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# WORLD LEADERS

We came, we saw and we lusted after the range of timepieces at Geneva's SIHH legendary watch fair. But that's not all – we've also got an exciting round-up from this year's Baselworld, where over 1,500 of the world's biggest and best-known brands come together to showcase their latest watch and jewellery musts. It's hard to know what one to choose from first...



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IWC  
SCHAFFHAUSEN  
HAND-WOUND  
EIGHT DAYS  
EDITION 75TH  
ANNIVERSARY

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ROMANO  
ALBERTI TIME  
CHANGERS  
O-YOROI



01/ From the atelier of maverick Italian horologist Romano Alberti, new marque Time Changers presents the O-YOROI, inspired by the Samurai armour of the Edo period and a tribute to Japanese tradition. Time Changers also presents Naked Bike, a unique timepiece for classic motorcycle enthusiasts. 02/ 2015 is the year that IWC expands its Portuguese range with a dozen new models and three new movements. For its 75th birthday, this cult classic, much favoured by designers and architects, now comes with an eight day power reserve. Pictured is the SIHH release the Portugieser Annual Calendar but you can expect the other watch launches later on in the year.



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BAUME  
& MERCIER  
CLIFTON  
BIG DATE

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JAEGER-  
LECOULTRE  
MASTER  
CALENDAR  
METEORITE  
DIAL



03/ Inspired by an archive model from the 1950s, Baume & Mercier's Clifton Big Date is dominated by, you guessed it, a large numerical date window at 12 o'clock with a power reserve indicator opposite at six. It's a simple, classy, retro watch for modern traditionalists. 04/ Swedish meteor rock – said to be over four billion years old – is cut into wafer thin slices of macro crystalline to create a unique dial. Inside a Jaeger-LeCoultre Calibre 866 automatic movement keeps this extraordinary watch ticking 21st century style. Available in steel and pink gold.

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GREUBEL  
FORSEY GMT



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HARRY  
WINSTON  
MIDNIGHT  
FEATHERS 42



05/ Featuring a 3D globe that helps the wearer tell the time anywhere around the world, this new version of the highly distinctive Greubel Forsey GMT is now available in a limited edition (22 pieces) Amorphous Diamond-Like Carbon black edition. 06/ Plumasserie is marquetry using feathers. Harry Winston combines this delicate art with exotic materials – goose feathers, alligator leather and pink gold – adding its signature diamonds and a quartz movement to create a slim, attractive and highly distinctive women's watch.



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ROLEX  
50TH  
ANNIVERSARY  
DAYTONA



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ROGER  
DUBUIS  
EXCALIBUR  
SPIDER FLYING  
TOURBILLON

07/2013 marked the 50th anniversary of the Rolex Cosmograph Daytona Paul Newman, the perennially cool chronograph made forever desirable by actor and motor racer Paul Newman. The anniversary edition that Rolex released at Baselworld 2013 still generates strong opinions in the brand's legion of fans. Here is a closer look at the watch. This new model features a platinum case, an ice blue dial and a chestnut brown bezel. **08/** Cased in ultra-light titanium with a black aluminium case band and skeletonised lugs, the Excalibur's tourbillon carriage is rendered in the shape of a Celtic cross. Other horological details include the titanium screws to mark the hours, as well as the 'Cote de Geneva' decoration and a 'Poinçon de Geneva' stamp.

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MONTBLANC  
HERITAGE  
SPIRIT ORBIS  
TERRARUM

09/ Translating as 'planet earth' the Orbis Terrarium is a world traveller's delight. It tells the time in 24 time zones at the twist of a bezel and is equipped with a push button at eight o'clock that advances the hour hand in eight hour increments – presumably for owners jetting back and forward to the USA. **10/** Another year, another round of watch fairs and yet another record beating, with this super-thin model from Piaget. The movement – just 4.65mm – is housed in a case that measures a mere 8.24mm.



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PIAGET  
ALTIPLANO  
CHRONOGRAPH





11  
CARTIER  
ASTROTOURBILLON

12  
RALPH  
LAUREN 45MM  
AUTOMOTIVE  
CHRONOGRAPH



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AUDEMARS  
PIGUET ROYAL  
OAK CONCEPT  
"ACOUSTIC  
RESEARCH"

11/ The movement of this new, skeletonised version of Cartier's Astrotourbillon seems to float inside its case. A super-delicate thing of rare beauty, the balance wheel, spring and escapement oscillate within the tourbillon cage that circles the dial every 60 seconds. 12/ Inspired by Mr Lauren's extensive automobile collection, this new watch from the range takes its stunning design cues from the dash of a classic 1938 Bugatti Type 57SC Atlantic Coupe. Lift up the bonnet and you'll find a very impressive Jaeger-LeCoultre movement. 13/ The result of an eight-year long programme, this unique Audemars Piguet prototype is the result of a partnership with the Swiss acoustics experts Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL). According to its makers this is "the first chiming watch so acoustically considered as to become a sound concept in its own right." Applying the principles of a stringed instrument, the marque claims to have created a repeater watch with a significantly enhanced – ie, loud – sound transmission. Hearing is believing.

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BREGUET  
TRADITION  
AUTOMATIQUE  
SECONDE  
RETROGRADE  
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14/ As heritage goes, Breguet has quite a bit to brag about. Company founder, Abraham-Louis Breguet, invented the tourbillon and is widely regarded as the forefather of modern watchmaking. As with all Breguet's Tradition watches the intricate workings are clearly visible to the wearer. Each limited edition numbered piece includes a dial made of silvered and engine-turned gold, while its hours are marked with Roman numerals.