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Left to right: Sonus Faber Liuto Tower, Liuto Monitor and Liuto Smart

Sonus Faber Launches Liuto Speaker Range

High-end Italian luxury that doesn't cost the Earth

Sonus Faber, the Italian loudspeaker manufacturer famous for the quality of its craftsmanship, has unveiled a new range of speakers called Liuto – to be distributed in the UK by Absolute Sounds.

The speakers sit at the more affordable end of Sonus Faber's portfolio, replacing the Domus range and slotting in beneath the existing Cremona and Homage lines, yet their sonic ability and sumptuous style is everything one expects of Sonus Faber.

The range takes its name from the Italian word for 'lute', the instrument that inspired the curved shape of the speakers' cabinets. The shape is not only pleasing to the eye, it also greatly enhances the acoustic properties of the cabinets in which the speakers' drive units are housed, ensuring excellent stiffness and the minimisation of sonically deleterious resonances and standing waves.

The Sonus Faber Liuto range consists of three models: a floorstanding speaker called Liuto Tower, a compact standmount called Liuto Monitor, and a versatile speaker for surround sound applications called Liuto Smart. The multipurpose Smart can be positioned either horizontally, for use as a centre speaker, or vertically, for front, rear and/or side channel duties in a multichannel system. It can also be wall-mounted discretely using adjustable brackets (supplied).

All three models share custom-built drive units, including a 25mm fabric dome tweeter and 150mm polypropylene fabric cone main driver, while the Liuto Tower adds a 220mm bass driver with an aluminium/magnesium alloy cone.

The Liuto Tower and Liuto Monitor are finished in a luxurious combination of goffered black and high-gloss black piano lacquer, with black leather covering the front baffle. The Liuto Smart sports wrap-around black leather, with goffered black panels at either end.

Each Liuto speaker is endowed with an expressive and sumptuously detailed midrange performance, coupled to sweet, sonorous treble and taut, musical bass. The Liuto Monitor ably continues Sonus Faber's tradition of luxuriously finished, high-performance compact standmount speakers – a concept the company pioneered upon its inception in the early 1980s – while the Liuto Tower adds serious depth to an already engaging sonic mix.

The Liuto Smart, meanwhile, combines the performance attributes common throughout the range with exceptional flexibility, enabling Liuto to be specified for a wide range of audio applications, from traditional two-channel stereo systems to discrete, high-performance surround sound.

All three speakers boast a particular talent for reproducing the human voice – a true test for any high-fidelity loudspeaker and a cornerstone of Sonus Faber's sonic tradition.

Key Features: Sonus Faber Liuto Tower

- **System:** Three-way vented box loudspeaker
- **Cabinet:** Lute-shape design ensures excellent stiffness, avoiding resonances and standing waves; sub-structural ribs are strategically placed for absolute rejection of spurious vibrations
- **Tweeter:** Custom-designed 25mm high-definition pre-coated fabric dome driver with wide soft-polymer surround and rear chamber

- **Midrange Driver:** Custom-designed 150mm cone driver, synergistically optimised with its acoustic chamber; thermo-moulded polypropylene textile cone delivers excellent dynamic performance
- **Bass Driver:** 220mm lightweight aluminium/magnesium alloy cone; ultra-dynamic performance and linearity; special coaxial-anti-compressor removes cavity resonances and distortions
- **Crossover:** Non-resonant second-order design; optimised phase characteristics for optimal space/time performance; crossover points 350Hz – 3,000Hz.
- **Frequency Response:** 40Hz – 25,000Hz, tuning ports included
- **Sensitivity:** 89dB (2.83 V/1m)
- **Nominal Impedance:** Eight ohms
- **Power Handling:** 40W – 250W, without clipping
- **Finish:** Combination of goffered black and high-gloss black piano lacquer
- **Dimensions:** 1031x236x413mm (HxWxD)
- **Weight:** 62kg per pair (net weight)
- **Price:** £3,490 per pair

