



Local Hong Kong company YS Sound unveiled its latest preamplifier, the YSS282JP. Handcrafted and machined from solid aluminium, it features three balanced inputs and two balanced outputs. This ultra wide bandwidth amp has a quoted 1Hz-300kHz response and low 0.001% distortion. www.yss.hk



The main hall at the show resembled something of a street bazaar with huge crowds attracted to the audio/visual demo booths bursting with digital players, audio cables, DVDs/CDs/vinyl and other accessories. But it was headphone manufacturers that dominated this year's show with many companies giving away recorded media to promote their product ranges.



Astell&Kern introduced its first loudspeaker, the attractive two-way Diamond Castor, priced HK\$158,000 (£13k). It uses Accuton drivers (a diamond-dome tweeter and a ceramic-coned mid-woofer) housed within a cabinet that combines aluminum alloy with six layers of carbon fibre. www.astellnkern.com



One of the best demos came via a HK\$180,000 (£14,900) Sound of Vold DP-1 D.D. turntable. This modified Denon DP-80 deck sported two arms including a Kuzma/Brinkmann cartridge combo and a Triplanar. Playing a Hawaii 5-0 track from RCA's *Kojak & Baretta* [JRS-9522], percussion was rock solid through vintage Acoustic AR-9 speakers. www.samaudio.com.hk



Would you pay HK\$49,000 (£4k) for a record cleaner? If you have a treasured record collection you might well do. The German-made Hannl Aragon vinyl cleaner is the firm's flagship product. A one-minute wash programme reverses direction for suction and a 24V DC rotary brush ensures gentle cleaning. There is also a manual option. www.hannlvinylcleaner.com

The new Nordost Odin 2 Supreme Reference cable series consists of a range of speaker, interconnect, tonearm, jumper and power cables that most of us can only dream about owning. The HK\$232,800/m pair (£19k/m) speaker cables comprise 26 silver-plated conductors with gold-plated 'HoloPlug' spade and Z-plug banana connectors. www.nordost.com

