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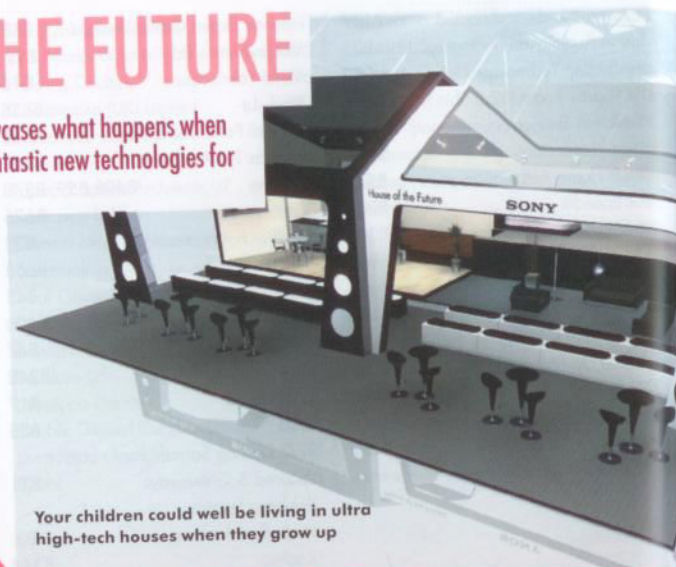
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HOUSE OF THE FUTURE

Sponsored by SONY, this feature showcases what happens when wizardry meets gadgetry, creating fantastic new technologies for the home

Do you wonder what technologies we'll be taking for granted in five, 10 or even 20 years' time? Explore tomorrow's world today with House of the Future where experts will highlight innovations that may well revolutionize the way we live.



Your children could well be living in ultra high-tech houses when they grow up

SONY READER

The new sleek and slimline Reader from Sony is a new way to read books. Intended for all those that love books, Reader is smaller than hardback and can store up to 160 ebooks under one cover. Sony's next-generation electronic paper display delivers faster response and a higher contrast ratio for easy reading, even in bright sunshine. Eight levels of gray scale provide for crisp and clear text, images, and graphics. The Reader acts as a mobile library.



Grand Designs Live is the place to get a sneak preview at products that have yet to reach the shops, such as the amazing hovering lounge. It uses repelling magnetic forces to stay afloat and it could even be beneficial for back and muscle pain and headaches. See it to believe it in the House of the Future.



OVEI POD

If you think kids have all the fun, you haven't seen this Ovei pod by Oculus – the ultimate toy for grown-ups – which is about to launch and is here at the House of the Future. It's engineered by the technology team behind McLaren and designed to fulfil all your entertainment and work needs. Each one comes with Wi-Fi touchscreen, PC, MP3 player, PlayStation 3, climate control, adjustable lighting, and deep pile carpet. Capsules really are the new garden shed.

SONY OLED TV

At 3mm, this is the world's thinnest TV. Unbelievable colour – contrast ratio of 1,000,000:1 is about 100 times greater than the competition's best LCD TVs. Sony's OLED TV is low on power consumption – screens create their own light, so unlike LCD TVs, they don't need a lamp on constantly and so use less power.



LOMME BED

We spend around one third of our lives sleeping, so it pays to fork out for a decent kip – and this super-bed by LOMME, on show at the House of the Future, is its highest point. Light therapy, an in-built massage system and soothing bedtime sounds will ensure you get the best sleep ever.



SONY ROLLY

Rolly by Sony dances to the music it plays! It has two high-quality speakers and embedded Bluetooth to allow you to play music direct from your mobile phone. Music can also be stored on internal memory.

