what better things to help you relax than some wonderful tech built to take away all that stress. This section deals with all those wonderful tech wonders responsible for that. Please note that since many of the other awesome home tech you read about are not available here, they won't be men-

HONOURABLE MENTIONS

Sony W75E 49" (Tk 64,690)

If you are on the side of big screens, this one is for you. You miss out on the nice lifelike 4K resolution and androidty, but that's just the only sacrifices you make. It features the wondrous HDR tech, a very



tioned in this article.

TVs

Sony X7500e 43" (Tk 58,300)

Here's question for the masses; a big screen or a better quality screen? We say how about both! Sony's X75E helps to deliver both the qualities that make a television great; a stunning 4K display with HDR, making everything you view on the TV as if looking through the window. Couple that with its Smart capabilities thanks to Androidtv, its 43" viewing surface, a sleek design, and a price tag that barely dents your wallet, and you have what is known as 'the bargain of the century'. It even has voice remote control, for those who find pressing buttons too 20th century.

Yays

Top-notch LED panel with 4K and HDR. Smart capabilities make it a standalone entertainment centre.

Aggressive pricing makes this a standout amongst its *only* FullHD competitors.

Nays

Pales in comparison to OLED screens and their colour and black reproduction

Being a 2017 model, it won't pack all of the bells and whistles you would want in a modern TV.

Is not compatible with all HDR standards out there.

good quality FullHD panel, stretched across 49" of viewable area.

Samsung UA43N5100ARSER 43" (Tk 43,000)

If you think 'HDR', 'smart', '4K' are all buzz-words you can live without, and in the market for the base experience, this fits the bill just right. But don't think for a second that this is from planet cheap and terrible. It's still a very respectable FullHD panel, it has screen mirroring functions with your smartphone, and a nice 43" screen perfect for just about any room.

SPEAKERS

F&D T60X (Tk 13,000)

Do you know what makes the theatre movie experience so different? No, it's not just the popcorn, giant screen, and multitudes of annoying people; it's also the earth-shaking sound. If you want that same experience at home, without spending enough to beg the next Friday, look no further than the F&D T60X.

It isn't a silly 2.1 system, but rather, a proper two-channel tower bookshelf speaker system. On top of that, you also get wireless connectivity with Bluetooth and NFC, meaning goodbye fiddly wires.

Yays

110Watts of proper power to shake any room it's in.

Bluetooth and NFC makes wireless audio a pinch.

Proper big drivers lead to a quality that can't be replicated with smaller speaker drivers.

Nays

These speakers are big, meaning they aren't a great choice if your room is small.

The sound signature is very dark and has boomy bass, not ideal if you are after perfect balance.

Channel separation isn't very good, meaning sound never truly shifts from one channel to another.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS Microlab Solo19 (Tk 21,000)

For the longest time, Microlab has been bringing out proper audiophile pleasing speakers to the market, not to be confused with their

cheap garbage that they also sell. In particular, their Solo range has been quite the crowd favourite, thanks in part to their amazing sound quality and relatively low price. Their latest entry, the Solo19, is the perfect entry for a new generation of consumers. Marketed as a Bluetooth speaker, it has all the proper wired connections needed in a home Hi-Fi setup.

Logitech Z906 (Tk 32,500)

If you are all about the 5.1 surround life, the Z906 is a great way to go. It features all those big sound processing names that many people fawn over like THX, Dolby Digital and DTS Digital. But don't get lost in the buzz words, because this is a very potent speaker setup. With 5 very good satellites spreading the sound around your ears, the massive subwoofer lays the final punch, making watching movies an absolute treat.

SMART GUBBINS AROUND THE HOUSE





Yeelight Smart LED bulb (Tk 1,630)

In a world where just about everything is getting the 'Smart' moniker, a bulb should surprise no one. Initially, it never gained too much traction because the only ones available, namely Philips Hue lights, were quite expensive for what many people will call it 'multicolour lights'. Yeelight however, has brought out smart lights for the masses, with a low price tag for everyone, but not missing any of the features of the more expensive competitors.

Google Home Mini Smart Speaker (Tk 4,000)

If you love a discrete speaker, with all the joy of asking life's greatest questions to an AI, Google's home mini is just the thing for you. While its uses are mostly superficial for now, the cool factor of asking for things to be done and answered never gets too old, making this, at least for now, a mostly novelty item, unless of course Google decides to release its Google Duplex AI soon.

CONTINUED ON PAGE 14

