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The Helsingin Sanomat daily did not cite any sources but said the beleaguered Nokia could also unveil its first [tablet computer](#) at the event.

The Finnish company's new strategy is phasing out its Symbian smartphones in favour of a partnership with Microsoft.

That alliance has produced a first line of Lumia smartphones, which Nokia is counting on to help it survive in a rapidly changing landscape marked by stiff competition from RIM's Blackberry, Apple's iPhone and handsets running [Google's](#) Android platform.

That took a hit when Microsoft warned that existing Lumia handsets would not be able to run its Windows 8 upgrade.

The company, which in 2008 enjoyed more than 40 percent of the global [mobile phone market](#), was already struggling to maintain its leading position when it entered the Microsoft partnership.

Nokia no longer provides its [global market share](#) figures, but has reportedly now seen the number drop below 20 percent.

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