Press Release

Home Connect Adds Impressive Lineup of New Devices and Services, Delivering More Ways to Customize, Control and Enjoy Connected Experiences

Home Connect is now available on Google Assistant, Crestron, Control 4, URC, Elan, ckbk, and more new devices and services, offering more ways for Home Connect users to simplify their daily routines

IRVINE, Calif. -- January 22, 2020 -- Home Connect, a dynamic digital ecosystem created to connect home appliances to the Internet of Things, announced an impressive new lineup of devices and services for 2020 that give users more ways to simplify and customize their connected experience in the kitchen, around the home and beyond. New services, such as Google Assistant and Crestron, highlight Home Connect's ever-strengthening ecosystem that continues to welcome new additions across its three core areas of focus: Voice Assistants & Smart Home Integration, Connected Devices & Services, and Food & Recipes.

"Home Connect offers so much more than the ability to turn on or off appliances. Our open platform enables us to continually bring on new partners and brands that enrich and add convenience to users' daily lives," said Johannes Ochsner, head of connected products and digital services for Home Connect. "Through voice control, recipe inspiration, help managing household tasks and by being the connected appliance solution integrated with more professional smart home systems than any other on the market, Home Connect truly offers the richest experience available to consumers today."

New Voice Assistants & Smart Home Integration Partners

The addition of **Google Assistant** brings users another leading voice assistant to the Home Connect ecosystem. Simple voice commands enable monitoring and control of Home Connect ovens, washers, dryers, dishwashers and ventilation hoods. Home Connect appliances can be operated on all devices with Google Assistant, including Android smartphones, Google Nest Hub, Google Home and more.

Crestron, a global leader in commercial and residential automation, has added Home Connect smart appliances into its immersive professional smart home experience. In the first quarter of 2020, all Home Connect appliance categories - from cooking to refrigeration to dishwashers - will be live with Crestron. Crestron dealers and integrators are now empowered to bring Home Connect into the home automation for their luxury customers, enabling added convenience and peace of mind in doing something simple such as turning off all appliances with the push of a single button when leaving home.

Control4, a global provider of automation and networking systems for homes and businesses, has added Home Connect coffee machines into its system. The "experience" buttons enables appliance integration so homeowners can create personalized coffee beverages with ease from their Control4 touch panel from the comfort of their sofa or anywhere in the home.

URC, a global leader in automation and control systems for residential and commercial applications, seamlessly integrates Home Connect appliances into its professional smart home solution. Simple ata-glance interfaces on touch panels and remotes provide users with the current status of their Home Connect appliances. The combination of URC's technology pulls together elegant automation scenes to make smart devices work together like magic.

ELAN, a global award-winning professional smart home and control system, enables integration of Home Connect appliances into the professional smart home. Users can monitor and control all of their Home Connect appliances throughout ELAN's vast array of hardware devices, such as touch panels and remotes. the incorporation of ELAN's smart home and control scenes enable holistic automation with media, climate, security, lighting, intercom, pool/spa, video and Home Connect appliances.

New Connected Devices & Services Partners

With the partnership between Amazon Dash Replenishment Service and Home Connect, consumers who have a Home Connect enabled refrigerator no longer need to worry about getting the right filter for their appliance thanks to the rollout of **Amazon DRS for water filters**. After consumers sign up, their refrigerator will automatically trigger an order for the right filter to arrive when it's time to change the filter - providing added convenience with one less task to remember and peace of mind that you're serving clean water and ice for your family.

The S'moresUp platform helps families manage their household by organizing chores and responsibilities. Together with Home Connect, chores can be created directly from the appliances. For example, when the dishwasher cycle finishes, S'moresUp will assign a family member to put the clean dishes away, and incentivizes everyone to participate through earning points for completing their assigned tasks.

Yonomi is an agnostic connected platform to manage smart devices and make them all work together. With Yonomi, users can create custom routines with their Home Connect appliance, such as a routine that pre-rinses the coffee machine and turns up the heat on the smart thermostat at the time you prefer to wake each day. Yonomi also enables users to link smart lights with Home Connect appliances to give notifications, like blinking the lights when the washing cycle ends.

New Food & Recipes Partner

ckbk is known as the ultimate digital subscription service for cooks, providing subscribers with unlimited access to complete cookbooks from world-class chefs and food writers. Together, Home Connect and ckbk will enable users to access recipes and send cooking settings directly to the Home Connect oven for a smooth culinary experience. Home Connect users will also be able to create and share their favorite recipe "playlists" with the ability to share recipe photos and notes.

To learn more about Home Connect and its ever-growing ecosystem of partners, visit <u>www.home-connect.com/us/en</u>.

About Home Connect

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Home Connect is an innovative solution dedicated to smart home appliances. With Home Connect, you can control a wide variety of home appliances from leading brands, such as Gaggenau, Thermador and Bosch in one convenient app. Home Connect is available in 40 countries and is offered in the US and Canada through BSH Home Appliances Corporation. Home Connect is also an ever-expanding ecosystem of partner applications, devices and services. Using Home Connect, you can access and connect with a large number of service providers ranging from voice assistants and smart home automation systems to e-commerce platforms. Home Connect is available in 40 countries and is offered in the US and Canada through BSH Home Appliances Corporation. For more information about Home Connect, go to: http://www.home-connect.com/us/en

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