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## FOSSIL X DISNEY

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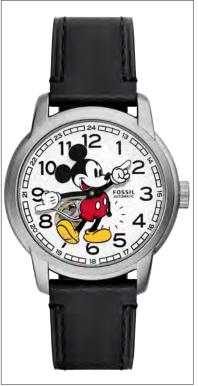
When one thinks of Disney one automatically conjures fairytales, animated characters and the indescribable nostalgia of childhood. As a brand, Disney has touched the lives of millions of children across the world making it one of the most recognizable and most beloved brands in recent times. Be it the iconic Mickey Mouse ears or the picturesque castles of numerous fairytales, each Disney element has a myriad of stories attached to it and holds a special place in the hearts and minds of people. Such is the fevour of love for the grand storytelling of Disney that despite being well into adulthood, people still consume Disney content and purchase the brand's merchandise as treasured collectibles.

On the other hand, Fossil is another American homegrown brand that is a leader in the world of horology. So when these two brands announced a collaboration, watch lovers as well as Disney lovers were delighted! In celebration of Disney's 100 year anniversary, Fossil announced as exclusive accessories collection that is poised to become a Disney and Watch lover's most prized possession. Drawn together through a love of creativity and shared heritage of design, Fossil believes in finding inspiration in every moment—dreaming big and living

boldly. In this spirit, Fossil and Disney are collaborating on a capsule of limited- and special-edition timepieces that's made for collectors. The initial release of Disney x Fossil styles launches globally on October 12, with the collaboration extending beyond this collection.

Commenting on this exciting partnership, Melissa Lowenkron, Chief Brand Officer of Fossil says, "Disney holds a special place in many people's memories and within Fossil's archives. With a shared core value of ingenuity and rich history rooted in design, Disney and Fossil are kindred spirits. We're thrilled to launch the first part of our long-term collaboration, look forward to sharing more in the coming months and hope people enjoy collecting these unique and nostalgic pieces."

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Dear Friends,

The festive season is upon us! In the second half of the year, India shines brighter as it celebrates diverse kinds of festivals, showcasing its rich culture and heritage. Studies suggest, 84% of Indians plan to increase their spending during the holiday season. Additionally, rapidly altering online and offline buying trends due to multiple lockdowns have made consumers develop a preference for hybrid shopping during festive times. So in this issue, we give you a detailed shopping guide for the upcoming festival of lights - Diwali.

Fulfilling the wishes of millions of Disney fans, comes a collab that is the stuff of fairytales. Fossil joins hands with Disney to present a unique line of watches that resemble the iconic Disney characters. Each timepiece in this collection is a collector's dream and will be a treasured addition to their watch wardrobe.

Auction house Christie's has announced a legendary auction of a private watch collector which is expected to break records later this month. We take you through some of the most coveted pieces that will go under the hammer. The annual Dubai Watch Week will commence, giving watch lovers something to look forward to as it is expected to be a festival of watches and watch enthusiasts.

We hope you enjoy the issue!

