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Ones to Watch

AS **IWC** AND **ROLEX** EXPAND HISTORIC RANGES, **CARTIER** LAYS A NEW FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE.

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SMOOTH SAILORS

In 1939, IWC produced its first Portuguese watches at the request of two importers in Portugal. The original large-scale timepieces were powered by pocket watch movements in the spirit of navigational instruments. Now entering its eighth decade, the hallmark collection has remained true to its roots with oversize (40 to 45mm) watches that exude clarity and classic good looks. This year, the brand expanded the collection with several new models ranging from highly technical complications to the sporty new Portuguese Yacht Club Chronograph, named for IWC's most successful watch from the 1960s and '70s. Outfitted with the proven IWC-manufactured 89360-calibre movement, the Portuguese Yacht Club Chronograph is rugged, reliable and ready for rough seas with a screw-in crown, crown protection and water resistance to 6 bar (50 meters/164 feet). The flyback chronograph mechanism allows you to track aggregate times of up to 12 hours on a shared counter for minutes and hours, and you can instantly reset the timing mechanism to zero while it's running to start measuring a new time. The movement's integrated construction prevents the loss of accuracy when the timing functions are engaged. The only Portuguese timepiece with luminous hands and indices, the Yacht Club Chronograph was built for action in steel with either a black or a silver-plated dial and in 18-karat red gold with a slate-colored dial—all on a black rubber strap.

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AUTOMATIC FOR THE PEOPLE

For years, Cartier has devoted considerable resources to advancing its watchmaking capacity. And while it has dazzled with extremely complicated, limited-production tourbillons, perpetual calendars, and chronographs, this year's Calibre de Cartier collection for men marks a new watchmaking milestone with the launch of the calibre 1904 MC, the brand's first self-winding mechanical movement that has been completely developed and produced in house. Cartier named the movement 1904MC in tribute to the year Louis Cartier created one of the first wristwatches for his friend, the famous pilot, poet and author Alberto Santos-Dumont. The movement is housed in a brawny 42mm round case—rendered in pink gold, steel, or a combination of both—distinguished by the blending of polished and satin-brushed finishes. The easy-to-read dial—available in black, white, or chocolate brown—references classical Cartier design codes with Roman numerals dominated by an extra-large XII. An aperture at 3 o'clock reveals the date, and a subsidiary seconds dial indicates seconds at 6 o'clock. On the reverse, a sapphire crystal case back reveals the robust and reliable double-barreled 1904 MC movement, which is expected to serve as the engine for untold Cartier timepieces to come.



DEEP THOUGHTS

Of all the divers' watches in the world, Rolex's Submariner is undoubtedly the most widely recognized. Introduced in 1953, it was the first watch guaranteed to stay waterproof down to 100 meters (330 feet), and today's Submariners can withstand depths down to 1,000 feet thanks to Rolex's proprietary Triplock screw-down winding crown that seals the case. This year, the powerhouse brand expanded the range with the new steel Oyster Perpetual Submariner Date, which now features an extremely scratch-resistant ceramic rotating bezel (available in black or green with corresponding dial colors) with platinum graduations. Rolex further enhanced the dial's legibility by enlarging the hour numerals and coating the hour markers and hands with luminescent Chromalight. Outfitted with the Rolex Glidelock clasp—which allows you to make fine adjustments to the fit of the bracelet—this latest Submariner wears comfortably both above and beneath the waves.