
Editor's CHOICE

Piaget



IS A WATCH A PIECE OF JEWELRY OR AN OBJET D'ART? SURELY, a Piaget watch is both. Displaying the beauty and extravagance that has set the brand apart since its beginnings in 1874, Piaget's unique timepieces for ladies and men push the bounds of creativity and technical expertise.

One model that blends the inspiration of Piaget's jewelry pieces with the technical precision of its quartz movements is the ladies' 18-karat white-gold Tonneau XL (above, left), with its paved dial offset by three polished Arabic numerals, resplendent on a diamond-encrusted bracelet.

Equally dazzling is the quartz-driven, 18-karat white-gold Miss Protocole XL (center), also paved with diamonds, with a white mother-of-pearl dial and two diamond-set Arabic numerals on a red alligator strap. This treasure will attract envious glances from even your most discerning associates.

If Piaget's ladies' collections capture the essence of femininity, the men's collections reflect the resolute masculinity of their wearers, perhaps none more so than the 18-karat white-gold Piaget Emperor Tourbillon (above, right), sporting a sleek silver dial with index appliqués, a sapphire case back, and mechanical tourbillon movement with power reserve display.

Conceived, developed, and produced at the company's

La Côte-aux-Fées manufacture in the Swiss Jura region, this new movement is as much a symbol of technical prowess as one of exceptional watchmaking know-how. This latest arrival takes its place in the Piaget lineage of extra-slim calibers, which have built the brand's reputation.

A close relation, and no less elegant, is the 18-karat white-gold Emperor (right), inspired by a 1958 vintage model. With its silver dial offset by black Arabic numerals and retrograde seconds, the Emperor is truly an outstanding personality. ●

Piaget Polo (far right)



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Chalon Suite (above); Presidential Suite (right)