Sunil Karer, Editor

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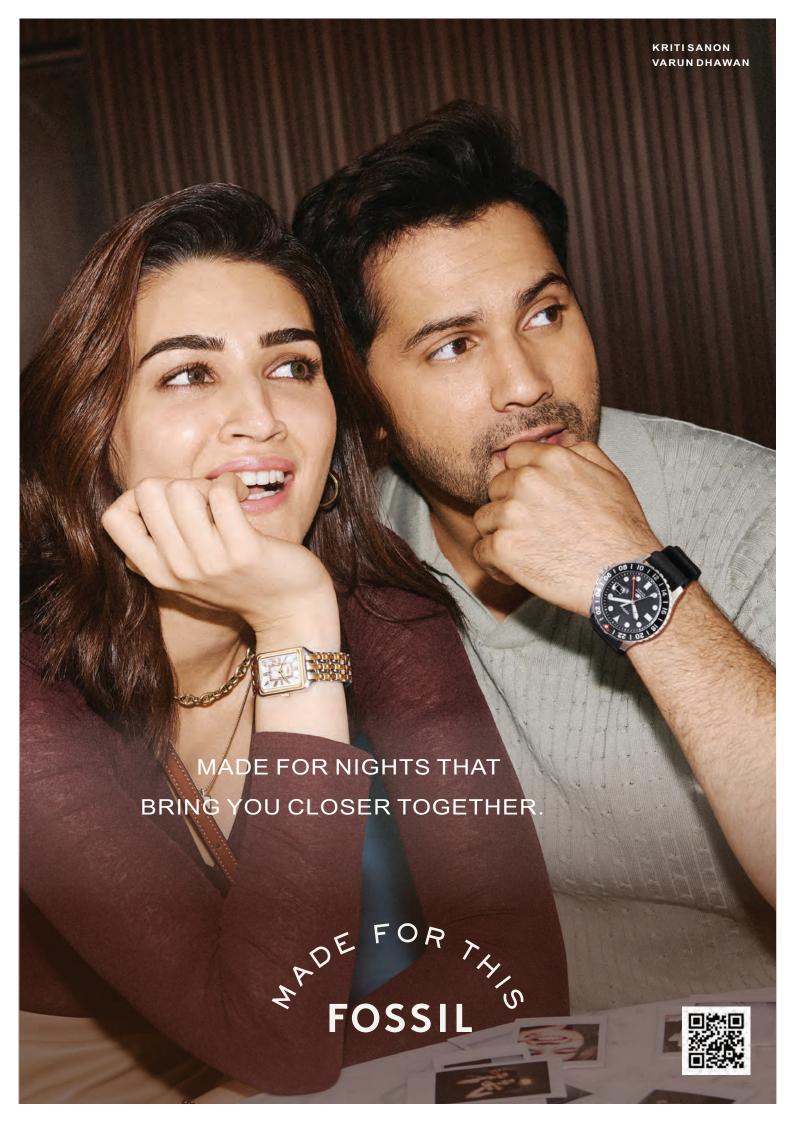
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# TISSOT

Of Roaring Engines And Ticking Clocks

It was a moment of pride for India as it played host to the country's first Grand Prix in New Delhi earlier this month. The Buddh International Circuit was a site replete with

frenzied fans and the roaring engines of the competing racing teams. When it comes to motor racing there's one brand that immediately comes to mind - Tissot. The official timekeeper of the MotoGP, Tissot has a deep relationship with this exciting sport since a long time. So to celebrate the 2023 season as well as honour this mutual partnership, Tissot has redesigned its beloved T-Race MotoGP and set up a special event at the races held in New Delhi.

A made to measure Tissot lounge was created where the newest launch was prominently displayed and fans could admire the brand's latest offering. Between the Moto2 and MotoGP races, Tissot hosted an invitational sprint race on the main straight. Top influencers and celebrities raced Tissot e-bikes in front of the grandstands, with the winner receiving a special Tissot T-Race MotoGP Chronograph.

Talking about the newely launched timepiece, each watch is crafted with the same detail and expertise shared between watchmaker,

motorbike mechanic and rider. Directly inspired by the sport, the T-Race MotoGP Limited Edition 2023 has technical features taken from motorcycle DNA.

All the dedicated watches come packaged in mini helmets, and feature large, red arabic numbers on the dial: big, visible digits designed to reflect motorcycle racing numbers. The design of the dial includes flashy red details to give the notion of speed; there is a MotoGP logo engraved on the caseback and speedometer-inspired chronographs.

In order to resemble a motorcar, there is a brake disc and caliper on the bezel, the pushes are inspired by handlebars, and engine cooling fins are depicted on the side of case. The T-Race MotoGP Limited Edition is water resistant, with a Quartz chronograph movement, and distinct hour and minute hands coated with Super-LumiNova. The watch is limited to 8,000 pieces and is the perfect timepiece for aficionados who are looking for something that represents their love for their favourite sport.

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The collection includes three spectacular timepieces, each of which is an ode to the beloved Mickey Mouse character that we have grown up loving. The timepieces feature a 43mm three-piece case, ultra-precise Japanese automatic movement and double-domed, scratch resistant sapphire crystal for unrivaled clarity. The three styles have a corresponding custom-designed caseback with an original Disney Mickey Mouse illustration, and the crown is accented with the character's iconic silhouette. Each watch is packaged in specially designed boxes, crafted to be a keepsake with an enclosed certificate of authenticity.





Ryan White, Creative Director of Watches shares his thoughts on this collection, "I am particularly excited for the Sketch watch. No one has shown Disney's Mickey Mouse from the perspective of the Illustrator and the original 2D artists, so we wanted to bring that idea to life in an authentic way as a hand-sketched character design. It's so different from anything that's been done. This is such a throwback piece to capture the original process of 2D illustration with artists using stacks of animation paper, building each scene or making the characters move. For the historian who appreciates Walt's innovation and the 2D animation technique, this is a watch for true collectors."

