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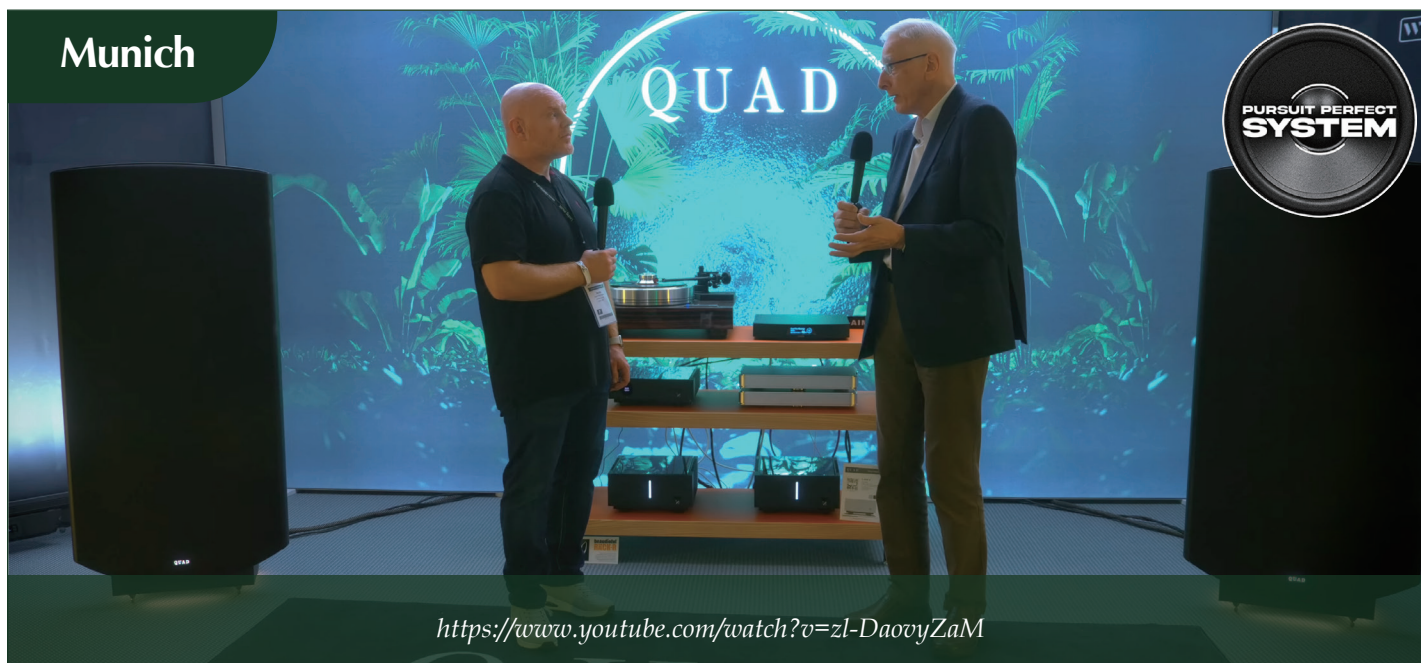


<https://darko.audio/2024/05/munich-high-end-2024-as-it-happened/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zI-DaovyZaM>

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Revela

April, 2024

A British Audiophile



I see these speakers as the ultimate destination for many on their audio journey. They stand out as the best speakers I've encountered under £2,200, and the best within the sub-£3,000 range

<https://youtu.be/5TERfYkz7eo>

Mar, 2024

Hi-Fi Choice



The Quad proves that in hi-fi, as in life, you get what you pay for. The most expensive speaker here is also the best, albeit not in every respect. It sounds bigger and more open than the other group members, and this is doubtless helped by its larger cabinet and mid/bass driver and ribbon tweeter. Open and airy, it delivers a wealth of detail that really unlocks the recording

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/HFC-513_GT-QUAD-HIGH-RES.pdf

Feb, 2024

Positive Feedback



At its affordable price, it's available to almost anyone who wants to get into high-end audio. I also love that it plays well with tube amplification. And, although I would not label the Revela 2 a budget loudspeaker, I would call it a bargain. If I had not known the price I would've guessed at least two times higher. The Revela 2 was a pleasure to have in my system.

