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SIHH HIGHLIGHTS – DAY 1 The 28th edition of the Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie is now in full swing. This week, some of the world's finest luxury watch brands present their latest creations at Geneva's annual watch fair, which traditionally showcases the emerging trends in the wider industry for the next 12 months. Of course, we are right at the heart of the action, bringing you live updates from the event on social media. If you missed it, fear not, because here's another chance to get yourself acquainted with our pick of the fair so far. Plus, don't forget to follow us on social media so you can be among the first to discover the latest watches.



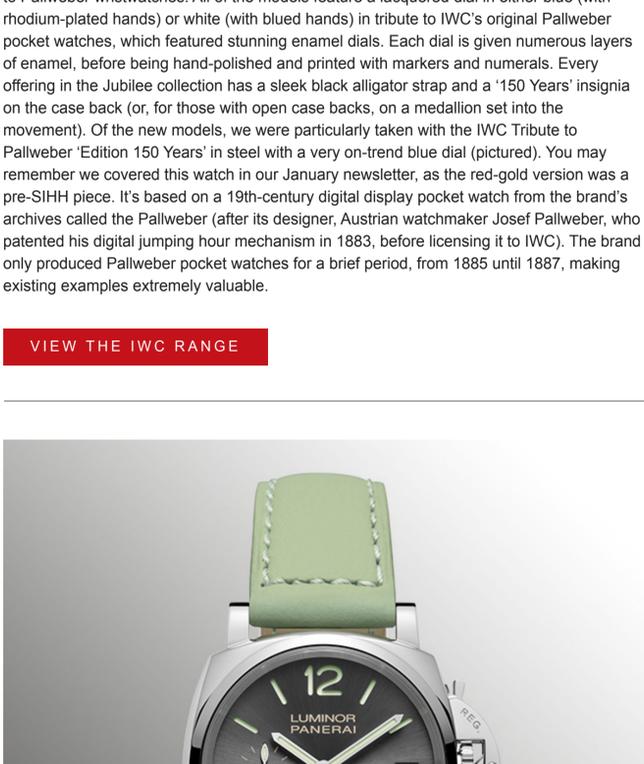
Vacheron Constantin created a stir on Day 1 with its all-new FiftySix collection

FIRST LOOK

VACHERON CONSTANTIN

Vacheron Constantin caused a buzz on the first day of the fair with the introduction of an entirely new family of timepieces aimed at the younger generation. The FiftySix collection is so-called because it takes its design cues from Ref 6073, a watch from its archives that was first introduced in – yes, you guessed it – 1956. It's made up of three models in various materials, including the 40mm FiftySix Self-Winding, a handsome three-hand watch that comes in either steel or 18-carat pink gold. Inside ticks a new manufacture movement, calibre 1326, which measures a mere 4.3mm thick, powers a date window at 3 o'clock and boasts a 48-hour power reserve. We're big fans of the steel FiftySix Self-Winding (pictured), which features a detailed grey dial with an opaline centre and a sunburst exterior, as well as 18-carat white gold numerals and indices and a complementary dark grey alligator leather strap. What's more, the watch's sapphire crystal case back allows the wearer to admire the movement finishing (Côtes de Genève, circular graining and snailing) as well as the new oscillating weight created by the brand for this collection. Look closer and you'll notice the polished and satin-brushed open-worked rotor bears a Maltese Cross applique and a frosted-snail finish – a signature feature shared by all of the new FiftySix models.

