

## Huawei launches new \$2600 foldable 5G phone to rival Samsung

Huawei Technologies Co. announced a smartphone that unfolds into a small tablet computer, potentially **rendering** the need to carry two separate devices **obsolete**.

render 致使

obsolete 淘汰; 废弃

The Mate X supports next-generation 5G networks and will cost 2,299 euros (\$2,606) when released in the summer. When folded, the Mate X has a 6.6-inch display; but when opened out, it becomes an 8-inch tablet computer. It's the second folding phone announced by a major manufacturer within a week. Samsung revealed the Galaxy Fold on Wednesday.

The market for smartphones is slowing, and manufacturers are **scrambling** to find new ways to convince consumers they should upgrade their devices. Next-generation high-speed networks are still far away from mainstream availability, so device makers are looking at new device form factors to conjure up excitement.

scramble 抢夺; 攀登

Huawei has been battling global scrutiny over its telecom equipment, but often **overlooked** is the company's rapid growth as a smartphone manufacturer. Last year it surpassed Apple to become the world's second-largest maker of smartphones, according to data from market research firm IDC.

overlook 忽视; 俯瞰

Thomas Husson, an analyst at Forrester, said the Mate X "shows Huawei is a leader in tech innovation." But it will be "a few years" before a significant mass of customers get their hands on 5G functionalities and foldable screens, he said.