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Clear vision

How the latest version of MB&F's Horological Machine No.2 came about.



Swiss indie watchmaker MB&F has launched another variant of its Horological Machine No 2 (HM2). This time, the *avant-garde* timepiece features a crystal-clear sapphire case with titanium back. Named HM2-SV, brand founder Maximilian Busser reveals more on the sidelines of *Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie* in January.



YOU MENTIONED THE HM2-SV IS CLOSER TO WHAT YOU WANT. TELL US MORE.

When I was young, I looked at the art pieces by Swiss artist John Tinguely, and I told myself I want to build that one day. So, the HM2-SV is my version.

THE HM2-SV IS QUITE A WORK OF ART.

True, but we're not just a design company. We don't want just to build machines to tell time, but we build machines that tell time [*as well*].

DID YOU FACE ANY DIFFICULTIES WORKING WITH SAPPHIRE?

Yes. We couldn't find a sapphire manufacturer to work with us at first. Luckily we did and they had to manufacture sapphire blocks for us because sapphire normally comes in carats.



Like father, like son

Now, juniors can get the same Frédérique Constant watches as their fathers. The Swiss manufacture

has launched a dedicated range of timepieces for boys (defining them as "aged 12 to 16"). "I am convinced that fathers would like to give their sons a watch beyond the plastic stuff that is on the market today," says Peter Stas, its brand's chief executive officer. Customers can also engrave a message, symbol or drawing on the caseback. Visit <http://junior.frederique-constant.com>



Moving on From September this year, the Gérald Genta and Daniel Roth collections will become part of the watch assortment under the Bulgari brand, chief executive officer Francesco Trapani announced early this year.

"Now it is time for a further step: To complement Bulgari watchmaking with a strong presence in the high-end

and *grandes complications* watch creations," he said. Both brands will be co-branded with Bulgari.