MORE FROM VACHERON



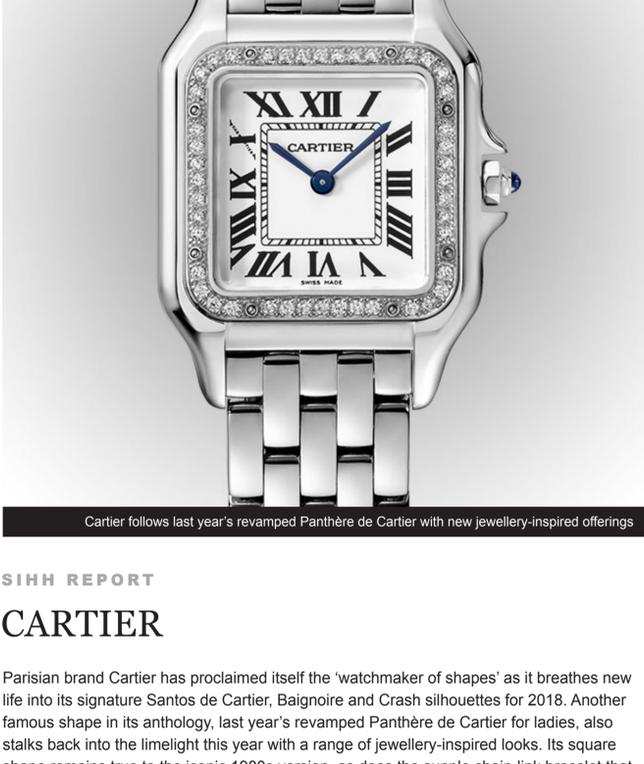
IWC is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year with the new Jubilee collection

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IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

Anniversaries are always a cause for celebration in the luxury watch industry, and this year Schaffhausen brand IWC is marking its 150th birthday with the launch of the far-reaching Jubilee collection. There are 27 limited-edition Jubilee timepieces joining the brand's existing Portugieser, Portofino, Pilot's and Da Vinci families, as well as the first ever Tribute to Pallweber wristwatches. All of the models feature a lacquered dial in either blue (with rhodium-plated hands) or white (with blued hands) in tribute to IWC's original Pallweber pocket watches, which featured stunning enamel dials. Each dial is given numerous layers of enamel, before being hand-polished and printed with markers and numerals. Every offering in the Jubilee collection has a sleek black alligator strap and a '150 Years' insignia on the case back (or, for those with open case backs, on a medallion set into the movement). Of the new models, we were particularly taken with the IWC Tribute to Pallweber 'Edition 150 Years' in steel with a very on-trend blue dial (pictured). You may remember we covered this watch in our January newsletter, as the red-gold version was a pre-SIHH piece. It's based on a 19th-century digital display pocket watch from the brand's archives called the Pallweber (after its designer, Austrian watchmaker Josef Pallweber, who patented his digital jumping hour mechanism in 1883, before licensing it to IWC). The brand only produced Pallweber pocket watches for a brief period, from 1885 until 1887, making existing examples extremely valuable.

VIEW THE IWC RANGE



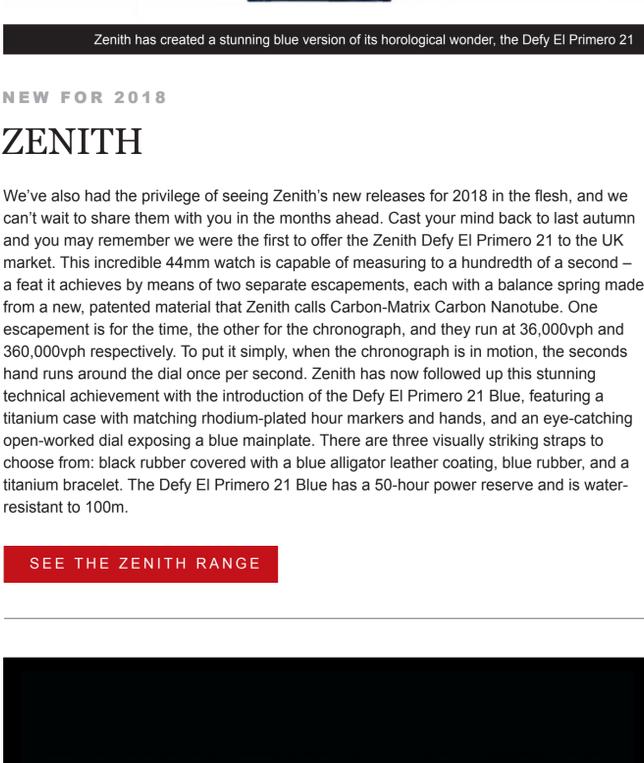
Panerai has introduced six new references to its Luminor Due line-up

FIRST GLIMPSE

PANERAI

In 2016, Panerai unveiled the Luminor Due collection – a brand new line featuring slimmed-down versions of the brand's famously generous Luminor case (40 per cent thinner, in fact). This year, the Swiss brand is introducing six new references to the Luminor Due line-up, with either 38mm or 42mm cases and in a variety of dial colours and materials. For those with smaller wrists, we think the 38mm Luminor Due 3 Days Automatic Acciaio (Ref PAM755, pictured) in steel is especially eye-catching, thanks to its mint-green leather strap and cool anthracite dial. It's the first time Panerai has created a 38mm Luminor case, and inside ticks the brand's OP XXXIV movement, which powers Panerai's signature small seconds at 9 o'clock. It also has a three-day power reserve. Practical and stylish.

