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EVENTS



SEIZE THE MOMENT

I still remember the day I forked out good money to buy a “serious” mechanical watch.

It was Oct 10, 2010, and the timepiece I took home was an IWC Portugieser Chronograph. I was egged on by a colleague, who said I should treat myself to a nice ticker on momentous occasions and have the date (in this case 10.10.10) engraved on the caseback.

I have since bought several more mechanical watches, and not always on special occasions. Thanks to, among other things, the surfeit of horological information on social media and the rising popularity of watches as an asset class, demand now far exceeds supply, especially when it comes to popular models.

Gone are the days when you can walk into any retailer and walk out with a Rolex Submariner or an Audemars Piguet Royal Oak, with a generous discount thrown in.

“Access is now the new discount”, so goes the joke among watch journalists. So if you see a highly sought-after piece that you really like at official retail prices, you just – funds permitting, of course – snap it up. Getting one on the grey market will cost you a lot more.

And contrary to popular belief, watch writers do not always have the “lubang”, or connections, to get any watch they want any time they want it.

Like the day I bought my IWC Portugieser, I will always remember when I bagged some of my favourite pieces, such as that cold November afternoon in 2018 when I walked into Galeries Lafayette department store in Paris. There was none on display but instead of walking away, I asked the Tudor sales assistant if she had the brand’s hottest model that year – the Black Bay Pepsi GMT – for sale. She looked impassively at me for a good minute, before retrieving one from a drawer and intoning: “You’re very, very, very lucky. We received this one piece, only one, just an hour ago.”

I wish you the best of luck, too, the next time you go watch hunting.

WONG KIM HOH

Editor



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SET IN STONE

by **Allyson Klass**

From the discreet allure of designs highlighted by subtle diamond embellishments to the awe-inspiring grandeur of opulent creations, 2023's jewellery watches are more than just timekeepers



GUCCI G-TIMELESS PLANETARIUM

Four new kaleidoscopic designs enrich the G-Timeless Planetarium line that centres on the Dancing Hours Flying Tourbillon GGC.1976.DS, named after the Orion Nebula NGC 1976, one of the galaxy's brightest nebulas. Taking pride of place in the centre of the dial and topped with a diamond-set star, it makes for a most captivating spectacle. Our favourite is the one adorned with 12 Ethiopian opals (\$350,000) totalling an impressive 4.9 carats. The 40mm white gold case is complemented with an alligator strap in Green Lemon Leaf, which adds a youthful twist to the celestial-themed timepiece.

Outfit: Gucci shirt and jacket.
Watch: Gucci G-Timeless Planetarium.



LONGINES SPIRIT FLYBACK

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The LONGINES SPIRIT FLYBACK is a bold illustration of the pioneering spirit that has always driven the brand. Its flyback mechanism, invented by Longines in the 1920s, resets the chronograph's seconds hand to zero and immediately restarts the timing with a single push. This stunningly timeless chronograph is an invitation to the explorer inside you. **Ready for adventure?**

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FRANCK MULLER VANGUARD SLIM SKELETON

Presented in timeless white or romantic rose gold, this open-worked edition – with 591 diamonds totalling 4.77 carats – reimagines the classic Vanguard by refreshing the line's oversized proportions with a slimmer profile and gentler curves. Besides the larger V 41 with a case measuring 41mm by 49.95mm, there is also the more petite V 37 with a 37.1mm by 45.1mm case. A new movement – the calibre MVT FM 708-SQ with a 60-hour power reserve – was developed for this model.

Price: \$109,700 (V 41),
\$92,800 (V 37)



CARTIER JEWELLED TANK WATCH

Created in 1917, the Tank watch is distinguished by two parallel brancards, a rectangular case and bracelet or strap that is integrated into the case. Cartier honours the iconic timepiece in 2023 with new iterations, such as a trio of bejewelled models with quartz movements. The new rose gold edition boasts an incredibly tactile, flexible bracelet comprising chrysoptase cylinders that contrast against vivid red coral cabochons and soft lilac amethysts set on either side. Each cabochon is studded with a gold nail and a reverse-set diamond – Cartier's tribute to the pique beads used by its former creative director, Jeanne Toussaint. Price upon request.