**Special-Edition Classic Disney Mickey Mouse Watch:** This reimagination of our fan-favorite Disney Mickey Mouse timepiece from 1992 is the quintessential watch to bring the iconic character to life in vivid detail.

**Limited-Edition Sketch Disney Mickey Mouse Watch**: The original illustration for Walt Disney's Mickey Mouse is the creative blueprint for this piece, paying homage to the art of animation and the visionary who sparked a world of imagination. The watch's dial includes handwritten notes from the original Walt Disney Animation Studio's Mickey Mouse artwork and is made to look like parchment paper from a sketchpad, layered with acetate to add dimension and create the illusion of film. Only 1,723 are being sold globally—a nod to 1923 when Disney was created.

**Limited-Edition Shadow Disney Mickey Mouse Watch:** Inspired by the unmistakable silhouette of Disney's Mickey Mouse, this standout watch is a modern take on what makes it so iconic. Only 1,523 are being sold globally.





In addition to these special- and limited-edition watches, Disney x Fossil also offers five timepieces designed exclusively for Fossil Outlet. Inspired by vintage animations, they feature Disney's Mickey Mouse and friends—such as Disney Minnie Mouse, Pluto and more.

## CARL F. BUCHERER X ETHOS

A Celebration Like No Other



Known for its exceptional watchmaking artistry, Carl F. Bucherer has delighted watch aficianados the world over with its innovative collections for the past 135 years. However, Indian watch lovers have been introduced to this glorious brand through the tireless efforts of watch retailer Ethos. With 20 years of experience in the world of horology, Ethos has been a one stop shop for all things related to luxury watches. A journey that began in 2010, when Ethos first collaborated with Carl F. Bucherer, has stood the test of time as they both celebrate their respective milestones with the introduction of Manero Flyback Anniversary in blue. Designed in concert with the Ethos team exclusively for India, it is limited to just 88 pieces and embodies the undying spirit of both these powerhouses.

Redolent of expansive blue skies, the Manero Flyback Anniversary in blue can inspire a feeling of calm in wearers, simply by looking at its easy-going aesthetic. With blue subdials against a sunray-brushed dial with matt zones, along with silver counters and rose gold-plated index marks and hands, the materials and finishes of the watch suit the Indian subcontinent with its proud cultural heritage of gold-related accessories. These fine details are further complemented by a blue calf leather strap with rose seams.

The Manero Flyback Anniversary is powered by a CFB 1970 caliber, a fine automatic mechanical movement that delivers 42 hours of power reserve. Functions include a chronograph with minute and seconds counter, flyback, date, hour, minute and small seconds. Designed for men and women in contemporary India, the Manero Flyback Anniversary in blue effortlessly flexes between day and night, the city and nature, work and leisure.



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# CHRISTIE'S

Legendary Watch Collection Goes Under the Hammer



World renowned auction house Christie's announced a spectacular auction of watch collector Mohammed Zaman on November 6th in Geneva titled "Passion for Time", An Important Private Collection of Watches and Timepieces. In one of the most prolific watch collections to be up for auction, this collection is truly astonishing. Touted as the greatest Private Single Owner Collection to appear to market in recent history, the collection has been painstakingly assembled over a forty year period.

Mohammed Zaman's passion for watches began at a very young age, over forty years ago when he received two watches, one from his father and another from his uncle. Thereafter in 1978, in celebration of a successful business transaction, he purchased his very first Rolex Day-Date in Dubai. The two events sparked a fire in him, who then commenced a relentless quest traveling across the world to attend watch shows and auctions, in pursuit of the world's rarest watches.

To him, wearing vintage and highly complex watches is akin to having a history book on the wrist, reflecting that these watches took years of

research and development to complete, and involved some of history's most celebrated watchmakers. Some pieces in his collection include:



#### ROLEX GMT-MASTER REF. 1675

Worn by actor Marlon Brando when playing Colonel Walter E. Kurtz in Francis Ford Coppola's 1979 classic "Apocalypse Now", this timepiece is a treat for cinema lovers. Marlon Brando himself 'customised' this piece by hand-engraving his name on the caseback. In addition, and even more notable, as Petra Brando Fischer recalls: "....he wore the watch on the set of Apocalypse Now in the Philippines, being asked to take it off during filming as it would stand out too much." She said her father argued that 'If they're looking at my watch, then I'm not doing my job as an actor,' and the powers that be on set eventually relented. Brando went a step further, by removing the bezel as well as the steel bracelet, which he replaced with a sober black strap, and pared down to essentials, allegorically mirrored the character of Kurtz.

