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**ALL THE LATEST LIVE FROM SIHH** – we are right in the thick of the action in Geneva, bringing you news and highlights from the prestigious 28th Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie. Since the doors opened, we've been keeping watch enthusiasts right up to date via social media, but just in case you've missed any of the biggest stories from the last 24 hours, here's our round-up of highlights from day two. And to stay in the loop on all the SIHH news as it happens, just follow us on social media.



Cartier has revamped its famous Santos de Cartier, featuring colourful interchangeable straps

## SIHH ROUND-UP

### CARTIER

If you read our round-up of day one yesterday, then you'll know the Parisian watchmaker is focusing on the many signature shapes in its collection this year. Now we want to share with you another iconic silhouette in the Cartier world: the enduringly popular Santos de Cartier. For 2018, the brand has respectfully updated this beloved timepiece, which was first created by Louis Cartier for his close friend, the aviator Alberto Santos-Dumont, in 1904. It was the first time a watch had been designed to sit on a wrist – allowing Santos-Dumont to operate his flight controls without having to check a pocket watch. These latest renditions stay true to the original in many ways, featuring the famous square-shaped case and the eight screws on the bezel, but the design has been updated with modern-day comfort and ergonomics in mind. In tribute to the original Santos leather strap, the new Santos de Cartier models come on a series of interchangeable straps in a wide choice of materials and colours. These are available in steel, gold, calfskin and alligator skin – and can easily be swapped by the wearer thanks to Cartier's new QuickSwitch system hidden under the strap. To activate this invisible system, the wearer simply presses the mechanism and slots in the strap of their choice. Another cutting-edge feature is the new SmartLink self-fitting technology, which adjusts the length of the metal bracelet to the nearest link without the need for a tool. Cartier has patents pending for both of these new systems.

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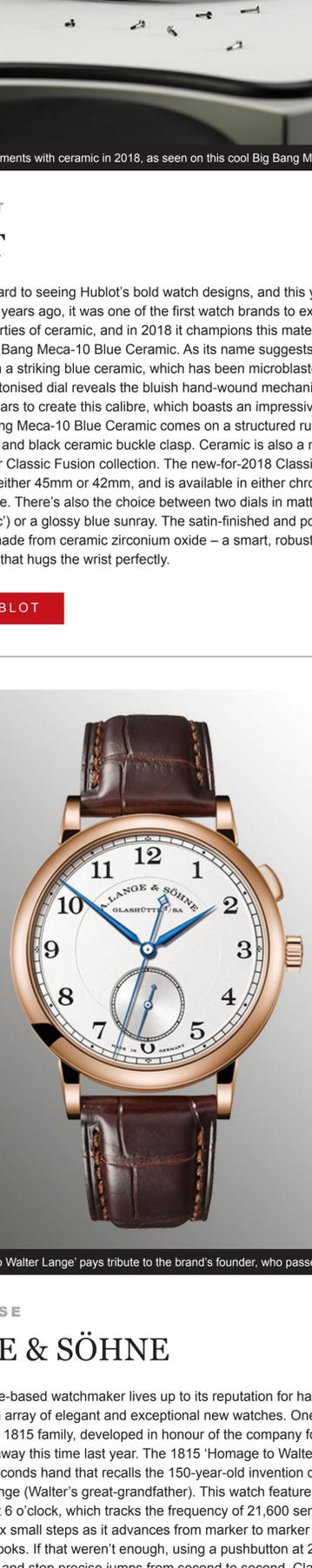
We love the Portofino Hand-Wound Moon Phase Edition '150 Years' celebrating IWC's 150th anniversary

## FIRST LOOK

### IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

We've already brought you news of IWC's Jubilee collection, launched to mark the Schaffhausen brand's 150th anniversary. As you may recall, 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 (which we featured in yesterday's round-up). Another elegant model from the collection that we laid eyes on at the fair was the steel Portofino Hand-Wound Moon Phase Edition '150 Years', which comes with either a blue or white lacquered dial (pictured). This striking timepiece combines a classic Portofino Hand-Wound Eight Days with a magical moon-phase display, and is powered by the IWC-manufactured 59800 calibre (impressively, it will deviate from the actual cycle of the moon by just one day every 122 years). A total of 350 pieces will be available in the stainless steel version, alongside 150 pieces in red gold.

