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Garmin-Asus nuvifone M20 revealed

"Fashionable and functional smartphone"

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Garmin-Asus, the GPS smartphone team-up, has announced the Garmin-Asus nuvifone M20 and the nuvifone G60, providing details of spec for both forthcoming phones.

The M20 is described as an all-in-one phone, mobile web-browser and premium navigation system with a Windows Mobile operating system.

Running Windows Mobile 6.1 Professional with enterprise email, the "sleek and colourful" nuvifone M20 is designed for "on-the-go professionals who want a fashionable and functional smartphone to manage their busy work and personal lives".

Dual-band up to 7Mbps, 3.5G/tri-band GSM with Wi-Fi connectivity, there's also a desktop-like internet browser, push email, document viewing, multimedia capability with built-in speakers, Bluetooth and Garmin sat nav.

In addition to its "full" navigation functions, the phone offers location-based services linked to applications such as calendar, contacts, email, internet applications and more.

The expandable list of applications includes content like real-time traffic information, White Pages, weather, flight status, local events, and movie times.

The M20 also offers "Ciao!", described as a "ground-breaking" LBS application that helps users stay up to date on their friends' whereabouts and status by linking numerous location-centric social networks.

With a full QWERTY keyboard, the 2.8-inch TFT touchscreen means users can zoom and pan web pages with their finger as they view the information in either portrait or landscape



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Other specs include 4GB or 8GB storage and a 3-megapixel camera with geotagging abilities.

Garmin-Asus says it will announce the nuvifone M20's pricing and availability information in the first half of 2009.