### PHILIPPE DUFOUR'S GRANDE ET PETITE SONNERIE NO. 1

The introduction of this timepiece back in 1992 marked a major milestone in the history of watchmaking. Presented in Basel after two and a half years of research and development, it was the first time this spectacular minute repeater chiming complication had been incorporated into a wristwatch. The 39mm case, with a thickness of just 14mm is amplified by the sober and elegant aesthetic of the white enamel dial with sub-seconds. One of the world's finest and historically most significant complicated timepieces, it is also the first watch by Philippe Dufour as an independent watchmaker, catapulting him to the status of living legend. This piece is also No. 1 of only four examples made – each unique in yellow, pink, white gold and platinum, all with white enamel dials.





#### GEORGE DANIELS ANNIVERSARY NO. 00

Crafted by one of the greatest independent watchmakers and is a quintessential example of the finest tradition of handmade horology, the first of its kind and one of only four to have been made in platinum. The George Daniels Anniversary series commemorates the 35th anniversary of Daniels's invention of the co-axial escapement. Profoundly influenced by 18th/19th century master watchmaker Abraham-Louis Breguet, Daniels presented his ground-breaking co-axial escapement in 1975, redefining 21st-century horology. Following its launch in 2010, 47 George Daniels Anniversary watches were to be made: 35 in yellow gold; four in white gold; four in rose gold; and four examples in platinum, among which "No. 00", the very first of the series, epitomises unparalleled legacy.

#### **ROLEX 6062**

Introduced at the Basel fair in 1950, the Rolex 6062 is credited with introducing a complicated automatic movement, featuring both date and moon phases, fitted for the first time into the brand's most vaunted design, the 'screwback' Oyster case. Available in stainless steel, yellow gold or rose gold case, it also came with a variety of dial designs. The variant offered as part of this Collection, in rose gold, features a dial with eight stars as intermediary hour markers, earning it the sobriquet title Stelline - "little stars" in Italian - among collectors. It is perhaps the scarcest and most sought-after model of all, because only two Rolex models, references 6062 and 8171, showcase a triple calendar alongside a moon phase complication. While the latter sports a snap-on caseback, the former is the screw-in (or 'screwback') type, ensuring its waterproofness. This piece, one of the most immaculate and best-preserved 6062s to come to the market, was also once owned by Gordon Bethune, a globally recognised watch collector and the legendary CEO of Continental Airlines.





### RADO Going Green

In the world of art and design colours are not just colours. They hold a quiet power and almost live secret lives due to what they represent. White signifies purity, grace and innocence whereas red stands for passion, danger and love. Similarly green is a complex colour which often denotes growth, sustainability and even harmony. So it's not surprising that a brand such as Rado which is known for its innovative and aesthetic design elements, launched some of its flagship timepieces in this vibrant shade.

The iconic Rado Captain Cook Bronze appears in this adventurous version with a deep green dial encased in the world's oldest man-made alloy, bronze, and framed by a bezel with a polished green high-tech ceramic insert. Fitted with a Swiss made automatic movement with 80-hour power reserve and worn with a rugged NATO strap, it's an elegant combination of vintage looks and modern materials.

For contemporary explorers of a sustainable lifestyle, this 42 mm Captain Cook presents a striking gradient dial shading from green at the centre into black at the edges. Highly versatile, sporty and elegant at once, it's powered by a state-of-the-art Swiss automatic movement with a Nivachron hairspring for enhanced resistance and long-term precision. Worn with a bicolour stainless steel bracelet, it's perfect for a casual outing or a night on the town

The DiaStar Original has the features and functions all Rado connoisseurs know and love, enhanced in this version by a dial in subtly different shades of green brushed in two directions. While the original DiaStar saw uniquely scratch-resistant "hardmetal" combined for the first time in a watch with sapphire crystal, today's Original uses contemporary materials to pay tribute to an icon of modern design.

True Secret's evergreen dial plays with light, shading from dark to light green around an openwork window – a charming invitation to explore the secrets at its heart. Featuring a Swiss Made automatic calibre and a power reserve up to 80 hours, this enchanting green beauty is worn with a plasma high-tech ceramic link bracelet.

A classic soft-cornered square case frames the luxurious green dial, perfectly complemented by the refined greys of the plasma high-tech ceramic case and bracelet. Elegance at first glance captures the eye and makes wearing the Rado True Square Automatic a true pleasure.