PATEK PHILIPPE GRANDMASTER CHIME REFERENCE 6300/403G

The commanding Grandmaster Chime with 20 complications – Patek Philippe's most complicated wristwatch in current production – welcomes a new high jewellery iteration. Its time side is adorned with 118 baguette-cut emeralds weighing 7.87 carats on the bezel and foldover clasp, while the calendar side is embellished with 291 baguette-cut diamonds totalling 20.54 carats on the second bezel, case and lugs. The reversible double-sided 49.4mm case is distinguished by its patented swivel mechanism, which enables it to be worn with either dial visible. Produced in a very small series, this white gold model has a manually-wound mechanical movement and a perpetual calendar with a four-digit year display. Price upon request.



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BVLGARI DIVAS' DREAM MOSAICA

Launched in 2023 in two versions, this captivating 37mm timepiece showcases the Italian jeweller's prowess in horological craftsmanship and jewellery artistry. Echoing the mosaics of Rome's ancient Baths of Caracalla, each dial boasts a striking depiction of fan-shaped motifs in a spectrum of coloured sapphires. A gradient from the softest pink to the richest magenta graces the rose gold model with a royal purple alligator strap (\$116,000), while a serene sky blue transitions to a deep azure on the white gold version with a bracelet comprising diamond-set fan-shaped links (\$201,000).



HERMES SLIM D'HERMES CHEVAL DE LEGENDE

Set with 52 baguette-cut diamonds on the bezel, the Slim d'Hermes' white gold case frames a dial adorned with a dynamic motif of a galloping horse. This equestrian depiction is one of two timepieces that feature the magnificent beast in gold dots on silk. To create the studded horse, the artisan uses a laser to carve miniscule cavities into the white gold surface that has been enamelled and polished by hand. The 1,678 pink gold beads are then individually placed in the cavities, before they are fired in the oven to set them in the enamel. Driving the 39.5mm timepiece, which is limited to 24 pieces, is the ultra-thin Hermes H1950 self-winding movement. Price upon request.



Outfit: Valentino shirt, pants and tie. Watch: BVLGARI Divas' Dream Mosaica.

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HERMÈS H08,
TIME, A HERMÈS OBJECT



Outfit: Valentino shirt, pants and tie. Watch: BVLGARI Divas' Dream Mosaica.

SUBTLE SOPHISTICATION

Welcome to a world where luxury whispers rather than shouts. These timepieces celebrate craftsmanship, refinement and a profound appreciation for the art of timekeeping

by **Wong Kim Hoh**

ROLEX OYSTER PERPETUAL DAY-DATE 36

Rolex released three new models of the Oyster Perpetual Day-Date 36 in 2023, featuring dials fashioned from decorative stones. The Everose gold model has a bezel set with 52 brilliant-cut diamonds and a stunning green aventurine dial adorned with diamond-set hour markers. Powering it is the self-winding calibre 3255, which is unaffected by magnetic fields and up to 10 times more resistant to shocks. Price: \$65,400



ROLEX PERPETUAL 1908 REFS 52508 AND 52509

This dress watch is a class act from Rolex, better known for its sports models such as the Daytona or Yacht-Master. The Rolex Perpetual 1908 has a 39mm case crafted from either polished yellow (Ref 52508) or white gold (Ref 52509), complemented by a black or white dial. Strikingly elegant, it is powered by the new in-house automatic calibre 7140, visible through an exhibition caseback adorned with intricate Geneva Waves. Chronometric performance is superb, thanks to the Syloxi hairspring, Chronergy escapement and Paraflex shock absorbers. The calibre 7140 has a power reserve of about 66 hours and is water-resistant up to 50m. Price: \$30,800



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HERMES H08

At 2023's international watch fair Watches & Wonders, Hermes unveiled a new and vibrantly coloured range – in green, yellow, orange and blue – of the H08.

With its cushion-shaped case fashioned from a block of braided fibreglass composite, the watch is not only light but also resilient. Contributing to its good looks are the satin-finished and polished titanium bezel, the textured middle case and a black PVD-coated crown.

The striking grey dial boasts Super-LumiNova-coated hour markers, while the watch-glass seal flaunts vivid hues. The beating heart of this looker is the calibre H1837, which has a power reserve of 50 hours. Price: \$10,300

**F.P. JOURNE QUANTIEME PERPETUEL 40MM**

This 40mm horological marvel displays dates by intuitively adjusting for the varying lengths of months and leap years. It is powered by the calibre 1300.3 featuring an automatic winding movement that can support a range of complications.

Flaunting a mesmerising blue dial, this timepiece has an "instantaneous jump" feature, showing each date, even in leap years, in a swift 0.016 seconds.