<https://positive-feedback.com/reviews/hardware-reviews/quad-revela-2-loudspeaker/>

Jan, 2024

Hi-Fi News Outstanding Product



If there are any issues with Quad's Revela 1, it's that it is too good. The past couple of years have shown the market is awash with amazing speakers at all price points, but the Revela 1 doesn't just excel at £1799: if I hadn't known the price, the sound and build would have had me guessing £5000. Grab a pair before Quad figures out they're underpriced. Even with nine months to go, this is my product of 2024.

<https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/HFN-Mar-Quad-Revela-1.pdf>



Revela

Nov, 2023

AUDIO Stereoplay
Can be loud and quiet



If the conditions are right, then the Quad Revela 2 can be a dream speaker.

https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Quad-Revela-2-AudioStereoplay-2023-12_pdf.pdf

Aug, 2023

StereoNET
Quad Revela 1 and Revela 2
Loudspeakers Revealed



The Revela 1 and Revela 2 boast updated examples of Quad's audio technologies seen initially in the British brand's first speaker system from 1949 and wrapped in contemporary chassis; the Corner Ribbon's DNA remains strong even after 74 years, it must be said.

<https://www.stereonet.com/uk/news/quad-revela-1-and-revela-2-loudspeakers-revealed>

Aug, 2023

HiFi Pig Magazine
QUAD Revela 1 And QUAD
Revela 2 Loudspeakers



The new QUAD Revela 1 and 2 will keep the brand's fans happy after a long seven year wait.

<https://www.hifipig.com/quad-revela-1-and-quad-revela-2-loudspeakers/>



Artera MONO

June, 2023

i-fidelity.net
i-fidelity.net

In the Artera series, Quad introduces a noble pre and monoblock power amplifier combination that embodies classic virtues and is also affordable.

The Arteras deliver well-rounded, lively, and engaging musical performance. This is classic high-end audio at a very affordable price. I cannot perceive any compromises in sound or features. For those who long for separate components, sustainable fulfillment awaits here. - Uwe Steiner

<https://www.i-fidelity.net/testberichte/high-end/quad-artera-pre/mono/test.html#bild>



Artera Solus Play

Jun, 2020

lite Das Lifestyle & Technik Magazin



"The all-in-one player proves to be a modern, complete and audiophile media center... the Quad Artera Solus Play shines as an attractive, audiophile, multimedia all-in-one solution for the present and future of music media."

<https://www.lite-magazin.de/2020/06/quad-artera-solus-play-all-in-one-im-retro-modern-design/>



Artera Solus

April, 2024		<p>The Artera Solus retains the refinement that the brand's fans crave yet introduces clarity that adds more precision than they might be used to.</p> <p>https://www.quad-hifi.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/hi-fi-Global-Network.pdf</p>
Jun, 2020	<p>Hi-Fi+ Magazine - Editor's Choice 2020</p>	<p>"The Quad Artera Solus tracks changes in musical intent with precision, and yet does so with a sense of effortless dynamic range as a force behind the refinement... In sonic terms, style, and build quality, the Quad Artera Solus punches above its weight, even if it's far too graceful a performer to ever throw a punch."</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DcDv3iYQ2qS1BhiG1KkD</p>
Feb, 2020	<p>Audio Cinema Em Casa (Portugal)</p>	<p>"If it were possible to characterize the sound of Solus with some words, it would be said: beautiful, serene and melodious. A very difficult proposal to beat, in terms of quality/ price ratio and simplicity of use. A big second or holiday house equipment, or even a great introduction to the audiophile world."</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdTYfTcQ2qS1Bhii698C</p>
Dec, 2018	<p>Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended (2018's Best Hi-Fi Products)</p>	<p>The Artera Solus is a tremendous one-box system and an absolute steal.</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DaJwmC8Q2qS1Bhj9rokB</p>
Nov, 2018	<p>Gramophone Magazine - Product of the Month</p>	<p>This slick all-in-one system sees the company's traditional values brought up to date to impressive effect... The Quad sounds like an assembly of high-quality separates, with not a hint of compromise in the name of its room-friendly packaging.</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DZC58EUQ2qS1Bhi1rYkB</p>
Aug, 2018	<p>Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Award</p>	<p>This looks, performs and even sounds like an expensive product... just one that actually forgot to be expensive.</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbndjLYQ2qS1BhiNk2s</p>
Jun, 2018	<p>Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended</p>	<p>One of the most desirable one-box systems we've yet heard.</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DTK7RCUQ2qS1Bhjt_F8</p>
May, 2018	<p>avforums - Highly Recommended Award</p>	<p>Lively and entertaining sound, very well made, useful connectivity.</p> <p>https://www.avforums.com/review/quad-artera-solus-review.14809</p>
Mar, 2018	<p>Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice</p>	<p>It not only looks and feels far more expensive than it is, it sounds it too.</p> <p>https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DW7GpdIQ2qS1Bhi0_F8</p>



