



**CARTIER'S LATEST  
STYLE ICON:  
THE BALLON BLEU**

## CARTIER

Cartier has created what must be the world's most "feelable" watch in the form of its deliciously smooth Ballon Bleu, a not-quite-round timepiece with a ball-shaped winding crown cleverly set within the edge of the case. Available in large (42mm), medium (36.5mm) and small (28.5mm) sizes, it also comes in a variety of finishes including rose gold, white gold and a gold and steel combo. Cartier's ultra high-end Collection Privée is joined by a grand complication version of its Rotonde watch featuring a tourbillon, perpetual calendar, single-button chronograph and seven-day power reserve all wrapped in a 950-grade platinum case. Just ten will be made. [www.cartier.com](http://www.cartier.com)



**CHANEL'S  
\$200,000  
J12 TOURBILLON**

## CHANEL

It is now seven years since Chanel unveiled its radical ceramic-cased J12 sports watch, a model that has proved a surprise hit in all corners of the world with men and women alike. In 2005, the J12's horological credentials were uplifted with the addition of an £80,000 tourbillon version which, this year, is joined by a one-off piece costing around £200,000 and set with 568 baguette-cut rubies. Meanwhile, the new J12 Superleggera, the range inspired by the lightweight sports-car bodies built by Touring of Milan during the Fifties, features an exceptionally comfortable articulated bracelet made from rubber. The black ceramic case has a sandblasted finish and the aluminium and ceramic bezel carries a tachymeter ring for speed calculations. [www.chanel.com](http://www.chanel.com)



**CHAUMET'S DANDY  
WITH GMT  
FUNCTION**

## CHAUMET

Chaumet watches are the epitome of understatement, and the Dandy range is among the most simply sophisticated dress watches available. Joining white gold, decorated and "Jumping Hour" versions, comes the Dandy GMT, matching subtly with a useful complication in a 40mm, it is a self-winding timepiece featuring city names picked out in blue and silver-plated numerals on silver versions, and in silver with blue numerals on pink gold versions. For those in the market for a sportier model that still retains the elegant lines for which this venerable Place Vendôme jeweller is world renowned, Chaumet has also reworked its Class One diving collection. [www.chaumet.com](http://www.chaumet.com)



**A BRACE OF  
CHOPARD  
TWO-D-TENS**

## CHOPARD

Car-mad Chopard boss Karl-Friedrich Scheufele has celebrated the tenth anniversary of the firm's high-end LUC (Louis Ulysse Chopard) manufacture with the launch of an all-new sports chronograph called the LUC Chrono One. Porsche fan Scheufele code-named the project GT3 because of the speed with which it had to be completed – 25 technicians worked full-time on the design for 14 months to produce an impressive double-pusher, automatic chronograph with flyback stop seconds function and a guaranteed 60-hour power reserve. Just 100 of the 42mm, white gold watches will be made, each powered by a hand-crafted version of the new movement. [www.chopard.com](http://www.chopard.com)



**CITIZEN'S BLACK  
ION-PLATED  
PERPETUAL CALENDAR**

## CITIZEN

If your budget only stretches to a few hundred pounds, investigate Citizen's timepieces in the sub-£300 range. Many use the brand's Eco-Drive solar-powered movement which can run for up to six years without being in contact with daylight. Citizen's new Eco-Drive-powered Skyhawk AT is radio-controlled and receives time updates from the nearest atomic clock. It also offers time in 43 cities, two alarms, a rotating slide rule and countdown timer. [www.citizenwatch.com](http://www.citizenwatch.com)



**CORUM'S ROMULUS  
RANGE REINVENTS  
A 40-YEAR-OLD DESIGN**

## CORUM

If you thought Corum was about wacky watches such as the Bubble line or the yachting-inspired Admiral's Cup range, the new Romulus shows another side of the brand. The original Romulus appeared in 1966 and was the first watch to display hour numerals on its bezel. The 21st-century version is far larger at 42mm in diameter and comes in steel or gold, each fitted with a self-winding movement providing 42 and 72 hours power reserve respectively. [www.corum.com](http://www.corum.com)



**DE BEERS' FIRST  
FORAY INTO WATCHES:  
THE TALISMAN**

## DE BEERS

Since announcing its first foray into the world of watches last year with its unisex Talisman Suntime, the ultra-luxe

jeweller and diamond dealer De Beers has been busy. This autumn it unveils two new models in the Suntime family (a white gold automatic and smaller, quartz-driven ladies model) and a five-strong family called the Talisman 8, enshrining the octahedron shape of a natural rough diamond in its eight-faceted case. [www.debeers.com](http://www.debeers.com)



**DENT'S  
MINISTRY  
CHRONOGRAPH**

## DENT

Edward Dent was one of the most important English horologists of the 19th century and is best remembered for designing the movement that powers the Great Clock (aka Big Ben) at London's Houses of Parliament. The Dent name has now been revived by a group of British investors who have launched the brand with two wristwatch families: the round-dialled Ministry range is based on the look of a ship's chronometer, while the Parliament models have cases inspired by the Gothic splendour of Big Ben itself – suitably reduced in size, of course. [www.dentwatches.com](http://www.dentwatches.com)



**DIOR'S  
CHRISTAL  
CHRONOGRAPH**

## DIOR

Hédi Slimane may have parted company with Dior, but he leaves behind a serious horological legacy in the form of the Chiffre Rouge (Red Date) men's watch range. The premium-model chronograph, powered by the legendary Zenith El Primero movement and called the Irreductible, is followed in 2007 by a more affordable, £1,400 version with a less expensive mechanism and encased in black rubber. Mean and moody types will love the Black Time, which has a black satin-finish case and bracelet. [www.dior.com](http://www.dior.com)