

TIME



Style & Design

Visionaries

Looking at the Future
Through the Eyes
Of 25 Creative Icons

RADAR

Keeping Time With History

THE SWISS AREN'T THE only ones with a penchant for horology. Dent & Co., Britain's finest clockmaker, has been quietly earning its place in history for almost 200 years, and this fall the company will offer a collection of wristwatches for the first time in four decades. The watches will range in price from \$10,000 to \$70,000.



Trusted by the Royal Navy, Dent provided chronometers for some of the 19th century's most famous expeditions, including Charles Darwin's 1831 journey aboard the H.M.S. *Beagle*. In its heyday, the company held Royal Warrants from British kings and queens, Russian tsars and Japanese emperors. It was given the honor of making the Standard Astronomical Clock, a clock to which all others are measured, at the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. And perhaps most notably, in 1859 Dent created what may be the world's most famous clock, the Great Clock (a.k.a. Big Ben) at London's Houses of Parliament. Since the 1970s, the company has discreetly continued to make clocks for private collectors in extremely limited quantities. Recently acquired by new owners, Dent has a contract to make the largest public clock in all of Europe, at London's St. Pancras station, and will begin, says CEO Frank Spurrell, "to take the business back to its former glory." —By Betsy Kroll

Dent's Ministry
Chronograph watch in
steel (\$10,000)



TREND

Pavé, a popular setting for diamond jewelry—the close placement of the stones maximizes the sparkle, while the typically small size of the diamonds minimizes the cost—is the latest technique designers are using (usually with crystals) to create accessories that dazzle. Giorgio Armani and Valentino have both taken a shine to it. —B.

Clockwise from top left: Swarovski Deluxe ring (\$135, swarovski.com); Cesare Paciotti Galaxy boot (price on request, cesare-paciotti.com); Giorgio Armani Accessories rectangular box clutch (\$3,695, 212-988-9191); Valentino black satin sandal (\$845, valentino.com); De Grisogono icy Diamonds ring (\$16,950, degrisogono.com)

TRAVEL

Luxury on the Open Seas

FOR AN ADVENTUROUS LUCKY FEW, Four Seasons, one of the world's finest hotel chains, will one day be called home. The year 2010 will see the launch of Four Seasons Ocean Residences, a 719-ft. ship housing 112 private one- to four-bedroom apartments, right—each with its own secluded terrace—ranging in price from \$3.75 million to \$39 million. True to the brand's nature, the ship will offer every amenity imaginable, from the requisite restaurants and spa to tutoring facilities and a helipad. An itinerary for the first two years has already been set, with more than 250 days a year to be spent in port taking in the most exciting events around the world. —B.K.