# SONR SILICONE STRAPS







### FESTIVE DELIGHTS

Diwali Dazzlers For Your Wrist

In the second half of the year, India shines brighter as it celebrates diverse kinds of festivals, showcasing its rich culture and heritage. While consumer behavior in the country is evolving quickly along with the rest of the world, what stays unchanged for Indian festive consumers is their unwavering enthusiasm for celebration. Festivities breathe life into brands, as they're given a chance to enrich everyone's spirits.

Studies suggest, 84% of Indians plan to increase their spending during the holiday season. Additionally, rapidly altering online and offline buying trends due to multiple lockdowns have made consumers develop a preference for hybrid shopping during festive times. It may become a challenge for advertisers to keep track of the changing habits of diverse shoppers. It has been noted that there is a significant cultural shift that sees self-love gaining importance. Based on InMobi's The Marketer's Guide to India's Festive Season Report 2023:

- 63% of shoppers exhibit reduced price consciousness, saying they would eagerly explore brand options before purchasing.
- 54% of respondents said they preferred hybrid shopping followed by 44% who said they would choose online purchases only.
- Festivals act as catalysts for shopping sprees, with 58% of unplanned buyers flocking to Dusshera and Diwali sales, while 36% planning to kick-start their shopping as early as September.



#### **EMPORIO ARMANI**

AR11548

Emporio Armani is a brand that is synonymous with style, elegance and sophistication. It is often considered the ideal companion for a gentleman who is urban, successful and stylish. The festive season brings with it joyful gathering, exciting card parties and soulful pujas. An Emporio Armani watch can be the most suitable accessory for all of these occasions. The AR11548 Chronograph is a timepiece that will act as your perfect companion throughout the upcoming festivities. Crafted from durable stainless steel, this watch is a pleasing blend of sport and function. As seen by the rugged olive green accent and sophisticated black shades, it will complement a number of festive outfits this Diwali. The 43 mm case houses a sunray dial which features chronograph movement and a date window. With a subtle stainless steel bracelet and water resistance backing up to 50 m, this watch is an excellent choice for those who seek versatility in their timepiece.

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Turn heads with TAG Heuer's stunning version of the Monaco Gulf Edition. More refined, with a beautiful design and the in-house Heuer 02 movement that is housed in the fine brushed and polished steel case, the TAG Heuer Monaco Gulf Special Edition is a true eye-catcher. The design continues to be based on the three iconic colors of Gulf but this time in a more contemporary colour combinations: the special dark blue, turquoise, and orange. With these new elements and a little twist, this new TAG Heuer Monaco Gulf version becomes all the more unique and features more refined Gulf touches.

Focusing on the watch's dial, the sleek Gulf touches are mixed with the refined aesthetic of the Monaco.

If you are looking to add a little bit of yesteryear magic to your Diwali outfit, go for the Tissot PRX Digital. This creation is a daring fusion between the timeless PRX design and the Digital Quartz (with a 2040 Calibre), launched in 1977. The PRX Digital is a reliable companion for the modern adventurer. With its polished bezel and pushers, high-quality case, and satin-finish bracelet, it's a showstopper in design terms. Furthermore, the backlight on the display and the plethora of features such as dual time zones, day-date, chronograph, timer, and alarm, all contribute to its elevated versatility, creating a piece that's as multifaceted and adaptable as it is stylish.

The PRX Digital presents three diverse variations, including an all-gold PVD and a stainless-steel option with either a black or silver dial.



TISSOT PRX Digital





This Diwali flaunt your love for GMT watches as you don Tudor's Black Bay GMT with a new, whimsical dial in opaline to match the distinctive burgundy and blue bezel. stuff. First off, it sports an incredibly useful multiple time-zone complication – also known as a GMT function – that establishes local time without losing sight of the time in two other time zones.

Additional time zones are indicated by a red "Snowflake" GMT hand, TUDOR's aesthetic hallmark, which rotates around the dial in 24 hours, as well as a bidirectional rotatable bezel that is also calibrated for 24 hours. The twelve daylight hours are printed on the burgundy section and the night-time hours on the blue. With a steel case, 41mm in diameter, the Black Bay GMT model is waterproof to 200 metres (660 ft) and designed to withstand the elements.

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### JAEGER-LECOULTRE Master Ultra Thin Moon



With its streamlined design, elegant proportions and refined details, the Master Ultra Thin Moon embodies all the elements of the quintessential dress watch. Perfectly matching the pink gold case, the dial indications enhance the aesthetic harmony of the design and emphasise the beauty of the dial's gradient colour. The hours are marked by long, tapered triangles, which, like the 'JL' logo, are applied; their shape is echoed by the Dauphine hands; and the minutes are indicated by applied golden dots.

