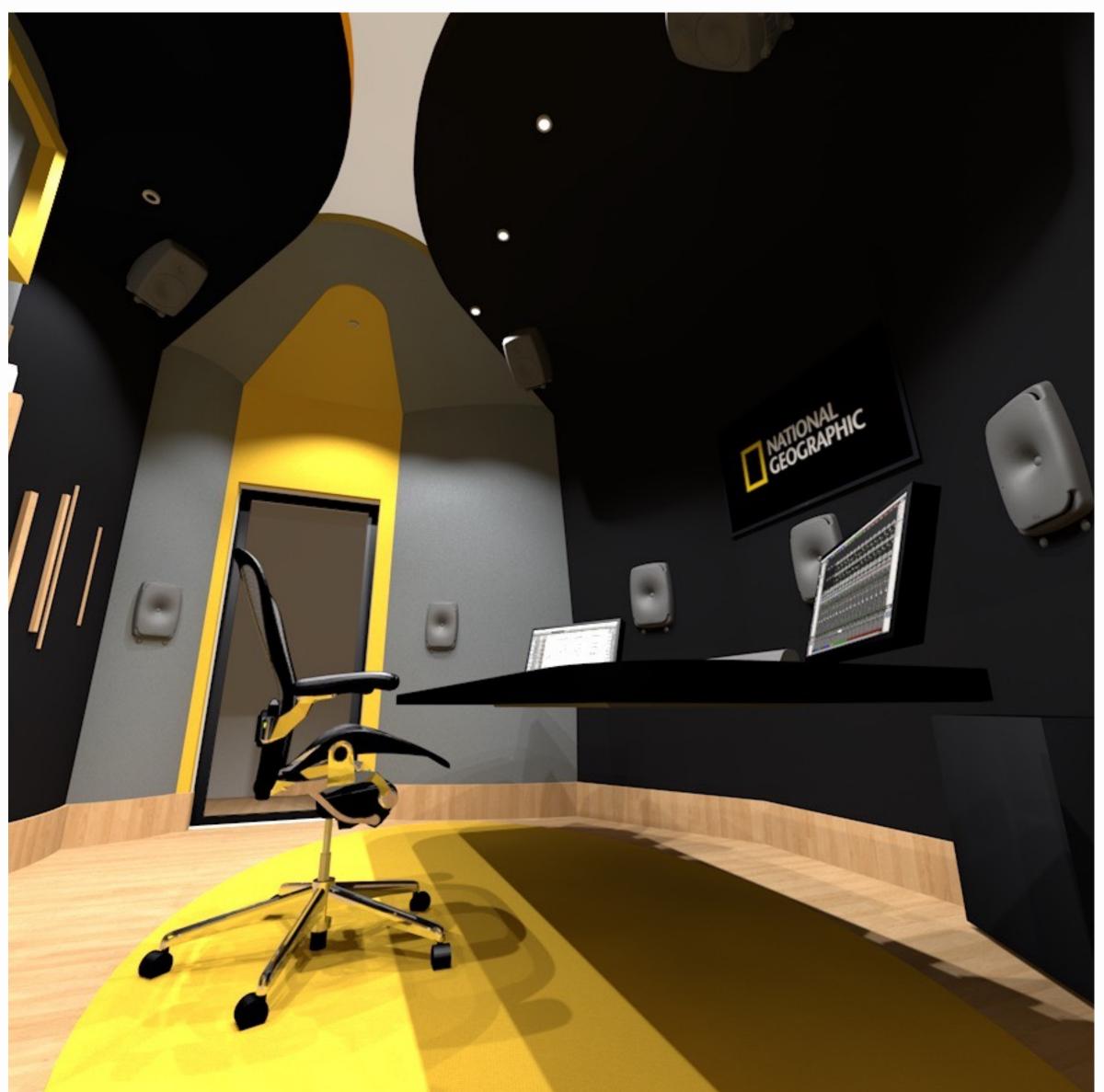


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