Save for the rapid correction of months, which is carried out by a protected and hidden corrector lever beneath the lug at one o'clock, all other adjustments can be made using the three-position crown.

Price: \$127,700

**PATEK PHILIPPE AQUANAUT LUCE TRAVEL TIME**

Quite the head-turner, the Aquanaut Luce Travel Time has a 38.8mm rose gold case with a bezel set with 48 diamonds totalling 1.11 carats. Featuring an embossed Aquanaut pattern, the dial has rose gold applied numerals and luminescent-coated baton-style hands.

The watch has a travel time function. Home time is displayed through a skeletonised hand, and local time, a solid hand. A crown setting system makes switching between time zones easy and seamless. Rounding off the classy ensemble is the integrated composite strap with an Aquanaut pattern and a patented Patek Philippe secured foldover clasp.

Price: \$57,500



Outfit: Hermes leather jacket and pants.
Watch: Hermes H08.

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GIRARD-PERREGAUX NEO CONSTANT ESCAPEMENT

One of the most startling mechanisms of the Girard-Perregaux Neo Constant Escapement is the silicium blade. Six times thinner than a strand of human hair, it ensures a consistent supply of force to the regulating system, resulting in stable amplitude.

Fashioned from Grade 5 titanium, the watch flaunts a skeletonised design with dauphine-style hands. The dial has a linear power reserve indicator, a central sweep second hand and luminescent hour markers along the edge.

It is powered by the calibre GP09200, which has a power reserve of a minimum of seven days.
Price: \$138,400



GRAND SEIKO WHITE BIRCH (SLGH005)

This 40mm watch embodies Grand Seiko's Series 9 design ethos with its clean lines and exquisite detailing. Crafted in the watchmaker's Studio Shizukuishi, which is nestled amid the picturesque forests of Mount Iwate in Japan, the timepiece is inspired by the beauty of its surroundings.

The dial is a stunner, textured with grooves reminiscent of the trunks of white birch trees found in the forests of Mount Iwate. Beneath the graceful facade beats the calibre 9SA5. This high-frequency automatic movement beats at 36,000 vibrations an hour and boasts a dual impulse escapement for enhanced energy efficiency.

Price: \$12,100



A.LANGE & SOHNE LANGE 1 TIME ZONE

This latest iteration of the Lange 1 Time Zone watch is fashioned from platinum and has a beautiful rhodium-coloured dial. It displays two time zones, and integrates the distinctive ring featuring 24 cities for easy zone selection.

The design is clean and bold, with the signature off-centre dial layout clearly displaying home time, secondary zone time, oversized date and power reserve.

Just 10.9mm thick, the 41.9mm timepiece boasts a 72-hour power reserve. The intricate movement can be admired through the sapphire crystal caseback, revealing the balance wheel, screws and distinctive German silver components.

Price upon request.

Outfit: Alexander McQueen suit
Watch: Grand Seiko White Birch
(SLGH005).

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Outfit: On him: Alexander McQueen suit. On her: Dolce & Gabbana coat. Watch: On him: IWC Schaffhausen Ingenieur. On her: Cartier Tank Normale.

From ground-breaking sports models to whimsical complications, popular classics resurface with renewed vigour

Watch collectors of a certain vintage who pine for the good old days must be pleased. A slew of nostalgia-inducing models, reinterpreted to suit modern tastes, are occupying display shelves in 2023. From Cartier's contemporary take on the epochal 1917 Tank Normale to Tissot's latest PRX models that reference the 1970s, there is a throwback watch to suit every taste and budget.

by **Alvin Wong**

BACK WITH A BANG



CARTIER TANK NORMALE

Trust Cartier to distil military inspiration into a refined dress watch. The Tank Normale was designed in the midst of World War I by the brand's founder Louis Cartier, who modelled its shape after the top view of a military tank.

Cartier revisits the watch in 2023 with the limited-edition Prive collection, which comprises refreshed versions of the company's most celebrated historic models. For collectors who prefer something basic, there are versions in gold and platinum cases featuring the classic Cartier white dial with black Roman numbers. Those who fancy more aesthetically elevated models can check out the skeleton versions with a 24-hour day-night indicator.

Price: From \$44,300



IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN INGENIEUR

Created by IWC in the 1950s for professionals who work in highly magnetised environments, the Ingenieur was famed for its soft-iron inner case, which protected the watch against interference from magnetic fields. However, the watch became popular only in the 1970s, when legendary watch designer Gerald Genta was enlisted to give the Ingenieur a sporty facelift.

