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Superb-sounding all-in-one solutions



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Whether it's a true all-in-one complete with speakers, a single box of electronics to which speakers must be added or a pair of speakers housing all the electronics you need, a good all-in-one set-up can save you money and space. And the best can deliver all the audio performance you crave.

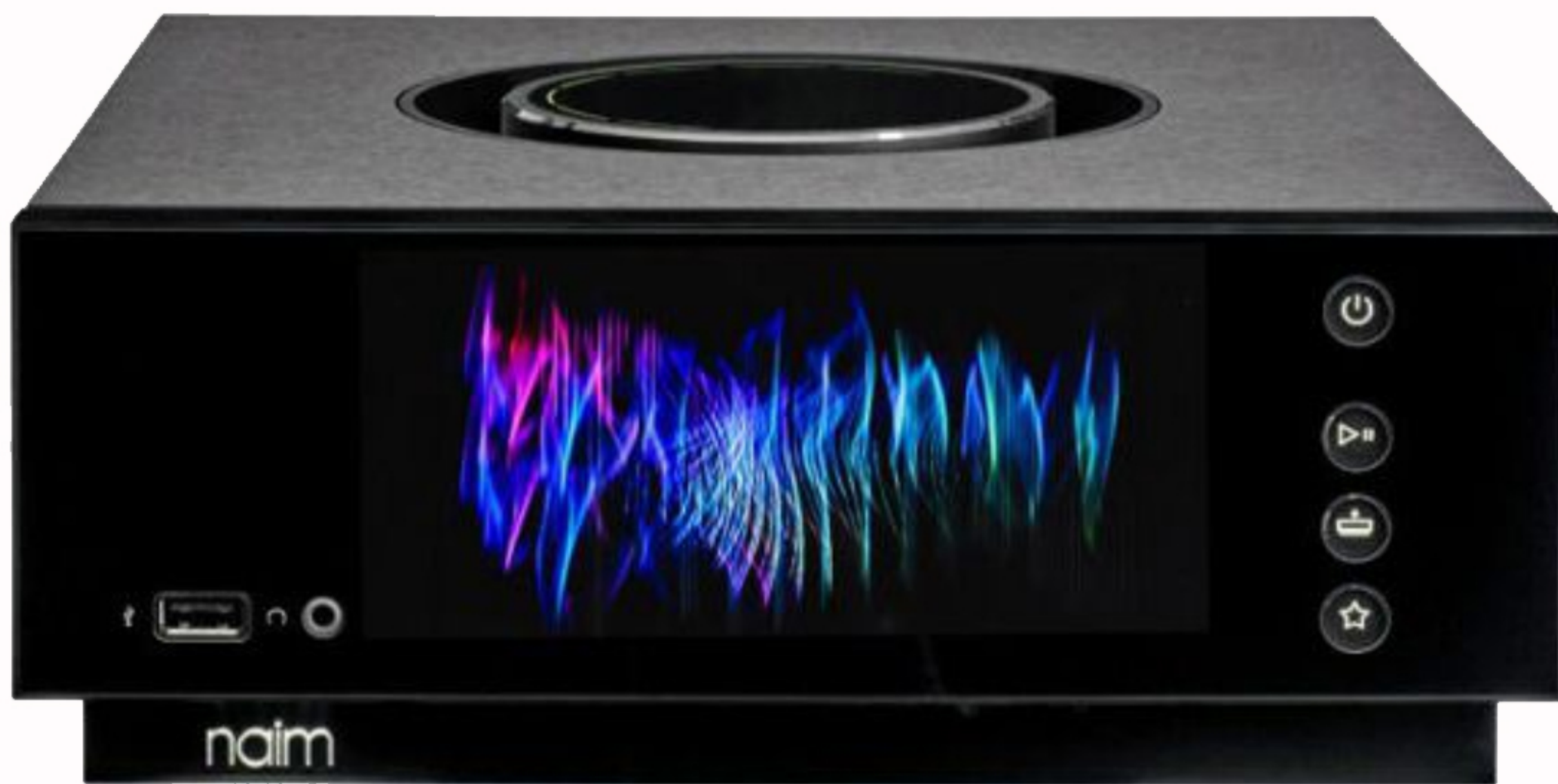
We've rounded up a selection of options, at different price points, each with its own unique appeal. Needless to say, they all sound pretty special too.

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BEST HI-FI SYSTEM UNDER £2000



Naim Uniti Atom ★★★★★

A streamer that not only looks great but sounds great.

SPECIFICATIONS

Power: 40W/channel | **Inputs:** USB, ethernet, HDMI (optional), optical, coaxial, analogue | **Outputs:** analogue, headphone | **Wireless:** aptX HD Bluetooth, AirPlay, Chromecast | **Music streaming:** Tidal, Spotify

REASONS TO BUY

- Class-leading clarity and insight
- Precise timing, impressive dynamic range
- Looks as impressive as it sound

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REASONS TO AVOID

- Really nothing noteworthy

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You may see the Uniti Atom being described as a streamer, but to do so is to do it something of a disservice. In effect it's a system, to which you need only attach a suitably talented pair of speakers.

From the coffee-coaster volume dial on the roof – the pleasure of playing with it, as we found with the [Naim Mu:So](#), is almost enough in itself to justify buying this system – to its full-colour LCD front panel display exhibiting album art as it plays, Naim has nailed the crossover between lifestyle product and premium hi-fi.

UNDER £4000



Naim Uniti Star ★★★★★

The greatest functionality of any of Naim's splendid Uniti range, and thrilling sound to boot.

SPECIFICATIONS

Power: 70W/channel | **CD player:** Yes | **Wireless:** Bluetooth aptX HD, Chromecast | **Music streaming:** Tidal, Spotify | **Radio:** Internet, DAB/FM (optional) | **Inputs:** HDMI ARC, coaxial | **Outputs:** Analogue

REASONS TO BUY

- Entertaining and informative sound
- Musical cohesion and excitement
- Extensive features, fine build

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REASONS TO AVOID

- Nothing

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The Naim Uniti Star is a cutting-edge streaming system - all you need to do is to add speakers. It differs from its pure streaming siblings in having a CD drive built-in. This makes it ideal for anyone who still has a CD collection but also wants the ability to stream music in any manner they choose.

Naim's engineers have taken care to ensure the level of dynamic subtlety, resolution and musical drive remains consistent whichever source you use. Given our experience of other Uniti products in the range, we're not the least bit surprised that the Star turns out to be so capable.

UNDER £5000



Naim Uniti Nova ★★★★★

As complete and convincing an argument for one-box convenience as you'll hear.

SPECIFICATIONS

Power: 80W/channel | **Hi-res audio:** 24-bit/192kHz | **Wireless:** Bluetooth aptX HD, AirPlay, Chromecast | **Music streaming:** Tidal, Spotify | **Inputs:** Optical, coaxial, RCA, USB, HDMI | **Outputs:** RCA analogue, subwoofer | **Radio:** DAB, FM, internet

REASONS TO BUY

- Purposeful build, elegant looks
- Comprehensive functionality
- Muscular, detailed, confident sound

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REASONS TO AVOID

- Not cheap
- So-so control app

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This is a lot of money to pay for a system. Of course, it looks good, is built to last and is lavishly specified.

But by the time you've auditioned and purchased appropriate speakers you're looking, realistically, at a total price of anything between £6k and £9k. That's nobody's idea of a frivolous purchase.

But if you have the money and inclination, and want a product of overarching convenience that doesn't compromise on performance in the slightest, you owe it to yourself to hear the Uniti Nova. It's really very good indeed.