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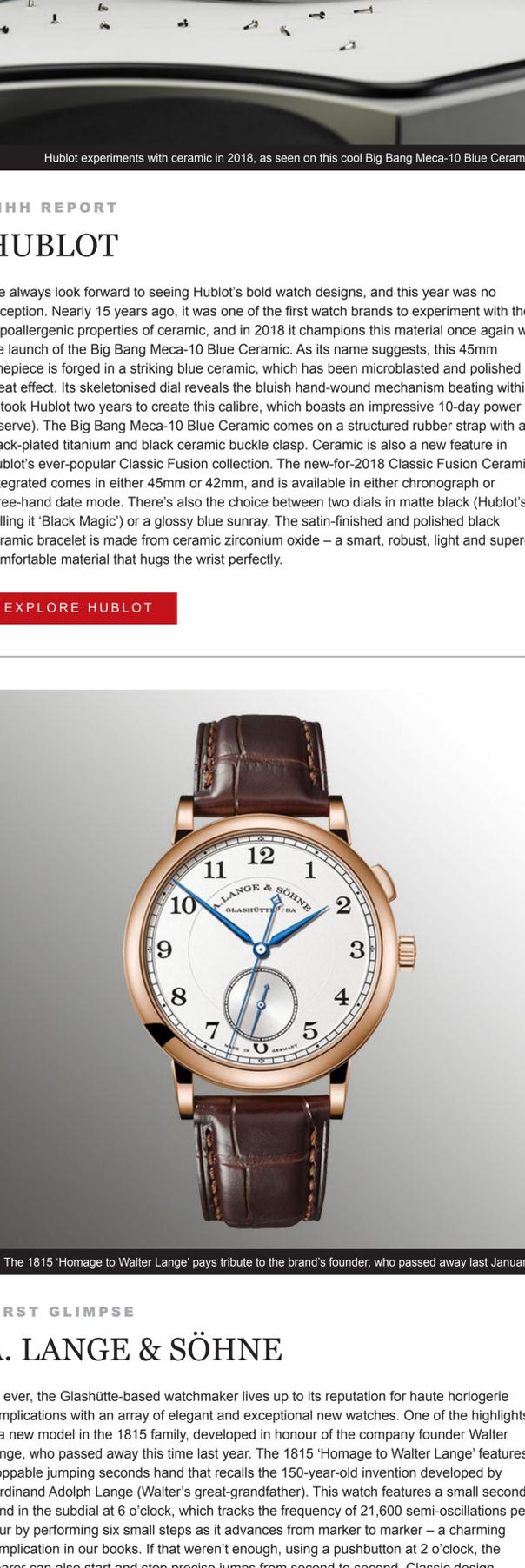
We've got our eye on the Jaeger-LeCoultre Polaris collection. This chronograph model has a blue dial

## SIHH ROUND-UP

### JAEGER-LECOULTRE

If you love Jaeger-LeCoultre, you're in for a treat this year as the luxury watch house has reissued its original Polaris in the occasion of the iconic 1968 timepiece's 50th anniversary. For those who aren't yet familiar with the Polaris, Jaeger-LeCoultre produced just 1,714 examples, making it a hugely sought-after vintage watch today. The original Polaris made its mark thanks to being a diver's watch equipped with a mechanical alarm. In 2008, Jaeger-LeCoultre introduced a pair of tribute Polaris watches, but this year's take is the first time it has fully revisited the watch. The 2018 Polaris collection sees five new watches enter the fold. We love the sporty Jaeger-LeCoultre Polaris Chronograph (pictured), a 42mm steel watch with a tachymeter bezel and a deep blue dial.

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Ladies will love Piaget's new rainbow-bright Possession watches

## FIRST LOOK

### PIAGET

Piaget's stand has been one of the talking points at this year's Salon thanks to its fun, tropical feel – all inspired by the brand's attention to colour. And Piaget's new collection of watches were similarly eye-catching. We especially loved its bold experiments with colour for the updated ladies' Possession models – now fronted by Piaget's latest brand ambassador, Dutch supermodel Doutzen Kroes. The new-for-2018 Possession watches come in steel (pictured) or gold, and each model features the Possession's signature turning ring and a second rotating ring, making for a playful revolving bezel. There are two new case sizes in this range, 29mm and 34mm, and for the first time, the Possession now comes with a choice of colourful stone dials in bright turquoise, red carnelian, green malachite, and deep blue lapis lazuli. If that wasn't colourful enough, the shades of these decorative gemstones are also offset with matching interchangeable straps. These watches will be available from April, so watch this space. For gents, we are also huge fans of the new Piaget Polo S chronograph in steel with a blue dial, which we can't wait to bring you more news of later in the year.

