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"Standing out in such a competitive market is never easy"

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Verity Burns Multimedia editor



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Ced Yuen Staff writer



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Ketan Bharadia Technical editor



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"Punchy and rhythmic, these colourful on-ears are as fun as they look"

Becky Roberts Staff writer



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Kashfia Kabir Multimedia journalist



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Andy Madden Reviews editor



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**Stands and racks**  
"We're impressed with how weighty and dynamic these stands make our system sound"

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"We like the creative design, but don't mistake it for a low-quality gimmick. These are exceptionally well-made headphones"

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**45 Soundbases** Earlier this year we had a look at several new soundbases. Now it's round two and we have three new entrants tussling with a five-star Canton effort. Which will win?

**52 AV amplifiers** £500 can go a long way when buying a feature-packed AV amplifier. We test efforts from Denon, Onkyo, Pioneer, Sony and Yamaha as this competitive market heats up yet again.