Artera PRE

Nov, 2019

**Hi-Fi World -
5 Globes Outstanding
Amongst The Best**



Artera PRE is a deceptively simple preamplifier – inside it is both audiophile and complex in what it can do, having microprocessor control and purist relay switching to give an all-analogue preamplifier capable of coping with whatever is plugged in. Absence of digital input or Bluetooth may be a no-no to some, but both can be fed in from outside sources if need be. Sound quality was exquisite: pure analogue smoothness and depth, the phono stage being supremely quiet if a tad laid back. Overall though, a lovely allanalogue preamplifier in pure Quad tradition.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdaHw00Q2qS1BhjLxZwC>



Artera Play+

May, 2021

**What Hi-Fi?
- Best CD players 2021**



[Artera Play+] is a smart looking unit that's feels classy and superbly-made... Sound is detailed and energetic, yet presented in an unforced and refined manner... if versatility is required and you want to stream your services over Bluetooth as well - and why not - then you'll find nothing else around that comes close.

<https://www.whathifi.com/best-buys/hi-fi/best-cd-players>

Nov, 2019

What Hi-Fi? - 5 Stars



Not just a CD player, but a hub for your system too. If you're after a versatile and talented source component that can also act as your system's hub, the Quad Artera Play+ is it... then get straight down to your Quad dealer and buy this. You'll be pleased you did.

<https://www.whathifi.com/reviews/quad-artera-play>

Dec, 2018

**Hi-Fi World
- Year's Best CD Player**



Anyone looking to get the best out of their discs should take a listen to this exceptional player... Everything we played though it sounded clean, vibrant and simply lovely.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbNY-lUQ2qS1Bhj4yIoB>

Dec, 2018

**Hi-Fi World
- 5 Globes Outstanding
Amongst The Best**



A CD player and preamplifier – analogue and digital – with broad ability and superb sound quality. Impressive, especially at the price.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DSCnezQQ2qS1BhiwkYMB>



PA-One+



Sep, 2019

T3 Magazine



The QUAD PA-ONE+ has been selected for T3's annual Sound Deluxe Supplement that's bagged with the issue, featuring a special selection of upmarket audio gear.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DU49lHgQ2qS1Bhj41vQB>

Apr, 2019

Headphone Guru



HEADPHONE.GURU

...true to its heritage as the product of one of the first audiophile tube amplifier companies offering a sweet musical midrange and high end with beefy but tight lows and a huge soundstage regardless of the headphone it was played through. The DAC handled standard resolution tracks as well as it did high-resolution PCM and DSD painting vistas on the aural canvas though much of this is due to the amplifier as I received similar results with external DACs...on its own, the PA-ONE+ is the quintessential audiophile tube amp lifting the veil between the listener and the music creating an immersive and pleasurable experience.

<https://headphone.guru/quad-pa-one-triode-tube-dac-headphone-amplifier/>

Vena II



Mar, 2020

The Absolute Sound Magazine (USA)



A perfect combination! As individual components, I'd happily recommend both the Wharfedale Linton Heritage speakers with their optional stands and the QUAD Vena II integrated amplifier separately. However, it's when you put these two together that they really shine...highly recommended, alone or (especially) together.

<https://bit.ly/Linton-TheAbsoluteSound>

Jan, 2020

Hi-Fi World - Awards 2019



Best amplifier... it was the same with all inputs, making the Vena II a true all-in-one marvel tha is hard to beat.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DVnS8CwQ2qS1Bhi21KkD>

Jan, 2020

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



Dynamic and detailed, Quad's fine little amplifier now sounds bigger and better, while adding extra features, too

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DTyWQesQ2qS1Bhj7jM0C>

Dec, 2019

AVTech Media - Best Value Stereo Integrated Amplifier



In practice, it's a modestly powerful little amp boasting real-world speaker driver capabilities - it rocks out with excellent warmth and a big mature sound that's even more magnificent than its predecessor.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DXa8boEQ2qS1BhienacC>

