

Samsung (also) Takes on Automation

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The Samsung CES 2014 stand features more than oversized bendy TVs-- it also houses Smart Home, a single integrated home automation platform set to be appear across future Samsung devices and appliances.



According to the company Smart Home unites appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines with TVs, smartphones and wearable electronics through an integrated platform and server. An app takes care of control duties, with features including Device Control (setup appliances via TV/smartphone) and Home View (real-time view of the home via built-in cameras).

A further control option is the Lumen, a wall-mountable controller equipped with Bluetooth, wifi, NFC and Z-Wave connectivity.

While Samsung initially plans to concentrate automation efforts on own devices and appliances, it also wants to unify the market with the Smart Home software protocol (SHP)-- an open API allowing vendors to integrate 3rd party offerings within Smart Home. Eventually the company hopes for an "emerging ecosystem" of connected home services, including energy, security, healthcare and eco home appliances and services.

The first Samsung Smart Home offerings should roll out during H2 2014.

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