

# MILAN 2019: IKEA AND SONOS' NEW SPEAKERS DOUBLE AS HOMEWARE

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Milan – The **furniture retailer** and the **electronics company** have partnered to create a pair of hybrid speakers that are designed to blend into the home.

Launched at Milan Design Week 2019, the Symfonisk table lamp and bookshelf merge audio technology with home furnishing design. The base of the soft-glowing lamp doubles as a Sonos speaker, while the rectangular shelf – itself a speaker in nature – can be wall-mounted and used for displaying items. Both are also compatible with Sonos' wireless sound system. 'We knew from the start that we wanted to challenge traditional high-tech aesthetics,' says Iina Vuorivirta, a designer at IKEA Sweden. 'At the same time, we wanted to create something completely new.'

For more on how technology is being redesigned to quietly fit into the background of the home, look out for our upcoming Discrete Tech microtrend.