Nov, 2019

Hi-Fi World - Year's Best Amplifier



All-in-one amplifiers don't come much more feature packed than Quad's Vena II... it was same with all inputs, making the VenaII a true all-in-one marvel that is hard to beat.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DXxiTtUQ2qS1BhjS9aQC>

May, 2019

Hi-Fi World - 5 Globes Outstanding Amongst The Best



Quad's new Vena II is a wonderfully easy to use all-in-one amplifier that offers superb sound quality: think easy going - and deeply insightful with digital from its ESS Sabre32 DAC. Offering a performance up with the best at a price of £649 it strikes me as the quintessence of high fidelity - a great sound at a great price. Utterly superb.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DsGlm_kQ2qS1BhjFi8EB

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Vena II



Mar, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - 5 Stars Award



Dynamic and detailed, Quad's fine little amplifier now sounds bigger and better, while adding extra features, too

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DX_vZEQ2qS1Bhin86kB

Mar, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



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https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DX_vZEQ2qS1Bhin86kB

Vena II Play



Jan, 2021

Audio Cinema Em Casa (PT) - 2020 Year Best Streamer <2000€



Vena II Play seduces by detail and great musicality... assuming itself as a proposal that did not disappoint QUAD fans... Given the price of the equipment and its quality, it will be the top target for other challengers to achieve, even from the higher price level.

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!AiX7zWNUK2pgqsAf3N5mL1ksaZIBA?e=RiQbL8>

Apr, 2020

Hi-Fi News



...I was already impressed by what the Vena II Play offered for the money: everything... above all, it was sounding so spacious... it really is a dazzlingly accomplished answer to the modern needs of people who don't want traditional separates, and I can only marvel at its fool proof connectivity. Wow! Wireless that works!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYTQxCoQ2qS1BhiKvZED>

Apr, 2020

The Telegraph



The most luxurious gaming of your home

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DUpVLgwQ2qS1BhjB1akD>

Jan, 2020

AVForums - Best Buy Award



This is still an all in one; without needing any additional source equipment, it is capable of meeting a range of needs. What is also does is make its additional functionality appealing and accessible in a manner than some rivals can struggle with. Last but not least, it does it while sounding fantastic and managing to deliver Quad's unique design aesthetic... the Vena II Play is almost certainly what you need. The Quad is an excellent all-rounder and an unquestionable Best Buy.

<https://www.avforums.com/reviews/quad-vena-ii-play-streaming-amplifier-review.16996>

Dec, 2019

Hi-Fi Choice - Editor's Choice



The VENA II PLAY successfully blurs the boundary between integrated amps and all-in-one systems... QUAD's outstanding integrated baby has gone and got even better...

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdiQyngQ2qS1BhionacC>

QUAD



PA-One

Mar, 2019

**WEKA Media Publishing GmbH
- Golden Ear 2019 (audio)**



Once a year, the "Golden Ear" prize is awarded by the professional magazines AUDIO and stereoplay. Readers vote on the best audio product in various categories.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYfH4sUQ2qS1Bhj5gqQB>

Dec, 2018

AUDIO.de Magazine



In the test, the PA-ONE does not sound so extreme like a tube. It performs with the extreme brilliance in the highs, powerful mid-range and dry bass. Even at high level, it remains solid. A real powerhouse in perfection!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DdewPKYQ2qS1BhjFk4MB>



ERA-1

Jun, 2019

**EAR IN Magazine -
Best Of EAR IN 2019**



The excellent impulse processing, for which magnetostats are known, also distinguishes the sound of the ERA-1. Resolution and dynamics seem almost limitless... with voices and small instrumentations this sounds almost even better, with large orchestras the further, perhaps a touch more neutral sound of the velour pads fits better. With its fantastic sound, the ERA-1 is a worthy addition to the proud quad tradition.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DbsRw8UQ2qS1BhiP784B>

Feb, 2019

**Hifi Pig Magazine
- Highly Recommended**



Sound is full and detailed with especially good bass and midrange depth and speed... For those who like the Quad aural signature, these are ideal partners for their ears... exceptionally good value.

