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AWARDS

THE AWARD

The winner of this award will be a product that is the best in its class through sheer image quality, innovative technology, advanced smart-TV features and beautiful design. In short, it will be this year's must-buy TV; something that should manifest itself in strong consumer interest.



TV OF THE YEAR

With TV tech evolving fast, last year's winner, Samsung's HU8500, is nowhere to be seen this time around. Instead, we have six awe-inspiring panels, all of which marry crystal-clear picture quality with great usability and top features. But, of course, there can only be one winner...

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SAMSUNG JS9500

→ Samsung's top-of-the-line TV really grabs your attention with its dazzling SUHD picture technology, but it backs this up with great sound, an excellent spec and the South Korean company's usual attention to detail.



SONY X9000C

→ Sony's impossibly thin X9000C is its sleekest TV to date, being slimmer than even the skinniest smartphone - and the near bezel-free floating television has pumping high-res audio to match its UHD picture.



PANASONIC CX850

→ A stunning new UHD panel boasting deep blacks and vivid colours, a slick Firefox OS interface and Freeview Play combine to make Panasonic's latest masterpiece about as close as you can get to future-proofing your viewing.



PANASONIC CX400

→ Even Panasonic's entry-level set offers blistering 4K resolution and superb motion handling, framed by a beautifully thin bezel - proving that you don't have to cough up thousands of pounds to bag a top-quality TV.



LG EC970V

→ OLED tech never fails to impress, especially when it comes in a gracefully curved set like this dark beauty. That the EC970V backs up its smouldering looks with unparalleled audio-visual power is a bonus.



LG UF9400

→ Quantum-dot technology gives LG's big UHD panel a boost that pulls you right into the picture when watching the latest Hollywood films; and it's crammed full of smart features to keep you entertained.

T3 Says...

Stunning picture and sound quality combine to make this TV a movie lover's dream

NICK ODANTZIS, DEPUTY EDITOR

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AND THE WINNER IS...
LG
EC970V



LG's EC970V is so gorgeous, you could just leave it on standby while you gather round and ogle it in your living room. Do that, however, and you'd be missing out on the razor-sharp, curved 4K OLED screen, which delivers blacks so deep that you can feel yourself being drawn into them, as well as wonderfully rich colours. LG's latest update of the already-intuitive WebOS user interface means it's the slickest TV around, and with a sound system by Harmon Kardon, you don't even have to shell out for a soundbar.



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This is a new category for the T3 Awards. The winning product will be one that epitomises the rise of wearable technology and demonstrates its potential to improve the everyday lives of today's consumers. Evidence of innovation and consumer demand will be key criteria.



WEARABLE TECHNOLOGY OF THE YEAR

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Until the likes of the Oculus Rift and Sony's Project Morpheus launch next year, wearable tech is all about smartwatches and fitness trackers. Offering excellent functionality and myriad features, all of these deserve a place on your wrist – but one stands out above the rest...

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MOTOROLA MOTO 360

→ Keeping things traditional with a circular watch face and several case, face and band options, this is one of the original Android Wear timepieces – and it's still arguably the most attractive of the lot, too.



LG G WATCH URBANE

→ The luxury version of the LG G Watch R, this smartwatch takes everything its more functional sibling can do and adds a dose of style and sophistication. Battery life is better than many Android Wear watches, too.



APPLE WATCH

→ Apple's long-awaited techie timepiece offers more design options than any of its rivals, boasts generous build quality, feels opulent, and has the comforting familiarity of the App Store ecosystem.



GARMIN FORERUNNER 920XT

→ Navigation master Garmin's flagship GPS watch zeroes in on hardcore outdoor sportspeople, which is underlined by its triathlon mode. The 920XT easily copes with everything the everyday athlete can throw at it.



FITBIT CHARGE HR

→ A sleek band offering advanced tracking with heart-rate monitoring plus smartphone caller notifications is just about all the wrist-based technology most people will ever need – and the Charge HR looks superb, too.



BASIS PEAK

→ Following a series of upgrades, this sensor-packed fitness watch is now delivering on its promise, with a heart-rate monitor, a skin-temperature sensor, a comprehensive sleep monitor and a long battery life.

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AND THE WINNER IS...
**APPLE
WATCH**



Apple had ambitious targets for the Watch – revolutionise the smartwatch concept and encourage people to replace their fitness tracker, while also competing with traditional timepieces from sports watches to luxury wristwear. That it managed to do all of this is nothing short of incredible when you consider that the company had no heritage in the sector. The tactile and covetable Apple Watch is something special and – worryingly for its Android rivals – it's improving all the time.



T3 *Says...*



Apple's wearable makes organising your life easier

ROB CARNEY, EDITOR

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The winner of this award will be a product that has demonstrated the ability to change the lives of its users for the better in the past 12 months. This could be by making everyday tasks more enjoyable or by transforming the way consumers look at how they live on a daily basis.

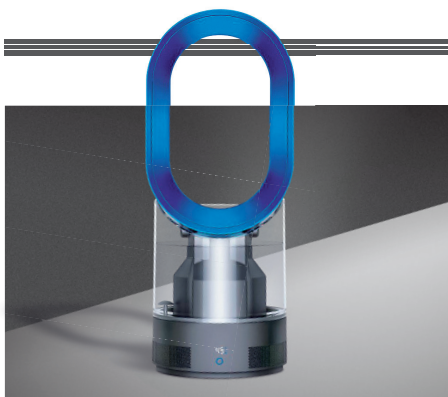


HOME TECHNOLOGY OF THE YEAR

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Managing your living space has never been easier: the gadgets on our shortlist will help you to brew a cuppa, heat your home and monitor your belongings, all from your mobile device. Philips' Hue won this award last year; can it overcome such prestigious company to repeat the feat?

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DYSON HUMIDIFIER

→ Take a mundane product that already exists but nobody really thinks about, then fundamentally reinvent and redesign it so that it's highly efficient and hugely desirable. Give yourself a pat on the back, Dyson.



WORKS WITH NEST

→ Who knew that your thermostat could be the hub of all your home tech? Nest did - and Google liked the idea so much, it bought the company. With one of these, you're guaranteed a very smart home indeed.



SMARTER KETTLE

→ The Internet of Things' poster-child is a connected kettle you can boil remotely from wherever you are by prodding an app on your phone. It can even have boiling water waiting for you when you wake in the morning.



PHILIPS HUE

→ Philips continues the smart-lighting revolution. Its expanded Hue range of connected lights now features Lux, with its dimmable warm-light Wi-Fi bulbs, and Go, a magical portable glowing bowl.



WITHINGS HOME

→ The first security camera compatible with the Apple Watch, Home streams to your device in HD, boasts the widest angle of vision on the market, has a 12x zoom and offers a cool time-lapse recap feature.



HONEYWELL VOICE THERMOSTAT

→ It was only a matter of time before smart thermostats began to understand us. Domestic-heating giant Honeywell has created a virtually future-proof connected thermostat that even your gran could master.



If Google buys your business, you must be onto something. That's exactly what happened to Nest, and what's helping it to become the clear leader in home automation. Works With Nest is the physical manifestation of the Internet of Things, helping your digital home to communicate with you, and enabling your devices to interact with each other securely and intuitively. It makes your life easier and your home more economical - and with an ever-increasing roster of tech signing up to Works With Nest, including Jawbone, Skydrop, Ooma and Mercedes-Benz, you barely have to lift a finger.



T3 Says...



If the Jetsons really existed, they'd have a Nest device in their home!

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