

SMART STUFF



Sony Middle East and Africa has unveiled its new range of cameras at the Xposure International Photography Festival in Sharjah.

Until October 15, visitors to the festival will be able to experience the new α99 II, the A-mount interchangeable lens camera; the APS-C sensor camera α6500; and the latest addition to the range of Sony ActionCams.

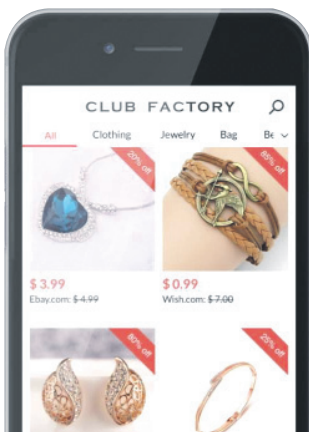
The α99 II (pictured) is ideal for sports and wildlife photographers and incorporates interchangeable lens cameras.

The Club Factory shopping app has launched in the Middle East and brings more than one million products together on one platform.

Offering clothes, accessories, beauty products and home decor, the app has 4,000 new products added every day.

The interactive app uses big data technology and compares prices from multiple manufacturers in real time to present the customer with the lowest price.

Developed by Jiayun Data Limited, it is available on iTunes and Google Play for free.



How smart is a Dhs399 phone?

Veathika Jain tests out the affordable XTouch A3 mobile

It's been just over a month since Apple launched its latest iPhone 7. Priced at Dhs2,599, it has all the bells and whistles expected from a new Apple model.

But what about the other end of the cost scale? Meet the XTouch A3 – it's got all the latest technology and costs... wait for it... less than Dhs400. We tested it out...

WHAT IS THE XTOUCH A3?

A sleek phone with five inch HD display and dual sim – it is a good choice for someone who travels a lot or has many phone numbers.

ANY FUNKY FEATURES?

The phone comes with fingerprint technology that makes unlocking your phone safe and easy.

It also has a feature to quick start apps. Its fingerprint sensor allows users to customise the opening of apps of their choice with each finger. So imagine, your index finger opens Facebook app while Instagram

can be set to your pinky. Cool, right?

HOW ABOUT THE CAMERA?

The 13 megapixel back camera is as good as any other premium smartphone available in the market, while the selfie camera is 5 megapixels. The photos and

videos are sharp. The other great feature of this 130.5g phone is that it has Live photos, making it at par with any other premium smartphone.

WHAT ABOUT STORAGE?

The Android phone has 1GB of ram with 16GB built-in storage (extendable up to 128GB with micro SD card). This ensures fast functionality.

COLOURS AND PRICE

The phone comes in grey, gold and rose gold. The Dubai-based tech company XTouch offers the A3 with the Vfit band only at Sharaf DG at Dhs599. Meanwhile the smartphone with 4G LTE, Live photos and fingerprint technology is priced at Dhs399. veathika@7days.ae



VERDICT ...

Razer Nabu Watch

The Razer Nabu Watch, like the entire Razer brand, is made 'for gamers, by gamers'. And that more or less sums up the pros and cons of the smart watch.

then when out running it isn't very comfortable. The notification screen is also very small.

THE POSITIVES

It boasts good battery life, has a rugged rubber protective casing, displays push notifications and it has some fitness metrics, albeit quite basic. Visually, the super-chunky design resembles a 1990s Baby G updated for the 21st century. You can imagine it being aimed at young Call of Duty fans - in fact the black and green design looks like it belongs on the wrist of some special forces operative. Razer actually produces all of its gaming headsets and other devices in the same colour scheme.

THE VERDICT

While it would make a decent present for a young nephew or niece, adults may well find it a frustrating, expensive purchase. rory@7days.ae

THE DOWNSIDES

The watch isn't that comfortable, it's very large (I couldn't find a bigger smart watch on the market) and it's a hefty Dhs600 (given the multifunctional Apple Watch retails from Dhs1,000). And when Razer say it's made by gamers, to me means it's pretty poor on the fitness front. It's quite difficult to sync the device to the downloadable app and



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