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Ultra high-end maker Greubel Forsey, which creates only around 100 watches a year, has announced a new 'entry level' piece called the Signature One - priced at an 'affordable' £100,000 or so. The initial watch to emerge from an on-going initiative that will see GF task individual makers to design new models, the Signature One is the work of master watchmaker Didier Cretin and is the first simple, three-hand timepiece from the company best known for its complex tourbillon creations. Greubel Forsey watches can be bought from Marcus, 170 New Bond Street, W1, marcuswaiches.com

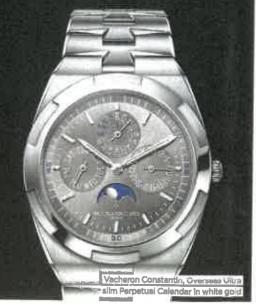


IN A SPIN Luxe luggage house Louis Vultton has seriously upped its horological game of late - as evinced by its groovy new Escale Spin Time, which contrives to display the time on a series of revolving cubes positioned around the dial. Each cube shows the hour in am or pm configuration when relevant (eg ten for am and 22 for pm) and, when not in use, displays one of two hand-printed, coloured flag designs inspired by the old-fashioned 'blazons' used to identify baggage on sea voyages. The 41 mm case is made from titanium and white gold and the ailigator strap is attached by lugs designed to resemble trunk corners. £31.000. louisvuitton.com

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Vacheron Constantin has commissioned legendary Jonsman Steve McCurry to spend the next year photographing remarkable locations around the world in order to promote its latest Overseas watches, which are designed with travellers in mind. Comprising five new models, ranging from exquisitely thin time-only and perpetual calendar pieces to a robust-looking chronograph, the litest Overstans watches have soft iron inner cases to enhance their resistance to magnetism and use Vactioran's nifty System enabling easy switching between leather of rubber straps or a metal bracelet. From around £75,000, eacheron constantin com



*** MONKEY MAGIC**

Pierre Jaquet-Droz was an 18th-century maker of automaton clocks, whose wares beguiled the Chinese emperor to such an extent that he was the first Swiss horologist to have his creations admitted to the Imperial court. Now owned by the Swatch Group, the marque still plays on the Far East connection, typically with models such as this amusingly named Relief Monkey, which celebrates 2016 as being the year of the monkey in the Chinese zodiac. Only 28 will be made, priced from