The moon phase display adds further detail and refinement, its subtly textured finishes contrasting with the shiny blue of the sunray dial and the mirror-polished moon disc.

For your formal Diwali parties, accessorize your look with the Maison's first moon phase model with a Panerai Goldtech bracelet, a distinct alloy enriched with platinum and copper, lending the metal a deep, rich red tone. Inspired by the patented Panerai crown-protection device, each link of the bracelet bears the semi-oval profile of the safety-lock system. Alternating between polished and brushed finishes, the curved links lend a refined finesse to the timepieces that are added to the dress watch wardrobe.

The 38mm case is also crafted from Goldtech and boasts a mother-of-pearl dial. The moon phase complication, one of the most poetic in horology, stands as the centerpiece of the Luminor Due Luna TuttOro, the name paying homage to 'luna', the Italian word for moon. Positioned at 3 o'clock, a rotating disc presents a moon set against a midnight blue sky studded with stars.



PANERAI minor Due Luna Tuttoro

ROLEX GMT- Master II



If you are a Rolex lover, then there can be no other choice for your festive watch than the Rolex GMT- Master II. Robust and functional, it is the ideal watch for criss-crossing the globe. The bezel was carefully designed to ideally fulfil its function. The GMT-Master II's Ovster case, 40 mm in diameter and guaranteed waterproof to a depth of 100 metres (330 feet), is a paragon of robustness and reliability. The middle case is crafted from a solid block of Oystersteel or 18 ct gold. The case back, edged with fine fluting, is hermetically screwed down with a special tool that allows only certified Rolex watchmakers to access the movement. The Triplock winding crown, fitted with a triple waterproofness system and protected by an integral crown guard, screws down securely against the case. The GMT-Master II is equipped with calibre 3285, a self-winding mechanical movement entirely developed and manufactured by Rolex. The GMT-Master II is available on a five-piece link Jubilee bracelet. The bracelets include ceramic inserts - designed by Rolex and patented - inside the links to enhance their flexibility and longevity.





# FREDERIQUE CONSTANT

Highlife Ladies Automatic Heart Beat



Frederique Constant presents a delightful choice for this Festival of Lights: the "Highlife Ladies Automatic Heart Beat" for this Diwali. Highlife Ladies Automatic Heart Beat is a fusion of 35 years of watchmaking expertise and contemporary creativity crafted especially for 21st-century women. This collection stands as an embodiment of elegance and innovation. The "Highlife Ladies Automatic Heart Beat" series features an exquisite combination of classic timepieces and trendy wristwatches, each symbolizing the precious moments shared with your dear ones. What sets these watches apart is not just their impeccable design but also the hallmark strap, seamlessly integrated into the case, allowing for effortless customization. This thoughtful detail ensures these watches are not just accessories but timeless companions, striking the perfect chord between modernity and tradition.

Designed for the modern Indian, Nebula by Titan's 18K gold watches are embellished with precious stones, and astutely translate design inspiration through the finest of jewellery making and precision watchmaking. In this Art Deco Collection, a range of refined timepieces with enhanced character and visual appeal that captivate both connoisseurs and first-time buyers. This launch underscores our commitment to creating an immersive experience for our buyers through a blend of excellence in design, precision technology and a cohesive narrative of inspiration.



NEBULA Art Deco Collection





Diwali celebration calls for festive ethnic wear and there's no watch brand that can complement your outfit better than Titan Raga. Specially crafted to suit a plethora of Indian looks, Raga effortlessly combines the beauty of gemstones along with the chic aesthetics of a timepiece. this white dial, gold case watch is adorned with both golden and silver accents along the strap giving it a look of a piece of jewellery, thus ensuring that you shine brighter than the firecrackers this Diwali.

Titan Raga, known for its progressive messaging, is all set to take a bold stance this time as it on boards Alia Bhatt as its new ambassador.







Sophisticated and minimal a Breguet timeprecess instantly eye catching. The new 7637 Classique Répétition Minutes has the minimalist dial of the earlier 7637 requires a particular craft that few artisans still practise today: the grand feu enamelling technique. Representing a mixture of silica and ground oxides, the coloured powders are dissolved in water before being applied to the dial using a variety of methods.

