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THE SPIRIT OF CAN-AM

MARCUS WATCHES INTRODUCES THE BRAND NEW HOROLOGICAL MACHINE N°8
'CAN-AM', INSPIRED BY MOTOR RACING AND CREATED BY MB&F.



GENTLEMEN, START YOUR engines. Feel the THUNDER!
The HM8 rises from the turbo-charged ashes of the Can-Am, a discontinued “anything goes” car racing series that would have celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2016.

The Canadian-American Challenge Cup, Can-Am for short, was a sports car racing series running from 1966 to 1987. Bruce McLaren developed his very first car for the Can-Am series; McLaren, Lola, Chaparral, BRM, Shadow and Porsche all ran manufacture teams. Class restrictions in the Can-Am were minimal and allowed for unlimited engine sizes, turbocharging, supercharging, and basically unrestricted aerodynamics. This led to the development of pioneering technology in many fields. And extremely powerful engines.

Inspired by this pioneering technology comes the HM8 Can-Am, which features a curvaceous yet angular case, with dual optical prisms vertically displaying bi-directional jumping hours and trailing minutes, ➤



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while the distinctive battle-axe winding rotor is visible on top. But the real star of HM8 is its Can-Am inspired polished "roll bars" majestically sweeping from the front of the machine down to the beguiling tapered back. Incongruously for a fully mechanical racing machine, the visual effect is electric.

MB&F founder Maximilian Büsser describes Horological Machine N°8: "I feel that this is one of the coolest pieces I've ever created."

Those roll bars are milled from solid blocks of grade 5 titanium and then meticulously hand-polished to gleam like tubular mirrors.

HM8's Engine sits in full view under a nearly invisible sapphire crystal engine cover. The open centre of the blue-gold battle-axe rotor enables appreciation of the circular wave finish on the movement, while the hour and minute indication discs are visible in the corners.

The generous use of sapphire crystal allows unfettered visual access to the movement while its transparency backlights the time displays. Light also charges the Super-LumiNova numerals on the hour and minute discs for maximum legibility by night. HM8's form amplifies its function rather than simply following it.

HM8 Can-Am launches in two versions: 18K white gold/titanium and 18K red gold/titanium.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE

Three-dimensional engine conceived and developed by MB&F from a Girard-Perregaux base calibre

- Automatic battle-axe winding rotor in 22k gold
- Power reserve: 42 hours
- Balance frequency: 28,800bph / 4Hz
- Number of components: 247
- Number of jewels: 30

CASE

- Material: launch editions in 18k white gold/titanium and 18k red gold/titanium
- Water resistance: 30m / 90' / 3 atm

STRAP & BUCKLE

- Hand-stitched alligator strap in marine blue (white gold case) and dark brown (red gold case) with folding buckle in matching case material

The HM8 Can-Am is available from Marcus Watches, priced £72,000. Find out more at marcuswatches.com