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1. AUDIO DESIGN ASSOCIATES

SWAN (Structured Wiring Audio Network) SWAN (Structured Wiring Audio Network) is a high-end distributed audio system that eliminates the need for custom entertainment cabinets and expensive equipment racks by locating the majority of the system in a centralized spot where wires terminate. The eight-zone, four-source system can be expanded in four-zone increments and is compatible with all audio sources, including HD radio, iPod, cable boxes and satellite radio. **THE NITTY-GRITTY** Category 5 cable connects keypads and touchscreens. ■ Four-zone/8-source audio system. ■ Complies with Fannie Mae guidelines for inclusion in mortgage. **\$6,040** | www.ada.net

2. BDI USA

Marina 8729 The Marina 8729 is a striking piece of contemporary furniture that also conceals the electronics you don't want to see. A center nook makes a perfect niche for a center-channel speaker, while other components can be hidden behind the front doors. Integrated wire management and hidden wheels complete the stealth appeal. **THE NITTY-GRITTY** Integrated wire management. ■ Flow-through ventilation. ■ Center-channel speaker niche. **\$1,895** | www.bdiusa.com

3. DENON ELECTRONICS

AVR-4308CI About the only thing this A/V receiver doesn't do is the dishes. The four-zone/four-source AVR-4308CI powerhouse receiver from Denon boasts HDMI 1.3a switching (4 inputs, 2 outputs), analog-to-HDMI video upconversion, 1080p scaling via a Faroudja DCDi chip, and built-in WiFi network and IP control for network firmware upgrades. On the radio side, the receiver offers standard and HD AM and FM radio tuners along with satellite radio compatibility. Power is 140 watts into 7 channels. **THE NITTY-GRITTY** HDMI 1.3a compatibility. ■ Mac/PC audio streaming. ■ Upgradeable over home network. **\$2,499** | www.denon.com

4. BELL'O INTERNATIONAL

HTS100 Theater Chair Use them as stand-alone chairs or connect them in rows. The Bell'O HTS100 chair can be configured with arms or no arms and with or without cup holders. The recliner seats offer three seating positions, from full upright to 55-inch mid-extension to a fully extended 63-inch depth, while the seats can be positioned as close as 3 inches from a wall. **THE NITTY-GRITTY** Available in brown or black leather. ■ Modular design. ■ Three reclining levels. **\$999 each** | www.bello.com