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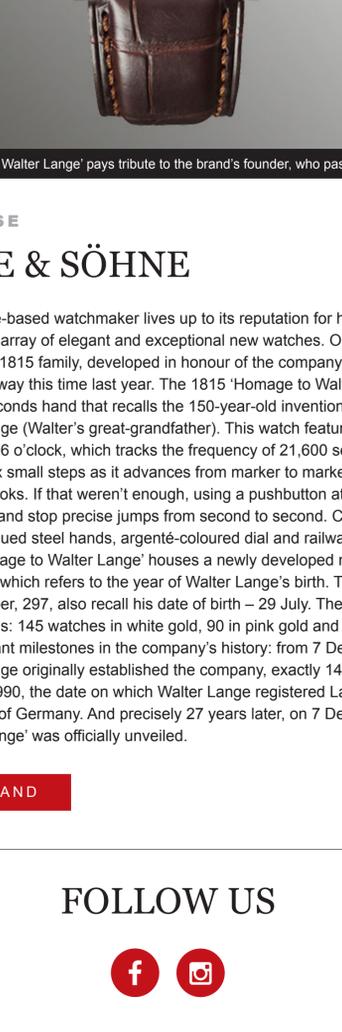
Hublot experiments with ceramic in 2018, as seen on this cool Big Bang Meca-10 Blue Ceramic

## SIHH REPORT

### HUBLLOT

We always look forward to seeing Hublot's bold watch designs, and this year was no exception. Nearly 15 years ago, it was one of the first watch brands to experiment with the hypoallergenic properties of ceramic, and in 2018 it champions this material once again with the launch of the Big Bang Meca-10 Blue Ceramic. As its name suggests, this 45mm timepiece is forged in a striking blue ceramic, which has been microblasted and polished to great effect. Its skeletonised dial reveals the bluish hand-wound mechanism beating within (it took Hublot two years to create this calibre, which boasts an impressive 10-day power reserve). The Big Bang Meca-10 Blue Ceramic comes on a structured rubber strap with a black-plated titanium and black ceramic buckle clasp. Ceramic is also a new feature in Hublot's ever-popular Classic Fusion collection. The new-for-2018 Classic Fusion Ceramic Integrated comes in either 45mm or 42mm, and is available in either chronograph or three-hand date mode. There's also the choice between two dials in matte black (Hublot's calling it 'Black Magic') or a glossy blue sunray. The satin-finished and polished black ceramic bracelet is made from ceramic zirconium oxide – a smart, robust, light and super-comfortable material that hugs the wrist perfectly.

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The 1815 'Homage to Walter Lange' pays tributes to the brand's founder, who passed away last January

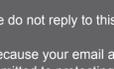
## FIRST GLIMPSE

### A. LANGE & SÖHNE

As ever, the Glashütte-based watchmaker lives up to its reputation for haute horlogerie complications with an array of elegant and exceptional new watches. One of the highlights is a new model in the 1815 family, developed in honour of the company founder Walter Lange, who passed away this time last year. The 1815 'Homage to Walter Lange' features a stoppable jumping seconds hand that recalls the 150-year-old invention developed by Ferdinand Adolph Lange (Walter's great-grandfather). This watch features a small seconds hand in the subdial at 6 o'clock, which tracks the frequency of 21,600 semi-oscillations per hour by performing six small steps as it advances from marker to marker – a charming complication in our books. If that weren't enough, using a pushbutton at 2 o'clock, the wearer can also start and stop precise jumps from second to second. Classic design features include the blue steel hands, argente-coloured dial and railway-track minute scale. The 1815 'Homage to Walter Lange' houses a newly developed movement the brand is designating L1924, which refers to the year of Walter Lange's birth. The first three digits of the reference number, 297, also recall his date of birth – 29 July. The 40.5mm watch comes in three editions: 145 watches in white gold, 90 in pink gold and 27 in yellow gold. These refer to important milestones in the company's history: from 7 December, 1845, when Ferdinand Adolph Lange originally established the company, exactly 145 years elapsed before 7 December 1990, the date on which Walter Lange registered Lange Uhren GmbH after the reunification of Germany. And precisely 27 years later, on 7 December 2017, the 'Homage to Walter Lange' was officially unveiled.

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