The new Ingenieur Automatic 40 is faithful to Genta's Ingenieur SL. Whether with a black, aqua or silver dial on the steel versions, or the monochromatic grey titanium-cased model, the Ingenieur Automatic 40 is an alluring throwback. The collection's signature pothole-style bezel with five exposed screws continue to anchor the look, while the dial is decorated with a stylish new grid pattern. Price: From \$17,300



BVLGARI ALUMINIUM

Introduced in 1988, the first Bvlgari Aluminium was a charming oddball, featuring an aluminium case with rubber bracelet, a combination of materials unheard of in watchmaking then. The Bvlgari Aluminium class of 2023 is a varied cohort. The chronograph models in 41mm cases are available in two dial options – black-and-white or all black. The Bvlgari Aluminium Match Point Edition, meanwhile, is sheathed in the sport's grass green tone. Finally, the Bvlgari Aluminium Capri Editions channel holiday vibes, with the Tyrrhenian blue gradient dials.
Price: From \$4,300



TISSOT PRX 35MM POWERMATIC 80

Tissot is on a fine retro-fuelled run with the PRX collection, which is aesthetically on-point and competitively priced. Based on the 1978 PRX 40 205 model, the modern iterations wear their throwback influences proudly. From the sharp tonneau case and integrated bracelet to an elegant dial design, the watches look like they have travelled through time from the wrists of

1970s Wall Street bankers and landed on the arms of Gen Z watch enthusiasts. For 2023, Tissot has updated the collection with two sophisticated models: one in full gold PVD-plated case and bracelet with matching dial, and another in steel with ice-blue dial.

Price: \$990 (steel with ice-blue dial), \$1,190 (gold PVD-plated case and bracelet)



TUDOR BLACK BAY GMT

Five years ago, Tudor launched the wildly popular Black Bay GMT, inspired by timepieces of the 1950s and 1960s. A new iteration was released in 2023, one which sports the iconic "Pepsi" bezel in bold burgundy and blue but with a new opaline dial. Through a galvanic process, the opaline has a matt white-grey finish and a silvery hint. Thanks to its signature "Snowflake" hands and a bidirectional 24-hour calibrated bezel, the GMT function allows one to track local time and two other time zones simultaneously. The new model is powered by the calibre MT5652, a self-winding mechanical movement with an impressive power reserve of 70 hours, and is available with a fabric strap (\$5,700) or steel bracelet (\$6,140).



PANERAI RADIOMIR

The Panerai Radiomir has always been a fan favourite and a trio of Radiomir models was released in 2023: the Radiomir Otto Giorni PAM01347 and PAM01348, and the Radiomir California PAM01349 (left). The Otto Giorni models are snazzier versions of the Radiomir 8 Days PAM00992, while the Radiomir California PAM01349 takes inspiration from the Reference 3646 from the 1940s. These modern incarnations are lavished with nostalgia-inducing treatments, such as 45mm eSteel cases decorated with an aged finish.

Price: \$14,200 (Otto Giorni PAM01347 and PAM01348), \$17,900 (California PAM01349)

Outfit: Dolce & Gabbana coat.
Watch: Panerai Radiomir Otto Giorni PAM01347.

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TAG HEUER MONACO SKELETON

Immortalised by American actor Steve McQueen in the 1971 movie, *Le Mans*, the Monaco is arguably the most recognisable watch in Tag Heuer's catalogue. Launched in 1969, the Monaco was an immediate hit. The latest release commemorates the 80th Monaco Grand Prix. Available in three versions – two in sandblasted titanium case and one in black DLC titanium – the watches offer a peek at their movements via open-worked dials. The standout model is the black DLC version, which is spiked with red and turquoise accents on the chronograph hands and counters. Price: \$16,050



OMEGA SPEEDMASTER SUPER RACING

Omega added the Super prefix to the Speedmaster Racing collection in 2023, and with good reason. Inside the new Speedmaster Super Racing is a regulating component known as the Spirite System, which Omega hails as its most revolutionary innovation. The system comprises a state-of-the-art silicon-based balance spring and allows for ultrafine rate adjustments, endowing the watch with high-level precision that registers 0/+2 seconds daily accuracy. Fans will also be excited to see the return of the Speedmaster Racing aesthetic. The bold, contrasting colours on the outer track of the dial now come in striking yellow and black that frame a stylish honeycomb patterned dial. Be sure to admire the watch from the back too, as it offers a clear view of the standard-bearing Co-Axial Master Chronometer 9920 automatic movement. Price: \$16,750

