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HOROLOGICAL MACHINE NO. 1

During his time at Harry Winston Timepieces, Maximilian Busser created a sensation with the OPUS-series horological creations. Since he's recently been working with Francois-Paul Journe, and other equally talented watchmakers, we have been eagerly awaiting news. It was worth the wait! Busser is aiming to stir our collective passion for watchmaking innovation. He explained to LUXE that Horological Machine No.1 is just the starting line. Requiring not less than 81 jewels to support this masterpiece movement, the elevated one-minute tourbillon is driven by four mainspring barrels that can provide an impressive seven-day power reserve. Only 100 pieces are slated for delivery over the next three years, and there is no shortage of admirers clamoring to get a look at this gargantuan timepiece. Even as we savour his first expression of time, he quietly notes that the next evolution is even bolder.



BLANCPAIN

LÉMAN TOURBILLON SEMAINIER

The Le Brassus-based manufacturer is not disturbed by any wavering interest in tourbillon movements. Blancpain assigned its master watchmakers to produce several new calibres for its Léman collection, but it is the 3725G that attracted greatest attention when launched earlier this year. The mechanical self-winding movement with seven-day power reserve comprises 356 individual components. All finishing has been done by hand, including the fine bevelling work on the bridges and plates. The flagship of the Léman collection features not only the time and power reserve indicator, but displays day, week and month of the year. With an increased diameter to 40mm, the case will be available in platinum or 18-karat rose gold. Honouring its diving watch heritage, Blancpain has also made this masterpiece water-resistant to 100 metres.

HUBLOT

BIGGER BANG: TOURBILLON COLUMN-WHEEL CHRONOGRAPH

The problem with generating too much hype is that the expectation bar keeps getting raised. Hublot fans must be getting vertigo because we are. Having created a phenomenon with their Big Bang collection, the watchmakers at Hublot have now launched the world's first column-wheel chronograph movement with direct coupling onto the flying tourbillon cage. Thanks to a skeletonised dial, the chronograph mechanism and column-wheel can be seen in operation as the chronograph push-button is activated. The Bigger Bang's flying tourbillon is yet another watchmaking feat – elevated above the bottom plate and housed inside a 13mm cage, without requiring to run on ball bearings. Getting the regulation and adjustments ticking like clockwork must surely demand expertise and patience, perhaps why Hublot is only producing 18 pieces in the collection. Available in three different combinations.

