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Sheer Wireless Performance and Style with Microsoft's New Mice

First wireless SideWinder X8 mouse features Microsoft BlueTrack Technology and the bestselling Arc mouse goes dazzling white in an exclusive deal for Mac users.

Kuala Lumpur, February 17, 2009 – Consumers in Malaysia will soon be able to enjoy sheer wireless performance and style with two new Microsoft Hardware products being made available at retail this quarter. The SideWinder X8 mouse is Microsoft's most advanced gaming mouse ever, built for performance using Microsoft's latest tracking technology. The bestselling Arc mouse is now being released in a special white edition and available in a value-packed bundle with Office For Mac 2008.

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It also offers custom tuning at several levels, including the ability to program seven buttons, change sensitivity on the fly, record macros while playing a game and three sets of custom Teflon feet for the needs of different gaming styles.

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Arc Mouse, now in dazzling white

In late 2008, Microsoft Corp raised the style stakes with the launch of a revolutionary crescent-moon-shaped mouse designed to be just as fashionable as it is functional — the Arc mouse. With its unique foldable design, Arc reduces by almost half for portability when it is snapped shut, but provides complete comfort when opened to its full size.

Its micro transceiver quickly snaps into the bottom of the mouse using a magnet, and is so small it sticks out less than 1 centimeter while plugged in — there is no need to remove it from a laptop while traveling.

The black and red editions of the Arc Mouse have become an instant hit with press and consumers alike. The Arc also picked up the Editor’s Choice award from PC Magazine in October 2008. PC Magazine reported: “Overall, the Microsoft Arc Mouse is a high-quality, elegant, and innovative product, and it jumps to the head of the pack of travel mice. It's big enough to be used on a desktop but folds smaller than most notebook mice. The Arc Mouse's portability, sharp precision, and comfortable ergonomics earn it our Editors' Choice.”

Now, consumers can look forward to a new white edition of the Arc Mouse, coming in February 2009 in a bundle distributed by ECS ASTAR Sdn Bhd with Office For Mac, Home and Student Edition.

Pricing and Availability

The SideWinder X8 Mouse will be widely available from 23 February 2009 for an estimated retail price of RM299. The white Arc mouse will be available in an Office For Mac 2008 Home and Student edition bundle from ECS ASTAR Sdn Bhd for RM599. The red and black editions of the Arc Mouse are now available at RM199.

The SideWinder X8 mouse and Arc mouse will be backed by a worldwide three-year limited hardware warranty from Microsoft Corp. More information about this and other Microsoft Hardware products can be found at <http://www.microsoft.com/hardware>. For more information about Office For Mac 2008, please visit <http://microsoft.com/mac/>

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