EXPLORE PANERAI



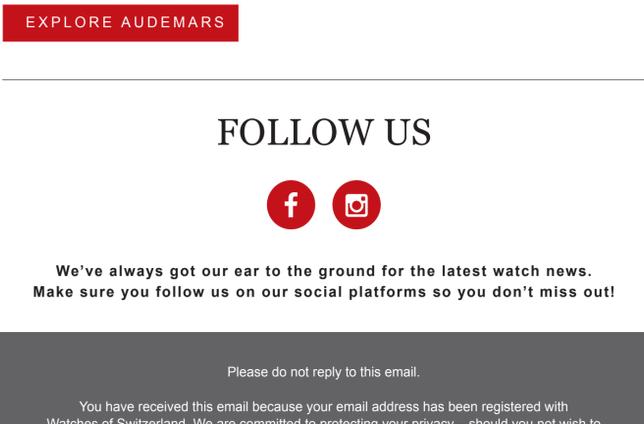
Cartier follows last year's revamped Panthère de Cartier with new jewellery-inspired offerings

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CARTIER

Parisian brand Cartier has proclaimed itself the 'watchmaker of shapes' as it breathes new life into its signature Santos de Cartier, Baignoire and Crash silhouettes for 2018. Another famous shape in its history, last year's revamped Panthère de Cartier for ladies. Also stalks back into the limelight this year with a range of jewellery-inspired looks. Its square shape remains true to the iconic 1980s version, as does the supple chain-link bracelet that makes this stunning timepiece so comfortable to wear. Design tweaks include a triple-loop bracelet and diamond paving on the case and bezel. We loved these new bejeweled offerings, especially the steel Panthère de Cartier with its gorgeous diamond-set bezel, which comes in either a medium or small case and houses a quartz movement (pictured).

MORE FROM CARTIER



Zenith has created a stunning blue version of its horological wonder, the Defy El Primero 21

NEW FOR 2018

ZENITH

We've also had the privilege of seeing Zenith's new releases for 2018 in the flesh, and we can't wait to share them with you in the months ahead. Cast your mind back to last autumn and you may remember we were the first to offer the Zenith Defy El Primero 21 to the UK market. This incredible 44mm watch is capable of measuring to a hundredth of a second – a feat it achieves by means of two separate escapements, each with a balance spring made from a new, patented material that Zenith calls Carbon-Matrix Carbon Nanotube. One escapement is for the time, the other for the chronograph, and they run at 36,000vph and 360,000vph respectively. To put it simply, when the chronograph is in motion, the seconds hand runs around the dial once per second. Zenith has now followed up this stunning technical achievement with the introduction of the Defy El Primero 21 Blue, featuring a titanium case with matching rhodium-plated hour markers and hands, and an eye-catching open-worked dial exposing a blue mainplate. There are three especially striking catches to choose from: black rubber covered with a blue alligator leather coating, blue rubber, and a titanium bracelet. The Defy El Primero 21 Blue has a 50-hour power reserve and is water-resistant to 100m.

SEE THE ZENITH RANGE

This Royal Oak Offshore Self-Winding Chronograph comes with the option of a camouflage strap

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AUDEMARS PIGUET

Audemars Piguet is marking 25 years of its iconic Royal Oak Offshore with a fantastic array of new models, from the beautifully embellished to the boldly avant-garde. First established in 1993 as a sporty answer to the Royal Oak, the Offshore has since become a star in its own right. We love this year's new Royal Oak Offshore Self-Winding Chronograph, a 44mm stainless steel model featuring a khaki ceramic bezel, pushbuttons and screw-lock crown, as well as the option of a camouflage strap. Our prediction? This watch will be a huge hit among adventurers when it becomes available in July, so watch this space.

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