

News



Perfect Match

Boucheron has entered into a special partnership with *haute horloger* Girard-Perregaux, who will provide various interpretations of its GP 4000 calibre for a new range of Boucheron watches. Founded in 1858 by Frédéric Boucheron, the jeweller is famous for pioneering the art of crafting gems in the 'nature' style by using snakes and other symbolic animal figures of 19th century art nouveau. Indeed, the G-P movements will serve this year's new Mec Jungle jewellery watches ('Tortue' pictured), their oscillating masses customised with the Boucheron coat of arms and corresponding chameleon, serpent or tortoise design.



The Return of Dent

Dent London has not, it is fair to say, been quite the leading force in recent years that it was in its heyday. That, however, is about to be changed with the launch of a new collection of men's watches - its first for 40 years. With a history that is matched by only the highest-ranked companies, the interest in the Dent name has already gone beyond expectations. Shown here is a sample from the first collection, which is to be launched imminently.

If you find its design naggingly familiar, you won't be alone: it is in fact that of 'Big Ben', or rather the Houses of Parliament Great Clock, whose prestigious construction contract was awarded to Edward J Dent in 1852. Appropriately, the brand's 21st-century incarnation has already secured the contract to make the largest public clock in Europe, for the new Eurostar terminal at St Pancras station, London. QP will, of course, have the full exclusive on Dent's exciting revival later in the year.

The Future of Da Vinci

IWC's Da Vinci was the nucleus around which the late, great Günter Blümlein led the resurgence of IWC during the late 1980s and 1990s, and it has attained near-iconic status for the company. This year sees the Da Vinci re-thought for the modern age. The tonneau-shaped design and the movements within, including a new proprietary automatic chronograph calibre, have been created in the full knowledge that expectations were extremely high. Given that the previous, round version lasted 22 years, we should hold judgement for the moment, except to say that if you see one of the 600 'Kurt Klaus' perpetual calendar special editions (pictured; £18,750), made in honour of the venerable IWC watchmaker, grab it while you can.



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