

### 1 | **Sony Bravia** **KDL55NX813**

The TV market has seen some blistering entries these past 12 months (Samsung's pencil-thin flagship 9000 screen, for instance), but it is Sony's blend of design asceticism and picture performance that has most impressed at the year's close. Take the NX813, with its optional, B&O-inspired monolith tilt stand (not showing), edge-to-edge 200Hz LED screen and web functionality. And, yes, you can invest in a plug-in receiver when you're ready to enter the 3D revolution. From £3,000 ([sony.co.uk](http://sony.co.uk))

### 2 | **Marantz Melody** **Media**

This mini system is the perfect foil for anyone who uses their PC to play music. Containing a digital amp, DAB+ tuner and CD player (just in case), this mini system can access thousands of internet radio stations, and is the first device in the UK to stream music via Apple's proprietary AirPlay platform. £600 with speakers ([marantz.com](http://marantz.com))

### 3 | **Apple iPod nano**

It has taken six attempts, but in the latest nano Apple has perfected the portable 8GB or 16GB MP3 player. Ditching the nonessentials such as video playback, scroll-wheel and camera, it has integrated a touch-screen, shrunk its footprint and lowered its weight to 21g. A tiny triumph. From £129 ([apple.com/uk](http://apple.com/uk))

### 4 | **EAT Forte S turntable**

This polished paean to vinyl is the latest design to emerge from the eminent Euro Audio Team (EAT). Accurate snap and crackle is ensured via a dampened 15kg aluminium platter and floating magnetic turntable, in a choice of two high-gloss finishes. What price, old-fashioned acoustic excellence, you ask? £4,450, we reply. ([absolutesounds.com](http://absolutesounds.com))



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biometric wallet is designed to safeguard both. Made from robust carbon fibre, it's not only electronically synced to your phone but can only be opened via a

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