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Acer debuts ProCreator monitors, foldables, and portable projectors



Acer has introduced its ProCreator Series monitors, designed for creative professionals needing high color accuracy. The line

includes Calman-verified displays with up to 6K resolution, Delta E<1 color accuracy, and support for AdobeRGB and DCI-P3 gamuts. Features include OLED panels, touchscreen capability, 8MP webcams, and AMD FreeSync/NVIDIA G-SYNC compatibility. The Acer Creator Hub software allows customisation of color profiles and multitasking with split-screen modes. The lineup includes the 6K PE320QXT, 5K PE270XT, 4K OLED PE320QK X, and compact 16-inch PE160WU portable



monitor with WQXGA+ resolution. Acer also launched new portable monitors: the PD163QT, PD243Y E, and PM191Q E—all with Full HD resolution, VESA mounting, and touch or dual-screen capabilities. In projectors, Acer revealed the 4K PD1810 with 1,000 ANSI lumens, 240 Hz refresh rate, USB-C support, and HDR10 compatibility. The portable PD1520s offers Full HD, 1,200 lumens brightness, smart apps, and wireless projection in a 1.3 kg form. Both projectors support auto keystone, 30,000-hour LED lifespan, and eco-projection for energy savings. Also teased was the 730g PD1520Us ultra-short-throw projector, offering 100-inch Full HD display from just 44 cm.

Amazon acquires AI wearable startup Bee



Amazon has acquired AI wearable startup Bee, co-founded by Maria de Lourdes Zollo, though the deal is yet to close. Bee, which raised \$7 million last year, offers a \$49.99 bracelet and an Apple Watch app that records audio to generate reminders and to-do lists — unless manually muted. The startup aims to build a “cloud phone” that mirrors a user’s device, enabling access to accounts, notifications, and messaging. Its website describes the product as an “ambient intelligence” that acts like a personal companion. While rivals like Rabbit and Humane AI have struggled, Bee’s lower price point may appeal to curious users. Amazon confirmed that Bee’s team has been offered roles within the company.

Apple expected to launch ultra-slim iPhone 17 Air with optional battery case

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The iPhone 17 lineup is expected to feature a redesigned front camera system with a smaller Dynamic Island, thanks to Apple’s advancements in under-display camera technology. This could mark the beginning of a nearly bezel-free iPhone screen—bringing Apple closer to a true all-screen design for future models.



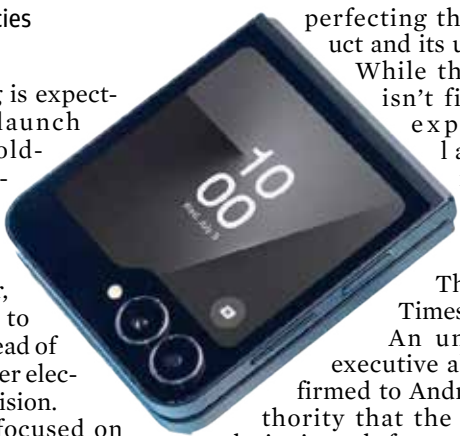
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Apple is reportedly gearing up to launch the iPhone 17 Air, a new ultra-slim model likely to replace the existing “Plus” lineup. Design leaks suggest the phone could be just 5.6mm thick, making it one of Apple’s thinnest devices to date. However, concerns over battery life have surfaced. Accord-

ing to The Information, Apple may reintroduce an optional battery case accessory to extend the device’s runtime. While this could offer a few extra hours of power, it may compromise the slim aesthetic the phone is meant to highlight. The accessory is expected to be sold separately, potentially adding to the iPhone 17 Air’s projected price tag of around \$1,100. Spec leaks indicate the iPhone 17 Air will feature a 6.5-inch OLED display with Dynamic Island and a 60Hz refresh rate. It is expected to run on the new A19 chip with 12GB RAM, a 48MP rear camera, and a 24MP selfie shooter—an upgrade over the current 12MP front camera. The phone will also likely retain the Action and Camera Capture buttons introduced with the iPhone 16 series. Battery capacity is expected to remain under 3000mAh, making the optional case a likely necessity for power users.

Samsung may launch tri-fold phone by year-end

Samsung is expected to launch a triple-folding smartphone before the end of the year, according to TM Roh, head of its consumer electronics division. “We’re focused on perfecting the product and its usability. While the name isn’t final, we expect to launch it this year,” Roh told The Korea Times. An unnamed executive also confirmed to Android Authority that the tri-fold device is ready for production.



Nothing unveils first over-ear headphones, Headphone (1)



London-based tech firm Nothing has launched its first over-ear headphones, the Headphone (1), in collaboration with British audio brand KEF. Known for its transparent design, the \$299 headset offers adaptive noise cancelling, spatial audio with dynamic head tracking, and tactile controls—including a volume roller and button support for ChatGPT via the Nothing X app. While slightly bulky and heavy during movement, the headphones deliver strong comfort for extended wear. Battery life is rated at up to 80 hours (35 with noise cancelling). Preorders open July 4, 2025, in the U.S., U.K., and other markets.

Foldable iPhone could launch in 2026 with 7.8-inch inner display

Apple is reportedly preparing to launch its first foldable iPhone next year, and new details about its screen sizes have surfaced. According to a report by market research firm TrendForce, the upcoming “iPhone Fold” is expected to feature a 5.5-inch cover display and a 7.8-inch inner foldable screen. These display dimensions match earlier leaks from a Chinese tipster and suggest that Apple’s foldable phone will be



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slightly smaller than Samsung’s recently launched Galaxy Z Fold 7. While TrendForce didn’t disclose further display specifications, it did mention that Apple is working on deep iOS optimisation to support foldable use cases—hinting at software tailored specifically for the new form factor. Leaks over recent months have also hinted at Apple’s cautious but focused approach to foldables, with an emphasis on durability, user experience, and seamless integration with the iOS ecosystem.