

TIME: THE TRUEST INVESTMENT

The Time to Invest in Luxury Timepieces is Now

For avid collectors, owning a luxury timepiece is about more than merely knowing the hour and minute in a particular day. This *Signature* selection of elegant watches embodies the spirit of luxury while enhancing the most essential investment of them all, yourself.

The value of any traditional investment can be tracked over time with graphs and spreadsheets. Yet, only a true aficionado will recognise that an investment in yourself is the most valuable of all. For this select few, *Signature* offers an assortment of modern classic timepieces to enhance even the most austere portfolios.

TAG HEUER - CONNECTED

TAG Heuer pioneered the luxury connected watch segment in 2015. With the third generation of its visionary Connected timepiece, the brand makes a design and technological statement that further solidifies its position as leader of the luxury connected watch category for the long term.

The TAG Heuer Connected has the elegance of a chronograph-inspired timepiece crafted in the purest watchmaking tradition, with a 45-mm case in noble materials like stainless-steel titanium, ceramic or sapphire crystal, subtle polishes, mechanical pushers and a rotating crown, as well as interchangeable strap choices with a folding buckle. The all-active OLED touchscreen displays a selection of custom-designed dials, mechanical or digitally inspired.

The highlight of this new model is the immersive sports experience developed in-house, the TAG Heuer Sport app. It provides detailed tracking for golf, running, cycling,





walking and fitness sessions thanks to the watch's built-in GPS and heart-rate monitor, among other sensors. The experience on the wrist is complemented by a newly developed TAG Heuer mobile companion app.

In addition, a range of daily connected services offered from Wear OS by Google will enhance the user's everyday life, including notifications, Google Assistant, Google Translate, Google Pay where enabled, music controls, schedule, weather, maps and more.

ULYSSE NARDIN - BLAST

Supercharged with classic Ulysse Nardin *savoir-faire*, BLAST is an avatar of its time, a potent force of nature. This technological wonder made with rock-hard, masculine lines has ignited a flame

that will send seismic shockwaves through the watchmaking world. The complex, geometric architecture of the tessellated horns - reminiscent of furtive aircraft - create a pumped-up, vigorous and imposing masterpiece.

BLAST will take your mind by storm, playing off the transparency of its new powerful automatic silicium tourbillon nested in a bold, X-shaped cage, which beats inside at a frequency of 2.5 Hz. Light penetrates the open-worked body of the watch like a laser. Some Ulysse Nardin emblematic codes have been included - the rectangular frame, the three-horned signature fixing the strap, the smooth, coloured bezel, the verticality of the movement with the barrel at 12 o'clock and the flying tourbillon at 6 o'clock.

This distinctive look - modelled on the same lines as a stealth aircraft - is the latest proof of Ulysse Nardin's aesthetic prowess. Smooth yet muscular, the horns are aerodynamic and imposing, much like the sharp rocks that jut out of a volcano. Each triangle has a different finish, the surface of the horns alternating between polished, satin-finish and sand-blasted veneer. The result is a shock to the eye and the effect otherworldly, like the lunar landscapes of black, cold magma that surround a volcano and glisten under the light of the moon.

H. MOSER & CIE. - STREAMLINER

H. Moser & Cie. unveils the Streamliner Centre Seconds, which follows the self-winding Flyback chronograph launched



earlier this year, as the second model in the Streamliner collection. "Streamliner" is a reference to the first high-speed trains from the 1920s and 1930s, whose rounded curves have been re-interpreted here.

Equipped with a steel case on an integrated steel bracelet, the aesthetic of the Streamliner Centre Seconds is perfectly harmonious, from its ideal proportions and fluid forms, to its high-end finishes. It is paired with a brand-new and uniquely elegant fumé dial in Matrix Green.

Balanced, precise proportions are the key to harmony, and the Streamliner Centre Seconds perfectly illustrates this philosophy. Featuring a 40.0-mm steel cushion case, which is water-resistant to 12 ATM, it offers extraordinary ergonomics thanks to the design that includes a fully integrated steel bracelet with no lugs on the case. The case middle has hollowed and satin-finished forms on the sides, and alternating brushed and polished surfaces - as a nod to the unusual shapes typical of Moser cases.

Every part of the Streamliner Centre Seconds is in harmony, and to further elevate the steel of the case and bracelet, H. Moser & Cie. has created a brand-new fumé dial: almost electric, the vibrant Matrix Green



colour offers a complex palette of shades from olive green to red gold.

Beating at the heart of the Streamliner Centre Seconds model is a 100% Swiss mechanical movement: the HMC 200 self-winding calibre. Entirely designed, developed and produced in-house, this movement is equipped with a regulating organ manufactured by H. Moser & Cie.'s sister company, Precision Engineering AG. Decorated with the famous Moser double stripes, the HMC 200 calibre houses a solid gold oscillating weight and offers a minimum power reserve of three days.

**FREDERIQUE CONSTANT
- ART DÉCO**

From the day Frederique Constant was born, it has been passionately driven to produce timepieces of immense, classic



and timeless beauty; watches that are as glamorous, elegant and reliable.

Their Classics Art Déco watches have taken the concept of “affordable luxury,” upon which the Frederique Constant brand was founded, to allow more people to enjoy beautiful 100% Swiss-made timepieces.

Drawing inspiration from the lavish social parties of the 1920s, the Art Déco collection boasts timeless beauty that gracefully adorns the wrist of the modern woman.

Each watch in the Art Déco range is powered by the FC-200 quartz calibre movement, with seven jewels and a battery life that will give more than five years (63 months) of unrivalled accuracy. The highly polished and oval-shaped case will fit comfortably on the most petite wrist. Other features include the convex sapphire crystal protecting the dial, the hour and minute functions, and the wonderfully delicate Guilloché decoration in the centre of the dial.

A balanced combination of modern materials and vintage aesthetics turns this timepiece into a unique fashion

accessory. The delicate oval shape of the case emphasises the intense details of the Guilloché decoration on the white or Blue Navy mother of pearl dial, the elegant rose gold-plated or silver applied and black printed Roman numerals and diamond indexes, are all statements of the vintage look that inspired the Frederique Constant watchmakers. The intricate fluted case band along with the detailing of the crown embellished with a blue sapphire makes this watch the perfect daily companion.

These classic timepieces are available to purchase from select boutique stores in Johannesburg, Durban, and Cape Town. Visit www.picotandmoss.com for more information.

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