ULYSSE NARDIN FREAK X ENAMEL BLUE

Looking as futuristic as it did when it debuted in 2001, the Freak by Ulysse Nardin continues to challenge watchmaking convention today. A true original, the Freak does not come with hour and minute hands, and has no crown. Instead, its movement is constructed in a manner that can indicate the time on its own. The user sets and winds the watch by actuating its bezel. The Freak X, released in 2019 as the collection's entry-level model with significant modifications such as the inclusion of a traditional crown, gets an ornamental upgrade. Limited to 500 pieces, the Freak X Enamel Blue imbues the timepiece with traditional enamel decoration. To obtain the rich azure hue and patterns on the dial, craftsmen first carve out patterns on the dial. Enamellists then take over, applying multiple layers of water-based enamel and firing the dial at high temperatures to achieve the rich and lustrous sheen. Price: \$56,400



Outfit: Valentino shirt and cardigan.
Watch: Omega Speedmaster Super Racing.

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by **Wong Kim Hoh**

ZENITH CHRONOMASTER SPORT AARON RODGERS EDITION

A collaboration between Zenith and American football player Aaron Rodgers, this 41mm timepiece has an attention-grabbing green colourway. Water-resistant to 100m, it is powered by the famous El Primero 3600 movement, which operates at a 5Hz frequency and accurately measures 1/10th of a second. Limited to 250 pieces, the watch's luminescent Arabic numerals on the dial are inspired by jersey numbers. Price: \$18,400



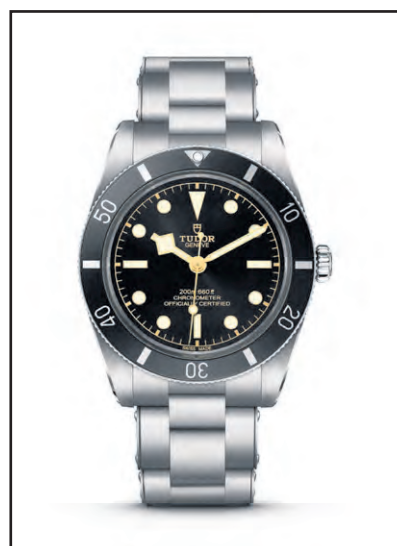
TISSOT SIDERAL

Born during the Quartz crisis, Tissot has reintroduced the Sideral after 54 years. The revived iteration, which boasts an impressive 300m water resistance, has a case made from forged carbon. Giving

a nod to 1970s aesthetics, it has a colourfully funky rubber rally strap and cushion-shaped case featuring minute-track animations and bright accents against a black canvas. The new Sideral comes in eye-catching red, yellow and blue, with additional strap options in green, orange and black. It houses Tissot's automatic Powermatic 80 Nivachron movement, which has an 80-hour power reserve. Price: \$1,430



FLEX



TUDOR BLACK BAY 54

A delight for purists, this addition to Tudor's Black Bay collection pays homage to the Tudor Prince Submariner Ref 7922, the brand's inaugural dive watch from 1954. It has, however, been updated with stylish modern touches, such as Tudor's iconic snowflake hands and a curved crown. Presented only in black, the Black Bay 54 sports a very wearable 37mm case and a 60-minute unidirectional bezel. The rivet-style three-link Oyster bracelet is handsome, but if you want a sportier option, a rubber strap is available. Driving this stunner is the 4Hz automatic calibre MT5400, which has 70 hours of power reserve. Price: \$5,150 (rubber strap), \$5,440 (bracelet)



LONGINES LEGEND DIVER

This is a reimagined iteration of Longines' Legend Diver, which was introduced in 1959. It has retained the essence and features of the original, such as the internal bezel and twin crowns, but adopted modern updates. Sporting a more versatile 39mm case size, the new model comes with a black or blue dial featuring elongated indexes and rhodium-plated arrow hands coated with Super-LumiNova. Price: From \$4,490

LONGINES HYDROCONQUEST

First introduced in 2007 as the brand's modern dive watch, the Longines HydroConquest collection gets eight new models. The new range comes with four dial colour options – black, blue, green and brown. These new 41mm models are powered by the calibre L844.5, an ETA-based movement with a silicon balance spring and components fashioned from non-magnetic materials. Water-resistant to 300m and with a 72-hour power reserve, the watches have a stainless steel case with a unidirectional ceramic bezel. They come with a stainless steel bracelet with redesigned H-shaped links, or rubber or Nato-style straps. Price: From \$4,030