<https://hifipig.com/quad-era-1-headphones/#more-48548>

Feb, 2019

**BBC Focus
- Group Test Winner**



Scream quality the minute you look at them... There's no faulting their definition right across the sound spectrum... One very classy set of cans indeed.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DT37JgAQ2qS1BhiixJ4B>

Jan, 2019

**Fairaudio Magazine
- Favourite Award 2019**



The Quad doesn't do things by halves, aside from the price.

www.fairaudio.de/test/quad-era-1-magnetostatischer-kopfhoerer/

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DYzT5owQ2qS1BhiErJUB>

Jan, 2019

**Inner Fidelity
- Product of The Year 2018**



My hat goes off to Quad for producing such an incredibly comfortable, non-fatiguing, huge-sounding, tonal and timbrally pleasing set of headphones with outstanding resolution that not only breaks the sub-\$1,000 USD barrier, but are also the company's first foray into headphone design.

<https://www.innerfidelity.com/content/innerfidelity-product-year-2018>



ERA-1

Dec, 2018

AVTech Media - Best Headphone



Boasts the sort of transparency and fatigue-free performance that is reminiscent of Quad's famous ESL-57 electrostatic speakers.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/Deek_4oQ2qS1BhilkooB

Dec, 2018

Hi-Fi News - Highly Commended (2018's Best Hi-Fi Products)



This is a superbly-conceived and nicely-finished product, undeniably a bargain. It's easy to drive, free of fatigue inducement.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DREJtocQ2qS1Bhimr4kB>

Dec, 2018

Stereo.de Magazine



Absolutely convincing sound, that is powerful and versatile... A really successful debut that we are looking forward to more!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DUTYPGUQ2qS1BhiV2YMB>

Oct, 2018

HeadPhone Guru



HEADPHONE.GURU

... with exceptional speed, phase coherency and realistic tonal balance the Quad ERA-1 definitely evokes the feel of Quad ESLs...A hearty two thumbs up for this one, and a must hear for any Personal Audio enthusiast.

<https://headphone.guru/quad-era-1-planar-magnetic-headphones-a-classic-in-the-making/>

Oct, 2018

ESQUIRE Magazine *Esquire*

The brand's first-ever headphones lead a feature entitled 'Sound investment - the ultimate high-fidelity headphones'.

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DRIqv9QQ2qS1BhjknU>

Sep, 2018

lite Das Lifestyle & Technik Magazin - 1+ Top Class



Right from the start I would categorize the ERA-1 as one of the best three headphones I have ever heard so far. In face of his favorable price of about 700,- €, it is maybe even the best

<https://www.lite-magazin.de/2018/09/quad-era-1-over-ear-kopfhoeherer-mit-high-end-prinzip/>

Jul, 2018

Hi-Fi News - Highly Recommended



82 years after its founding and 61 years after the ESL-57, QUAD delivers its first headphone, the ERA-1 and it's a planar design... but not an electrostatic!

<https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DY2fKCKQ2qS1Bhigkms>

May, 2018

Greek HXOS Planar - group test

ERA-1, with ESL style.

https://iaggroup.jianguoyun.com/p/DWRtVqwQ2qS1BhiJ_V8



Z Series

Sep, 2021

Pursuit Perfect System (UK)



You do get a lot here with the Z2, nice precise and detailed treble. Very good sound stage and overall presense of sound. Sonic dimensionality, nice tight and punchy - if you push it - bass, very nicely saturated vocal in the main...They definitely look lovely, and definitely have the WAF... (Wife Acceptance Factor)!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAQjoPSebo>



S Series

Aug, 2021

Tharbamar (USA)



Tharbamar

A throwback to the Best Speaker of 2020, Most Memorable Ones (based on the price and sound quality ratio): The number two spot is QUAD S2, which is probably the one of the most accurate sound reproduction of human voices and vocals, and also really good mid-range with very well extended high frequency and really good instrument separation... And that little 5-inch bass driver also have a significant amount of a lower frequency response, surprisingly good and very musical sounding speaker!

<https://youtu.be/oUzNtEVvNTs?t=156>

Jun, 2021

Stereo Times (USA)



Throughout the review... I could relax more; safe in their warmer, more elastic, and deeper sonic embrace. The Quad S-2 is always on time, keeps its i's dotted and its T's crossed, and polishes its shoes often... The S-2 is among the closest approaches I've heard to the natural and complete tone of live instruments and also to what the recording engineers (probably) wanted you to hear.

<http://v2.stereotimes.com/post/quad-s2-monitor-loudspeakers/>

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