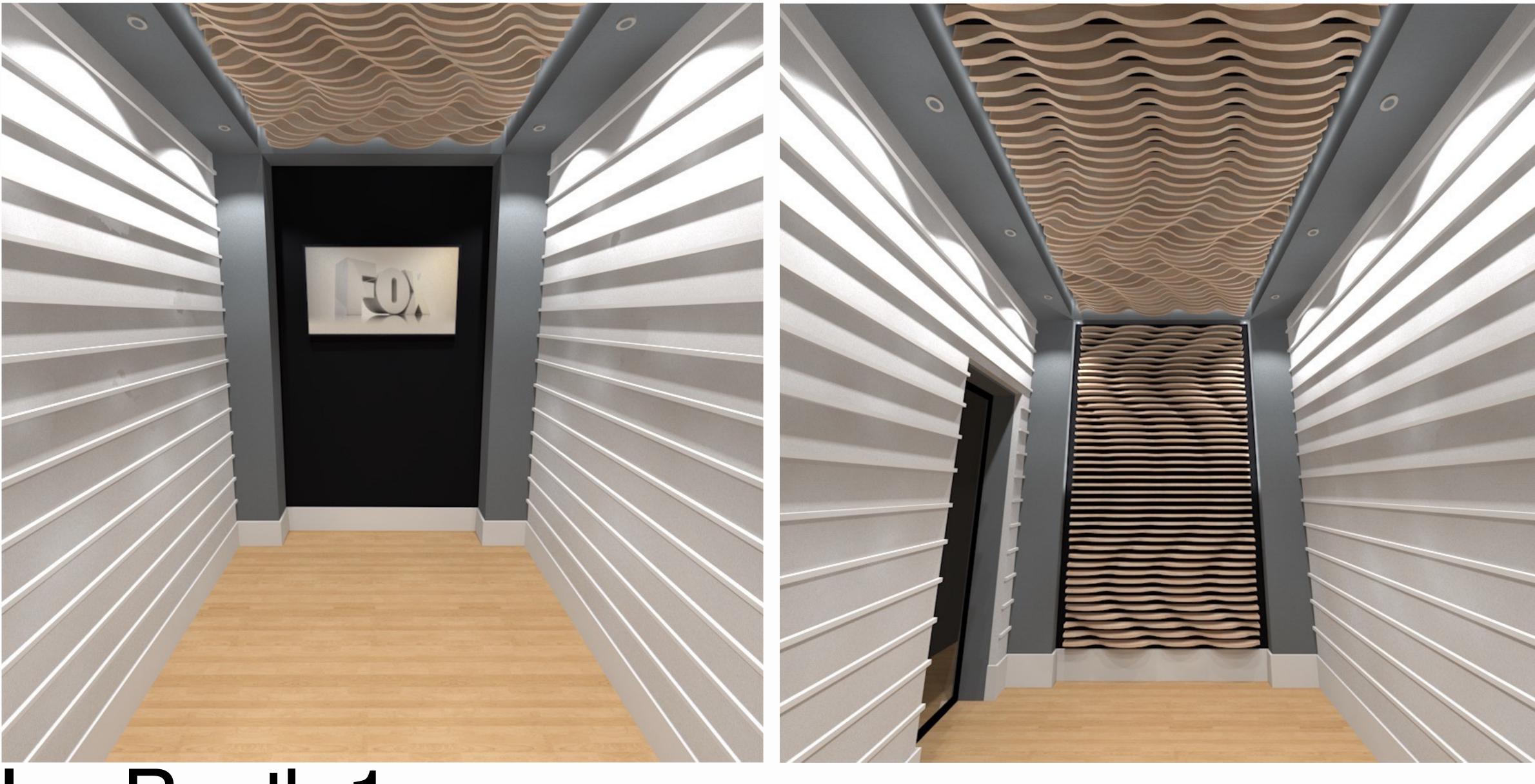




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