



Maurice Lacroix

Maurice Lacroix has decided to play on the success of its sporty Pontos S chronographs with a trio of new versions: a Regatta model with a ten-minute countdown; a Diver model in black PVD, which is waterproof down to a lung-crushing 3,000 feet; and the Extremo, with an ultra-light Powerlite case of magnesium, titanium, zirconium and ceramic.

Watch of the collection

Of the three newbies, it's the 43mm Diver (left) that looks our fancy. Available in stainless steel or a black PVD finish, it features a helium escape valve and urgent orange highlights, and is supplied on a black, rubber and calfskin strap. The steel version is also available on a metal bracelet. £2,350 (PVD); £2,200 (steel). maurice-lacroix.com



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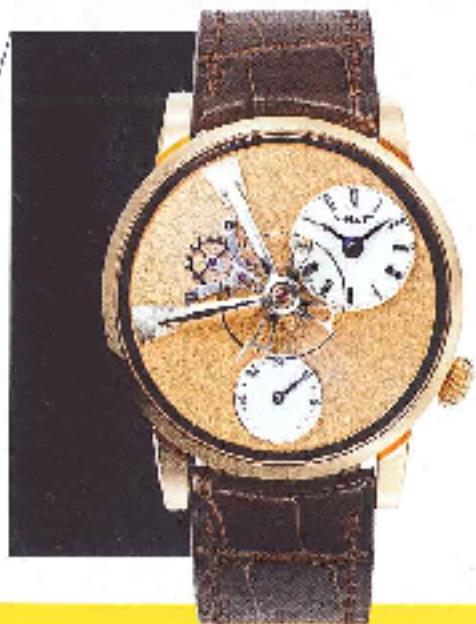
The brand best known for watch versions of its famous SBB Swiss Railways clocks has jumped aboard the smartwatch bandwagon with a new version of its Helvetica No1 Dold, using the horological smartwatch technology of the moment, MotionX. This connects with a mobile phone or tablet to monitor sleep patterns, provide alerts and so on. The data is shown on a dedicated sub-dial.



Montblanc

Montblanc, managed by eccentric former Omega head Jean-Claude Biver, has introduced one of the smartest novelties of the election. Smartwatches we've seen – many with a mechanical watch head with an "e-strap" featuring a sleep that serves as a connected device capable of streaming bed messages and e-mails from a mobile phone.

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The Heritage Sol 1 Chronometer world timer (above) not only shows 24 time zones simultaneously, it also shows you where day is running to night (and vice versa) in every part of the northern hemisphere or a map that becomes darker or lighter according to the time. £3,295 (above), £10,800 (red gold). montblanc.com



Michael Kors

The giant American fashion brand – which is predicted to make close to \$6 billion in sales this year – recently extended its cool with Fossil watches, which will see the

firm produce Michael Kors-branded timepieces well beyond 2020.

Watch of the collection
The Jetmaster 06/03 has chronograph sub-dials and pushers, but no actual chronograph function. Instead,

the pushers are used for speedy adjustment of the calendar display, and a further sub-dial offers a second time-zone function. Still, for a 45mm steel watch on a steel bracelet, it's good value. £679. michaelkors.com



Movado

Achille Dibildos was just 18 when he founded his watch company in La Chaux-de-Fonds in 1881, later naming it Movado. Despite its far-fetched name, the firm's greatest claim to fame is the Museum watch, designed in 1947 by Nelson George Horowitz with a minute is local dial marked only with a gold dot at the 12 o'clock position. It became the first wristwatch to be exhibited at New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Watch of the collection
The latest version of the Museum (above) offers an ETA mechanical movement in a 39mm case, with a black or blue dial. Around £700. movado.com