

Huawei Wearables at MWC 2015

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Huawei uses Mobile World Congress 2015 to launch a pair of wearables-- the Watch, Huawei's first (and imaginatively named) Android Wear device and the TalkBand B2 wrist-worn Bluetooth headset/fitness tracker combo.



Modeled after classic wristwatches, the Huawei Watch features a round 1.4-inch AMOLED display inside "cold-forged" corrosive-resistant stainless steel housing complete with a crown on the top right. Sapphire crystal covers the display (an Android Wear first, Huawei says), and customers can operate it even with gloved or wet hands.

Functionality-wise the Watch carries a heart-rate monitor, 6-axis sensor, barometer, touch motor and a built-in microphone. Like other such devices it pairs with Android smartphones and provides wrist-based access to SMS, email, calendar, call and app alerts while pushing health and sports data.

When it comes to looks the Watch features 40 customisable watch faces, straps in standard 18mm width and a choice of 3 "stylish" body colours, namely gold, silver and black.

Meanwhile the TalkBand B2 is a "more business-like" update of the TalkBand B1, an unusual combination of Bluetooth headset and health wearable. It sits on users' wrists, but in case of calls one can simply pluck it out (by pressing two buttons) and pop it in their ears.

The headset part of the device features dual-mics, noise reduction and "quality" Bluetooth connectivity, while as a health wearable it carries a 6-axis sensor and automatically identifies motion and sleep patterns. Control comes through minimalist touchscreen, and construction is

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in aluminium.

Being a more professional device, the TouchBand B2 also features straps in either rubber or leather and comes in either black, silver or gold.

Also seen at the Huawei MWC stand is the TalkBand N1 Bluetooth headset and the MediaPad X2, a second Huawei phablet featuring a 7-inch display, slimmer (7.28mm thick) all-metal construction and a 2.0GHz octa-core Kirin 930 CPU.

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