

BEFORE YOU ASK

At IFA, intelligence is moving past the command line. Haier is distributing small decisions across familiar appliances, while OllorBot is asking a mobile companion to notice people and initiate contact. Both promise less management; both make judgment the interface.



PROACTIVE HOME INTELLIGENCE

The useful proactive home will know when to act—and when attention itself becomes an intrusion.

01



Haier presented a connected home in which familiar appliances make bounded adjustments from local conditions. The Vision 15 washing machine uses an internal camera and sensors to detect load size, balance and foam, then adjusts water, detergent, drum movement and program settings. Haier also showed a refrigerator prototype that recognizes ingredients and recommends storage conditions, an oven that recognizes food and can stop a program at the intended result, and televisions that alter picture and sound using content and ambient conditions. Euronews separately observed Haier's laundry demonstration, including an alert for a red item among whites. Haier did not disclose model-by-model availability, accuracy or how these decisions are explained when the system gets them wrong.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

APPLIANCES READ THE SITUATION

Could each appliance make one useful judgment visible at the moment it acts, so the home gains initiative without asking people to audit an invisible system? ^{*1} ^{*2}

02



OllonBot launched the Olloni SS1, a wheeled home companion designed to approach people rather than wait for a wake word. The company says cameras, microphones and environmental sensors let it distinguish household members, interpret voices and facial expressions, learn routines and initiate greetings or check-ins. Two circular displays signal expression, while a central screen supports direct interaction. OllonBot says captured material can be stored locally and that automatic family-moment videos require explicit authorization. These are company claims: the postponed crowdfunding campaign now has no public launch date, and OllonBot supplied no independent evidence for recognition accuracy, emotional interpretation or long-term behavior.

A QUESTION FOR DESIGN

A COMPANION INITIATES CONTACT

What consent signal could let every person in a household welcome, defer or silence a proactive companion without managing another profile or settings screen? ^{*3}

AUXETIC LENS

EXPAND WITHOUT ADDING WEIGHT.

The useful future is not the one with the most technology. It is the one that adapts without transferring its complexity to the person.

01

When intelligence is distributed across appliances, what shared language could make many small decisions feel coherent without creating a master control panel?

02

Can a product learn household rhythms while keeping memory local, inspectable and easy to forget?

03

Which actions are reversible enough to automate, and which should remain quiet recommendations until a person confirms them?

04

How might different residents negotiate one home's attention without inheriting separate accounts, profiles and privacy work?

READ THE RECORD.

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HAIER SHOWCASES AI-POWERED SMART HOME ECOSYSTEM AT IFA 2026

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OLLOBOT UNVEILS OLLONI S51 AT IFA 2026, PIONEERING THE CYBER PET ERA TO ADDRESS THE GROWING HOUSEHOLD COMPANIONSHIP GAP

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