LG previews what it will show at Mobile World Congress 2012 and announcing the Optimus Vu-- a smartphone-tablet hybrid with a 5" touchscreen, similar to the Dell Streak and the Galaxy Note.



The unusual IPS LCD display uses a 4:3 aspect ratio (1024x768 resolution) and is stylus-friendly. The device itself is not too thick (8.5mm) and carries a 1.5GHz dual-core processor, 1GB DDR2 RAM and 32GB of internal memory. It also has x2 cameras (8MP rear-, 1.3MP front-facing)

The OS however is outdated, being Android 2.3 (aka Gingerbread) but LG already promises Ice Cream Sandwich updates.

Like the Note, it features a stylus-- one LG calls the "Rubberdium pen."

Will customers warm up to LG take on the pad-phone/"phablet" format? We will know once the Optimus Vu hits the market on March 2012.

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