Key Features: Sonus Faber Liuto Monitor

- **System:** Two-way vented box loudspeaker
- **Cabinet:** Lute-shape design ensures excellent stiffness, avoiding resonances and standing waves
- **Tweeter:** Custom-designed 25mm high-definition pre-coated fabric dome driver with wide soft-polymer surround and rear chamber
- **Mid/Bass Driver:** Custom-designed 150mm cone driver, synergistically optimised with its acoustic chamber; thermo-moulded polypropylene textile cone delivers excellent dynamic performance
- **Crossover:** Non-resonant second-order design; optimised phase characteristics for optimal space/time performance; crossover point 3,500Hz.
- **Frequency Response:** 55Hz – 25,000Hz, tuning ports included
- **Sensitivity:** 86dB (2.83 V/1m)
- **Nominal Impedance:** Eight ohms
- **Power Handling:** 30W – 150W, without clipping
- **Finish:** Combination of goffered black and high-gloss black piano lacquer
- **Dimensions:** 350x185x335mm (HxWxD)
- **Weight:** 16.5kg per pair (net weight)
- **Price:** £1,690 per pair (optional dedicated stand for Liuto Monitor: £550 per pair)

Key Features: Sonus Faber Liuto Smart

- **System:** Two-way vented box loudspeaker
- **Cabinet:** Construction includes decoupled side panels for control of resonances and standing waves
- **Tweeter:** Custom-designed 25mm high-definition pre-coated fabric dome driver with wide soft-polymer surround and rear chamber
- **Mid/Bass Drivers:** Two custom-designed 150mm cone drivers, synergistically optimised with their acoustic chamber; thermo-moulded polypropylene textile cone delivers excellent dynamic performance
- **Crossover:** Non-resonant third-order design; optimised phase characteristics for optimal space/time performance; crossover point 2,000Hz.
- **Frequency Response:** 60Hz – 25,000Hz, tuning ports included
- **Sensitivity:** 89dB (2.83 V/1m)
- **Nominal Impedance:** Eight ohms
- **Power Handling:** 30W – 150W, without clipping
- **Finish:** Combination of goffered black and black leather
- **Dimensions:** 185x532x226mm (HxWxD)
- **Weight:** 11kg each (net weight)
- **Price:** £1,000 each (adjustable wall bracket included)

All Sonus Faber products are distributed in the UK by Absolute Sounds.

For more information, product samples and high-resolution images, please contact Tim Bower at Andy Giles Associates.

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No company offers a more stunning embodiment of 'luxury hi-fi' than Sonus Faber. Hailing from Vicenza, Italy, its speakers are regarded by many music lovers as the ultimate in aspirational audio design, combining beautiful real-wood cabinets with impeccable standards of fit and finish, alongside luxurious touches like lacquer and leather. For the past quarter-century-plus, Sonus Faber has done more to evolve high-quality loudspeaker design away from dull, slab-sided boxes than any other manufacturer. And yet, all this style would be worthless without a performance to match. Thankfully, the way Sonus Faber speakers make music is sensuous, seductive and sublime – in fact, every bit as captivating as the impeccably crafted stringed instruments that inspire them.

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Absolute Sounds is the UK's leading importer and distributor of high-quality hi-fi and home cinema equipment. The company was formed in 1978 by Ricardo Franassovici, who left a successful career in the music industry to become one of the world's leading hi-fi entrepreneurs. Ricardo's burning desire has always been to give UK-based music fans the opportunity to experience audio at the highest level, cherry-picking the very best components from around the globe to create a 'hi-fi boutique' overflowing with highly covetable, high-performance products. Like the finest watches and most prestigious motorcars, these brands deliver finely tuned, supremely engineered products that simply ooze desirability. If you are seeking the world's best hi-fi and home cinema equipment, Absolute Sounds is your first port of call.

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