The watch case measures 42 mm in diameter and is newly available in rose gold. It houses Calibre 567.2, whose balance oscillates at a frequency of 2.5 Hz. When the watch is turned over, the entirely hand-chased mechanical hand-wound movement can be admired through the sapphire crystal caseback, as can the hammers made of polished steel. In addition to the aesthetic expertise of the hand-crafted decoration, this movement is ingenious in terms of the positioning of the gongs, gong-holders and hammers. The gongs are fixed to the case middle instead of the plate. As a result, they vibrate directly and transmit sound more effectively. The new Classique Répétition Minutes is fitted with a black alligator leather strap secured by a gold triple-blade folding clasp.

As part of its most sought after Prive collection, Cartier introduced a new Normale edition of its evergreen Tank. Despite the name, there is nothing normal about this latest drop as it features a braceleted yellow gold version of just 100 pieces. The dial is brushed silver with roman numerals with the quintessential "railroad track" hashes around the inside. The watch has the standard refreshed Cartier signature, which is a bolder version of the ones seen in the 1920s. The dial also features the text "Swiss Made" around the VI numeral, and the VI in "VII" has the date "1917" hidden within. The hands are "epée" hands from the 1940s Normales – blue hands on the yellow gold and silver on the platinum.

Cartier has followed their own historical precedent by using the hand-wound Caliber 070, the smallest movement available to the brand through Le Temps Manufacture. The movement is apparently finished with Cartier marks which is not visible beacause of the solid caseback. So this Diwali ensure that you slay your festive look by adorning yourself with this elegant and timeless timepiece.



CARTIER Tank Normale

ROGER DUBUIS



For those who prefer a sophisticated timepiece that fully displayed the technical marvel of the art of watchmaking, Roger Dubius Excalibur Spider is the perfect pick. The Excalibur is the Roger Dubuis signature, embodying the brand's obsession with creating the future, it's the design that inspires all others. Uncompromising in its exceptional mechanics and iconic aesthetics, the Excalibur exceeds all expectations. The case measures a skeletonized 39 mm and is crafted in pink gold with rubber inlays. The pink gold bezel with white lacquer markings is complete with case back with sapphire crystal and is on trend for all your Barbie looks.



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### DIESEL

VR Backed Watches Take Centre Stage













Design and technology were the showstoppers at Diesel's launch of its newest Vert Collection. Bringing together the world of hip-hop and horology was India's leading singer and pop star King, who unveiled the Collection alongside the Managing Director of Fossil Group - India, Johnson Verghese. This thrilling event was held at Mumbai's swanky Jio World Drive Mall.

A first-of-its-kind range of timepieces by Diesel, the Vert Collection has been crafted using a new wave of VR technology that bridges the gap between the physical and digital worlds. The exclusive event was a glamorous affair, attended by a number of prominent influencers and leading press outlets, reaffirming Diesel's status as a trendsetter in the industry.

The launch event itself was a spectacle of design and technology, featuring a captivating launch film and a showcase of the Vert Collection in all its glory. The brand further set up a striking 3D visual display of the Vert Collection within the mall, for attendees to admire up close. Diesel chose to partner with King, one of India's most popular pop stars, to celebrate the futuristic aesthetic and transformative design of the Vert Collection and bring this fusion of elements to the public.

Mr. Verghese began the evening by sharing the story and design

journey behind the eagerly awaited Vert Collection; before being joined by King to present the launch movie that gave the public their first ever look at the Vert Collection. This was followed by a press conference and an in-person unboxing and reveal of the Vert range of watches.

The new Vert watch bridges the gap between the physical and digital worlds and is a first-of-its-kind for Diesel. It's one of several styles from the new forward-thinking Metamorph collection that's entirely conceptualized and created from a technologically immersive virtual reality experience with a game-like approach. Here, the flexibility of dreaming of a modern approach to design looks like armor unfolding on the wrist, a disruptive, hard-shelled appearance that's mutually organic and futuristic. The entire composition is crafted using a new wave of VR technology where virtually everything looks "organically" different.

With a case size of 44 mm, the watches are available in three color options - black, gold and silver, and they come with a stainless steel strap bracelet and three-hand date movement. There's also a limited edition exclusive (DZ2183)—only 700 units available worldwide—and it features contrasting leather black inlay accents along this dynamic design's inner core and clips.

### DUBAI WATCH WEEK

Horological Wonders Await









The annual Dubai Watch Week is a unique amalgamation of congruent industries such as horology, design, fashion and art and bring together people from every walk of life for a weeklong celebration of a shared passion- watches. The 6th edition of this event is set to take place from the 16th to 20th November in the dynamic city of Dubai where over 55 brands will showcase their boundless talent in the art of watchmaking.