NORQAIN WILD ONE GOLD

Norqain has added a new model to its Wild One collection. Limited to 99 pieces, the Wild One Gold has a 42mm case fashioned from a blend of brushed and polished gold atop black Norqain, a high-performance material exclusive to the watchmaker. Water-resistant to 200m with a 70-hour power reserve, it features a bespoke Norqain oscillating weight, which is visible through the watch's sapphire caseback. It is fitted with an integrated black rubber strap with a Milanese structure and a black Norqain or 18-karat red gold pin buckle. Price: \$18,600 (Norqain pin buckle), \$21,100 (18-karat red gold pin buckle)



OMEGA SEAMASTER PLANET OCEAN DARK GREY

This new member of the Seamaster Planet Ocean collection – first launched in 2015 – boasts a dial and movement fashioned from titanium, and a case and bezel crafted from silicon nitride ceramic, a light but extremely hard and shock-resistant material.

It is fitted with Omega's calibre 8906 Ti movement, which has Metas certification and GMT and time zone functions. Metas certification requires the watch to pass a battery of extremely stringent tests, including anti-magnetism of up to 15,000 gauss. Weighing just 107g, the 45.5mm watch has a sporty sandblasted dial and is paired with a black-and-grey rubber strap with titanium buckle. Price: \$32,000



TWIST & SHOUT

by Alvin Wong

More than 200 years after its invention, the tourbillon continues to enamour watch collectors

Theatrical and technical in equal measure, the tourbillon occupies a special place in the hearts of watch aficionados. Of high-end watchmaking's most sought-after complications, the tourbillon is the most visually captivating and mechanically intriguing.

Patented by Abraham-Louis Breguet in 1801, the tourbillon is recognised by its rotating cage that houses the watch's regulating mechanism. The main function of the tourbillon, which means "whirlwind" in French, is to maintain timekeeping accuracy by countering the force of gravity on watch components.

Having evolved through centuries, the complication continues to intrigue watchmakers and enthusiasts.

TAG HEUER CARRERA CHRONOGRAPH TOURBILLON

Debuting in 1963 as a no-nonsense sports chronograph for race-car drivers, the Carrera has come a long way. Having introduced precious materials, contemporary designs and top-notch complications to the line-up over the years, Tag Heuer opts for a retro-inspired approach to mark the Carrera's 60th anniversary.

Of the new models, the Carrera Chronograph Tourbillon stands out as the most technically formidable. The tourbillon is displayed prominently at six o'clock, set against the Carrera's signature fuss-free chronograph interface. The dual complication is powered by Tag Heuer's in-house automatic movement, the TH20-09, which is chronometer-certified and stores up to 65 hours of power reserve. Price: \$33,950

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FRANCK MULLER GRAND CENTRAL TOURBILLON FLASH CX36

Known for its technical flamboyance, Franck Muller popularised the tourbillon wristwatch in the 1980s, when it moved the mechanism from the back of a watch to the front. Since then, the brand has created eyebrow-raising iterations that include the world's fastest and largest tourbillons.

Designed for young watch enthusiasts, the Grand Central Tourbillon Flash CX36 is accentuated with neon-coloured markers and straps, and housed in a black carbon case. Placed in the middle of the dial, the tourbillon is raised slightly for maximum visual drama, while the curved sapphire crystal extends all the way to the lugs to double as a full-length window that grants unblocked views.

Price: \$188,600



Outfit: Valentino shirt and cardigan.
Watch: Franck Muller Grand Central Tourbillon Flash CX36.



PATEK PHILIPPE REFERENCE 5316

In watchmaking parlance, the tourbillon is commonly ranked among the "big four" of horological complications alongside the perpetual calendar, minute repeater and chronograph. With the Patek Philippe Reference 5316, collectors are treated to three of these complications, save for the chronograph.

The watch's polished 40.2mm platinum case frames a smoked sapphire dial that grants a peek into the timepiece's movement. The watch's myriad features, while complex, are crafted with functionality, reliability and legibility.

The retrograde date displays are easy to ascertain and adjust, the minute repeater's pristine chimes are a given (all chiming watches are tested by Patek's president Thierry Stern), and the tourbillon mechanism contributes to the hand-wound movement's top-notch precision that is accurate to -2/+1 second a day. Price upon request.



