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TIME WORKS WONDERS

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Watches & Wonders, the mega watch fair staged in Hong Kong in September-October, is the only sizable annual horological event held in this part of the world. We featured some of its highlights in the last issue. Here are more

1. IWC's first single push-button chronograph in a red gold case, the **Portofino Hand-Wound Monopusher** also has an alligator leather strap made by renowned Italian shoemaker Santoni. Price: S\$36,900.

2. The **Clifton 1830 - 8-Day Power Reserve** marks Baume & Mercier's 185th anniversary. As its name suggests, the hallmark of the red-gold timepiece is a hand-wound movement with eight days' power reserve. Price: S\$24,700 (Limited 185 pieces).

3. Behind **Jaeger-LeCoultre's Geophysic True Seconds**' simple-looking watch in a steel case is a sophisticated movement that has been constructed to reduce air friction and increase precision. The seconds hand move in "jumps", at one jump per second – no ordinary feat for an automatic movement which rests in a steel case. Price: S\$13,300.

4. **Cartier's Mysterious Double Tourbillon**, first launched in 2013, has been given a new blue face – replacing the previous slate-coloured galvanised guilloche dial – as part of a set of three of Cartier's most complicated wristwatches. The other timepieces are the Astrocadier and Minute Repeater Flying Tourbillon. Estimated price for the set: S\$1 million.



5. This is the red gold version of **Panerai's Radiomir 1940 3 Days Oro Rosso** which is equipped with P.1000, the new movement fresh out of Panerai's new Swiss state-of-the-art factory. The new movement has a longer power reserve of three days, against 60 hours provided by the previous movement. Price: S\$25,900.

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6. Many of **Roger Dubuis** timepieces look complicated or over-decorated. The **Excalibur 42 Automatic** stands out for its simple appearance. Yet this could be deceptive. The finely hand-engraved stone face dial was inspired by the fabled stone into which the legendary King Arthur's Excalibur sword was lodged. Price: S\$53,500 (Limited 188 pieces).

7. **Van Cleef & Arpels' Lady Arpels Colibri Indigo Watch** has a dial featuring lepidolite marquetry work. Lepidolite is a lilac-grey, or rose-coloured, stone that is said to be visually soothing. Marquetry is the art and craft of applying pieces of veneer to a structure to for decorative designs or pictures. Estimated price: S\$154,400 (Limited 22 pieces).

8. **Montblanc's Boheme Moongarden** for the ladies is driven by a new movement developed in-house which displays the name of each month's full moon, instead of the traditional name of the month – which most moon-phase timepieces do. Estimated price: S\$18,000 in red gold.

9. **Vacheron Constantin's Patrimony Contemporaine Ultra-Thin Calibre 1731**, which boasts the slimmest



hand-wound minute repeater movement, now comes in platinum. It was first launched in 2013 in a pink gold case. Price: S\$633,400.

10. When Hollywood actress Natalie Portman and director **Richard Mille** got together, the result is the gravity-defying **Tourbillon RM 19-01**. The **Black Sapphire** is one of two versions of the complication; the other is the **Black Ceramic**. Only eight pieces of the hand-wound timepiece – three for the Black Sapphire and five for the Black Ceramic – are available, and only for the Asian market. Price: S\$1,234,500.

11. You will hardly notice the changes in the updated **Saxonia**: the new minute scales and extended minute markers. Yet its look has been enhanced. This pink gold model is one of two versions of the watch; the other is in white gold. Price: S\$24,900.

12. Bulino engraving brings to life the Lion of Venice in this 40 mm white gold timepiece, part of **Piaget's new Secret & Lights Watch collection**. Originating in Italy, bulino engraving is an engraving technique first used for rifles and banknote plates. Price: S\$86,500. ■