Under the patronage of Her Highness Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Chairperson of the Dubai Culture & Arts Authority (Dubai Culture) and Member of the Dubai Council, Dubai Watch Week will reconvene at The Gate, Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC).

Spanning over 100,000 sq. ft, visitors will enjoy immersive experiences with leading brands such as Rolex, Audemars Piguet, TUDOR, Hublot, Chopard, Ulysse Nardin, Girard-Perregaux, Van Cleef & Arpels, CHANEL and WatchBox, all of whom will have stand-alone spaces on site. Some of the participating brands also include Akrivia, Armin Strom, Arnold & Son, ArtyA, Bell & Ross, Biver, Bovet, Breitling, Bremont, Christophe Claret, Chronoswiss, Czapek, De Bethune, Dior, DOXA, F.P. Journe, Ferdinand Berthoud, Frederique Constant, GENUS, Grand Seiko, Greubel Forsey, H. Moser & Cie., HYT, ID Genève, Jacob & Co., Konstantin Chaykin, La Fabrique du Temps Louis Vuitton, Laurent Ferrier, Louis Erard, Ludovic Ballouard, MB&F, MING, Moritz Grossmann, Norqain, Oris,

Rebellion Timepieces, Remy Cools, RESERVOIR, Ressence, Schwarz Etienne, Speake-Marin, TAG Heuer, Trilobe Watches, URWERK, Vanguart, and Vyntage.

"The 6th edition is shaping up to be the largest iteration of the event yet, underpinned by collaboration and cultural elements, as we celebrate Curious Confluence and the intersection of industries further. Our core objectives will continue to spearhead what to expect on-site, and as the event transcends horology, we are keen to expand our offering, thus appealing to a wider audience. We are grateful to our partners and the brands participating this year, we look forward to collaborating with them to create the most unique and immersive edition yet. Dubai Watch Week, a movement in horology, will continue to pioneer rising players across key fields and support initiatives that further elevate our industry, and cement Dubai as a global centre for culture in line with the nation's vision," commented Hind Seddiqi, Director General of Dubai Watch Week.

Horology Forum, Creative Hubs, and Masterclasses will return alongside new watch launches and debates designed to foster discussions, as we unite for a moment in time for an event like no other. A key event in the Dubai Calendar, guests can expect new F&B concepts on-site, an array of entertainment, craftsmanship, technology-driven activations, and unique MB&F M.A.D Gallery pieces in the Brands Exhibition; that are bound to elevate and widen the appeal of horology to new generations and audiences.

### THE WATCHMAKER'S BRUNCH

Hosted by The Hour Markers and Frederique Constant







On a Saturday morning, The Hour Markers hosted an exclusive brunch with renowned Swiss watch manufacture Frederique Constant at KMC in Fort, Mumbai on 23rd September. The elegant event provided watch connoisseurs an inside look at Frederique Constant's rich 35-year history and mastery of fine watchmaking.

The day began with an in-depth presentation by Arun D'Silva from Frederique Constant, who guided attendees through the brand journey since its founding by Peter and Aletta Stas in 1988. He highlighted crucial milestones such as the launch of Frederique Constant's first in-house manufactured movement, the calibre FC-910, in 2001.

The highlight of the event was an intimate session at the watchmaker's desk, where Frederique Constant's watchmaker from the Bangalore atelier gave attendees a firsthand look at assembling and disassembling the Frederique Constant Worldtimer model.











He explained, "With the in-house Calibre FC-718, Frederique Constant has created the most accessible and easy-to-adjust world timer watch on the market today." Attendees crowded around, utterly captivated by the nuances of assembling this exceptional timepiece. Moreover, The Hour Markers known for curating special experiences also offered the guests a chance to become a watchmaker themselves and assemble a Frederique Constant Worldtimer timepiece!

To add to the brunch vibe, the menu consisted of artisanal coffee and tea concoctions crafted by KMC, as a tribute to Frederique Constant's Swiss heritage. Watch enthusiasts and influencers from across India relished the horological education paired with scrumptious food & beverages in an intimate cafe setting.

Through this exclusive event at the KMC Cafe, The Hour Markers and Frederique Constant provided devotees a deeper appreciation of the innovation and craftsmanship within luxury watchmaking. It was a fitting homage to a storied Swiss maison now celebrating over three decades of watchmaking excellence.









Credit: The Hour Markers