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GIRARD-PERREGAUX LA ESMERALDA TOURBILLON 'A SECRET'

Beautifully decorated by hand, the La Esmeralda Tourbillon "A Secret" is inspired by an award-winning timepiece from 1889. Known as the La Esmeralda, the legendary pocket watch was built by Girard-Perregaux's co-founder, Constant Girard, and featured a chronometer-grade tourbillon movement with the brand's now-famous three gold bridges design. This version in white gold follows a pink gold model introduced in 2021 to commemorate the brand's 230th anniversary. The watch, which features a secret hinged back cover on the caseback, has a 43mm case decorated with hand-engraved leaf motifs. While the tourbillon anchors the watch, it is the gorgeous architecture of the in-house GP09600-2083 movement, spectacular ornamentation and fastidious hand-finishing that make the watch come alive.

Price: \$621,800



GUCCI G-TIMELESS PLANETARIUM

When Italian fashion house Gucci became intentional about its horological ambitions two years ago, it figured that the tourbillon ought to play a starring role. To do so, Gucci leveraged the watchmaking prowess of its parent company Kering, which boasts a watch production facility in La Chaux-de-Fonds in Switzerland.

There are three new tourbillon collections from Gucci in 2023, of which the G-Timeless Planetarium is the most flamboyant. Driven by the hand-wound GGC.1976.DS caliber, the watch features a flying tourbillon with a hidden cantilevered construction so that the mechanism appears to rotate freely. The flying tourbillon is complemented by precious stones and ranges from a model that is set with ethereal Ethiopian opals to a bold and colourful version comprising topaz, peridot, amethyst and Ethiopian opals. Price: From \$320,000 to \$507,000



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HUBLOT BIG BANG TOURBILLON AUTOMATIC YELLOW NEON SAXEM

With its penchant for experimenting with materials, Hublot has clad the centuries-old tourbillon in futuristic finery. On this watch, the progressive material of choice is Saxem, a translucent aluminium oxide with sapphire as the base component.

Hublot premiered a Saxem-clad watch, the Big Bang MP-11, in emerald green in 2019. After three years of experimentation, the material is now rendered in neon yellow for this model. You can almost see through the watch's construction – including the in-house HUB6035 automatic movement with the tourbillon at six o'clock, which is masterfully skeletonised to match the watch's X-ray-inspired aesthetic.

Price: \$296,900



ZENITH DEFY EXTREME DOUBLE TOURBILLON

Living up to its name, the Defy Extreme Double Tourbillon pushes the limits on the tourbillon complication. It is equipped with not one but two tourbillons that whirl independently. One makes a rotation every 60 seconds to ensure precision for the timekeeping component of the watch, while the other makes a rotation every five seconds for the chronograph function.

The Defy Extreme Double Tourbillon comes in a choice of 54mm titanium case featuring satin-brushed, polished and matt finishing, and in carbon fibre accented with sandblasted matt rose gold.

Price: From \$103,000



Outfit: Fendi shirt and jacket.
Watch: Hublot Big Bang Tourbillon Automatic Yellow Neon Saxem.

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TIMELESS LEGEND

The unstoppable rise of the Rolex Daytona

by Tom Chng

The Rolex Daytona has to be the best known watch in the world. Its influence in sports and film cannot be denied, and it is an icon right at the epicentre of global watch culture.

The name is today perceived as the poster child of unattainable watches or, in watch-geek terms, unobtainium. In case you are not familiar, the demand for mechanical watches has been growing steadily in the past decade and the Covid-19 pandemic was a huge catalyst for it.

At its peak, a current-dated model could fetch above \$70,000, more than four times its price tag.

Not bad for a steel watch with humble beginnings. While the Daytona has inadvertently become convoluted with speculation, status and hype, it first found its identity in the rise of motorsports in the 1960s.

It got its name from Daytona Beach in Florida, a city in the United States synonymous with the passion for motor racing.

Unlike most other brands that offer a variety of models fitted with a chronograph function, Rolex went all in with the Daytona.

It is reassuring that the model, while often worn around blazing fast cars, was refined gradually over many decades.

Rolex started making a sports chronograph in the 1950s, but it was only over a decade later that it took shape as the Daytona known and loved today – with its tachymeter scale on the bezel and a panda

configuration (and its reverse).