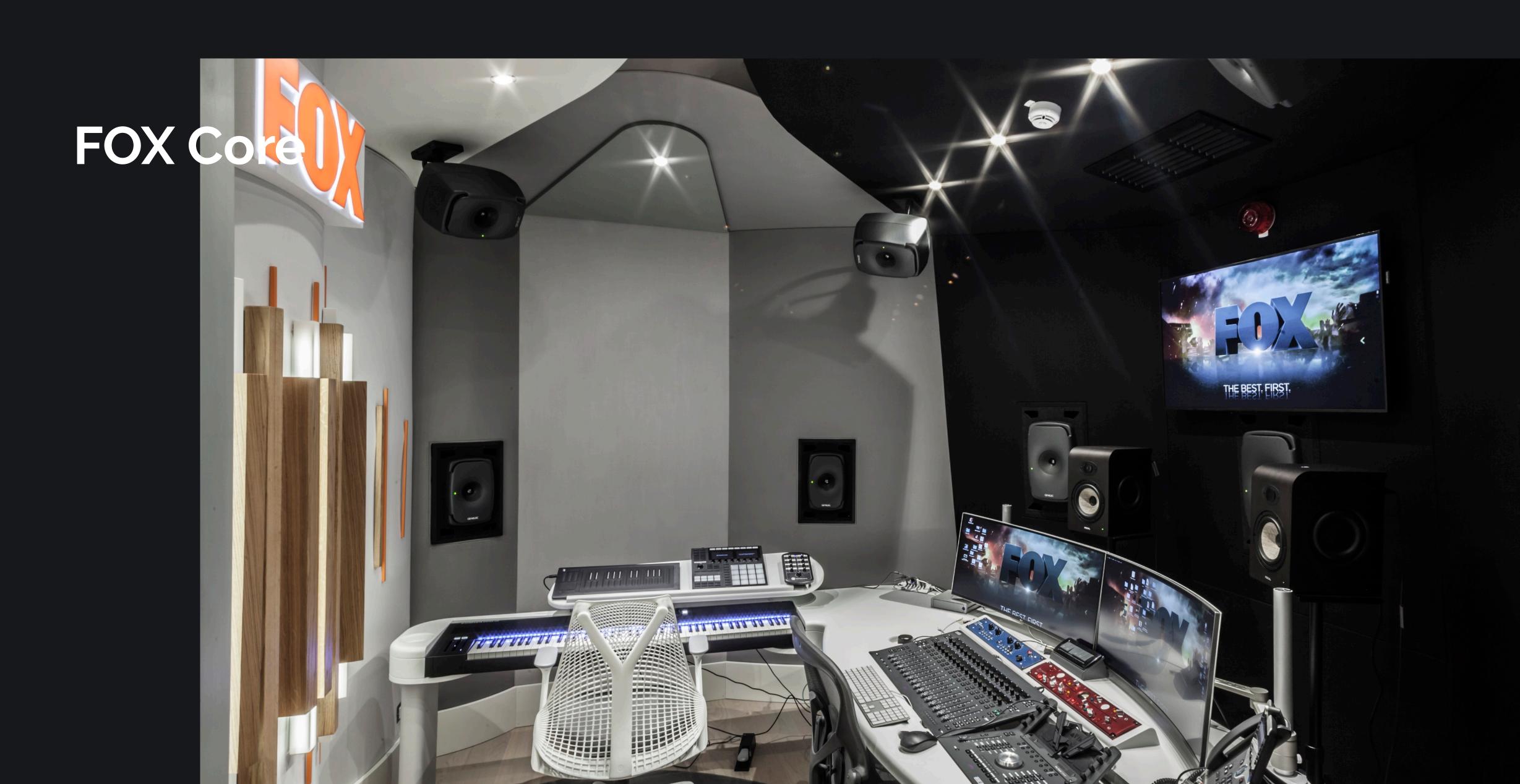




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