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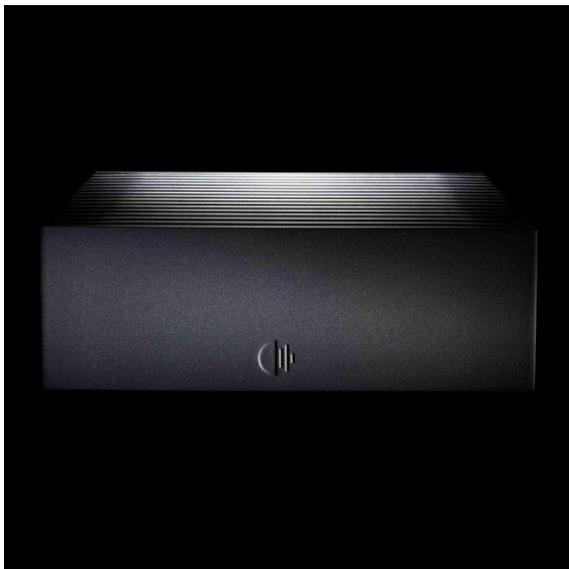## Roon Launch Nucleus and Nucleus+ Servers
The software experts make a new move into high-performance hardware.

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Since its introduction in 2015, Roon has transformed the experience of browsing music. Artist photos, credits, bios, reviews, lyrics, tour dates and composers are located automatically within the software and then interconnected by links to build a surfable, searchable digital magazine for your music collection. Roon finds all the same links between your personal files and the millions of tracks available on TIDAL™, so you can start with the music you know, then explore and discover new music beyond your own collection.

In addition to music browsing, Roon is also a multi-room, multi-user networked audio platform built to the exacting standards of audiophiles. It offers features like bit-perfect playback, DSD and PCM upsampling, multi-channel playback and signal path display. Roon plays to a number of different types of devices on your home network and can be controlled from a dedicated control app.

For these reasons, Roon has quickly developed into the ultimate high-performance software for audiophiles across the globe. Due to this success, Roon Labs have seen a need to enter the hardware market to produce the ultimate server for their software; the Nucleus and Nucleus+. Both models look and function in the same way, with the only difference being the feature abilities of the Intel® Core™ i3 (Nucleus) and i7 (Nucleus+) processors employed.

Nucleus and Nucleus+ are the centre of your Roon music system. They're the housekeeper, the traffic cop, and the brain that takes care of the music in your life. Using Nucleus, Roon manages all your music – on hard drives, NAS, and streaming content – and allows you to play it on almost all the audio devices around your home.* Nucleus is simply the best way to run Roon, at any price.

Just plug Nucleus or Nucleus+ into your network, connect your hard drives, download the Roon remote app (available for iOS, Android, macOS or Windows) and you'll be ready to play music using a wide variety of audio devices from Roon's hardware partners, a huge variety of USB DACs and other supported devices.

Aside from being a powerful, fanless music server, what sets Nucleus and Nucleus+ apart is that they're only running a specialised version of Roon OS – a fast and lightweight operating system optimized to do just one thing: browse and play music. Where so many audio servers fall down is in their need to run other operational processes – Nucleus and Nucleus+ do not have that problem.

For that reason, when you connect a USB DAC directly to a Nucleus or Nucleus+, you will experience computer audio playback like never before. The professional grade components and deciated operating system combine to produce an audio performance that's unlike any other computer source on the planet.

Similarly, Nucleus and Nucleus+ offer an entirely new opportunity to the Custom Install market, functioning as a server that speaks to myriad devices ranging from hundreds to many-thousands of pounds (£GBP); delivering complex multi-room high-performance audio with a level of convenience never seen before in the industry. On their introduction to the UK market, Roon Nucleus and Nucleus+ servers will have drivers for popular home automation systems Crestron and Control4.

Crestron and Nucleus can be integrated with two modules, a Crestron MediaPlayer implementation, and a variety of information available via Joins for custom interfaces.	With two Control4 drivers, you can use Control4 to browse a Roon library on Nucleus or Nucleus+ (including files and TIDAL streams) and control devices set up as Roon zones.
[Find out more here](#)	[Find out more here](#)

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SRP £1,500.00 (Nucleus) / £2,500.00 (Nucleus+)

The Roon Nucleus and Nucleus+ are available across the UK now.
To find your local Roon retailer, please visit www.henleyaudio.co.uk

* For the latest list of Roon Ready and Roon Tested playback hardware from Roon Labs' dozens of manufacturing partners, click here: https://roonlabs.com/partners.html

Key Features

- Manages your music stored on USB hard drives, NAS, and streamed content from TIDAL
- Runs Roon OS and is controlled by dedicated Roon apps
- Streams music to multiple supported devices
- Silent design with no fans or moving parts
- Requires a Roon subscription

Technical Information

	Nucleus	Nucleus+
Input Voltage:	12-19V DC	
I/O Ports:	(2x) USB 3.0 *(can be used for hard drive and/or DAC)* HDMI *(stereo and multi-channel audio output)*	
Internal Drive:	2.5" SATA SSD or HDD up to 9mm drive height	
Library Capacity:	Up-to 12,000 albums (120,000 tracks)	Over 12,000 albums (120,000 tracks)
Multi-Room Streaming	Up-to 5 Simultaneous Zones	Over 5 Simultaneous Zones
DSP Capability:	Limited DSP (EQ, Crossfeed, Delay, etc.)	Extensive DSP (Up-sampling, Room Correction, etc.)

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About Roon Labs

Roon Labs was founded in January 2015 by a team that started working together ten years earlier. Their first company was Sooloos, which produced an embedded multi-room music server system with storage, audio playback, and touch-screen kiosk devices. Upon its launch in 2006, Sooloos received critical acclaim and became the gold standard in high-end audio systems. Sooloos was acquired by Meridian Audio in late 2008, where the team developed (among other things) a desktop music player for HP that has shipped on over 50 million PCs since its introduction.

The team at Roon Labs proudly state that "*music is very much in our DNA*", so on exiting Meridian at the beginning of 2015 the team were devoted to developing a world-class music experience in software. Roon launched as a desktop music app in May 2015 and won product of the year awards from Stereophile magazine, ComputerAudiophile.com, and Digital Audio Review. Only two years later, and Roon was supported by over 50 respected audio equipment manufacturers for streaming, storage and USB playback. With this increase in exposure, more people than ever are choosing to use Roon as the optimal front-end experience for their whole-home audio systems.

About Henley Audio

Everyone has a different interpretation of what good sound is, and at Henley Audio we're no different. We strive to bring customers the best possible selection of hi-fi equipment from a variety of international manufacturers.

Formed in 1997 as the result of a management buy-out of Ortofon UK, Henley Designs Ltd. (trading as Henley Audio) is one of the UK's premier distributors of quality hi-fi equipment. The brands we distribute are not only highly-regarded in their own right, but they also share a symbiotic relationship with other brands in our portfolio.

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