American actor and race-car driver Paul Newman was a huge fan of the model, and he has lent his legacy to the growing popularity of the Daytona.

In 2017, the Daytona made history by smashing the world record for a wristwatch sold at auction – Newman's 1968 "Paul Newman" Daytona, gifted to him by his wife as a reminder to always drive carefully.

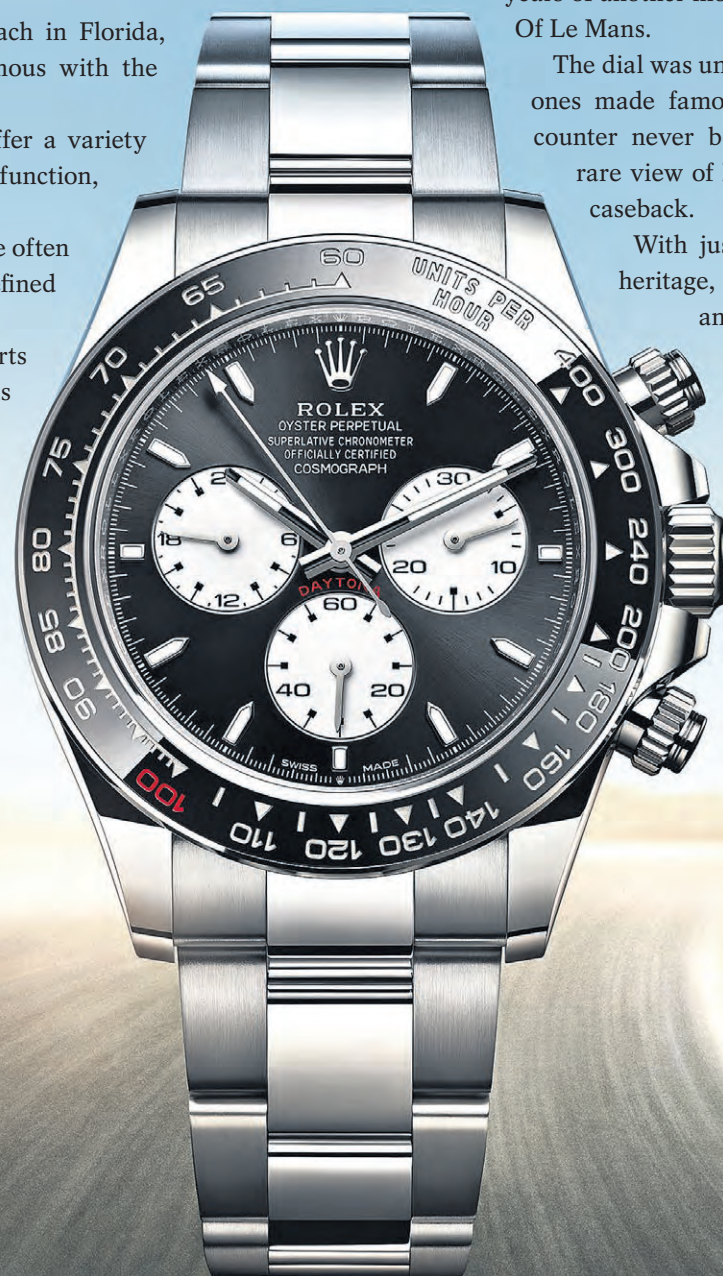
The high-profile watch was expected to impress, and it transacted at an eye-watering price of US\$17.8 million. This solidified the Daytona's status as a bona fide legend.

Fast-forward to 2023, Rolex paid homage to Newman and his Daytona by announcing a special variant to commemorate 100 years of another motorsports pillar, France's 24 Hours Of Le Mans.

The dial was unmistakably inspired by the unique ones made famous by Newman, with a 24-hour counter never before seen on a Daytona and a rare view of Rolex's engine through a sapphire caseback.

With just the right mix of watchmaking heritage, show-business razzle-dazzle and the embodiment of racing, the latest iteration of the driver's chronograph is probably the perfect modern Daytona. Then again, I feel that way about every new model. Such is the allure of Rolex.

Rolex celebrates 100 years of Le Mans with its special-edition Oyster Perpetual Cosmograph Daytona.



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This Portugieser Chronograph builds on the legacy of IWC's instrument watches for navigation. It is powered by the IWC-manufactured 69355 caliber, engineered for performance, robustness and durability. The vertical arrangement of the subdials enhances readability and has resulted in a chronograph celebrated for its iconic design.

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