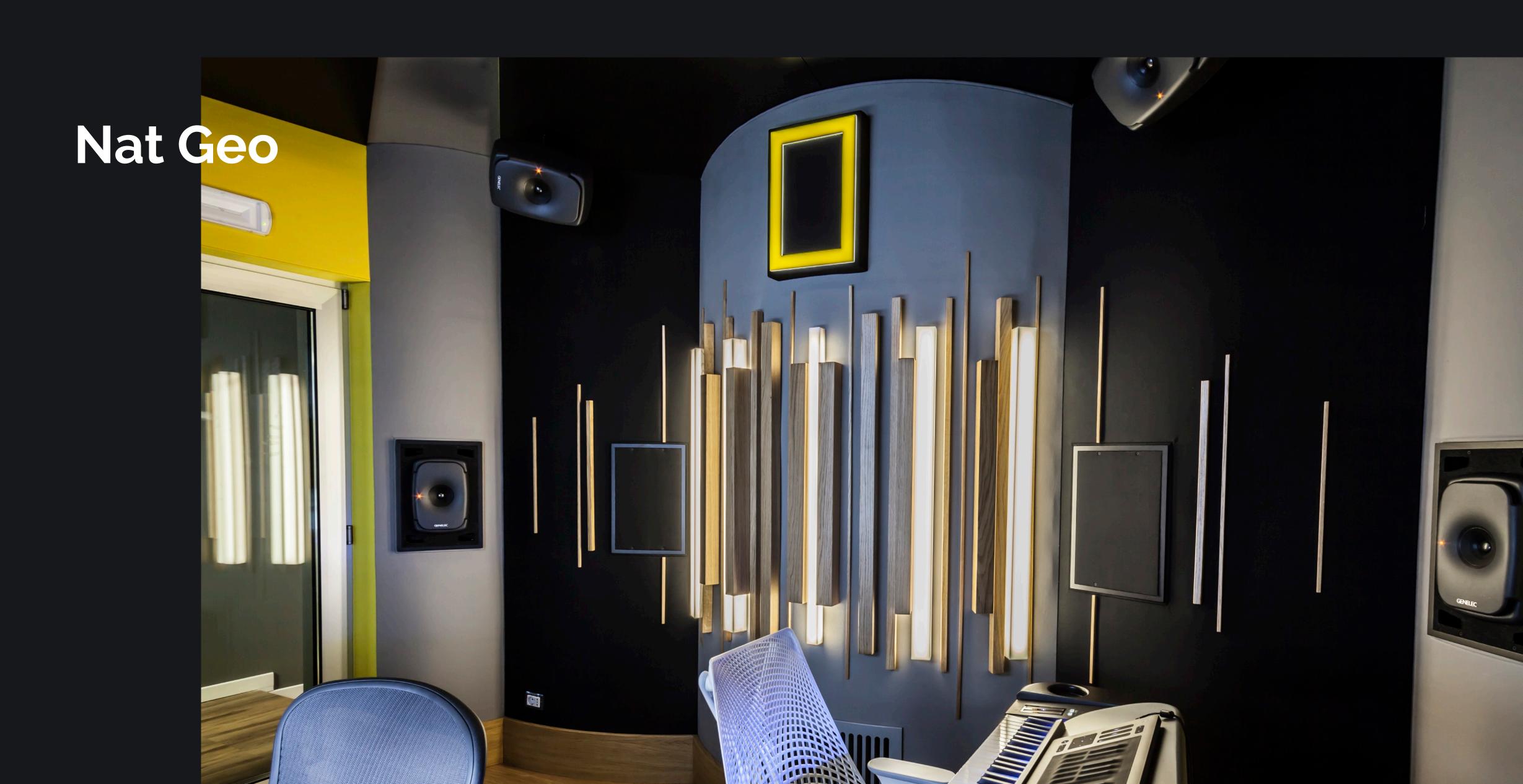




























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