

BlackBerry's Phablet Passport

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At the BlackBerry fiscal Q1 2015 earnings call CEO John Chen reveals a take on the phablet format, one that's possibly the struggling mobile vendor's oddest handset yet-- the BlackBerry Passport, a square QWERTY device.

As seen at the presentation the device is an angular, blocky number with a hardware keyboard crammed beneath a 4.5-inch 1440 x 1440 resolution display. Originally code-named "Windemere", little is known on its hardware specifications, but rumours suggest it carries a Snapdragon processor, Adreno 330 graphics, 3GB RAM and a 3450mAh battery.

Reports also suggest one can trace gestures on the rather cramped-looking keyboard.



One thing is certain-- it looks rather wide (even more so than the Galaxy Note 3) at least judging from photos of Chen holding the device. Either way we will learn more following official announcement on September 2014.

Also seen at the earnings call is the BlackBerry Classic (aka Q20), a, well, "classic"-style BlackBerry complete with hardware keyboard set to launch on November 2014.

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