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**إيرباص A350 XWB: تصميم العقد المقبل**

تُعتبر الخطوط الجوية القطرية شركة الطيران الأولى في العالم التي ستدشن طائرة إيرباص A350 XWB، طراز الطائرات الجديد كلياً والوحيد الذي سيتم طرحه على مدى ما لا يقل عن عقد آخر من الزمن.



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## CHRISTOPHE CLARET MAESTOSO

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With its complex three-dimensional framework of bridges, gears, and sapphire crystal it might surprise you that the only thing the Christophe Claret Maestoso watch indicates is the time. From a functional standpoint it may very well be the simplest timepiece ever produced by the esteemed independent Swiss watchmaker. That, however, would be a mere surface judgement, and a deeper exploration of the new limited-edition watch reveals an innovation meant to excite true horological aficionados.

Despite the 'open' nature of the in-house-produced mechanical movement in the Maestoso that encourages inspection by the curious eye, it is not obvious what makes the mechanism especially unique. Engineered within the movement is something called a 'detent escapement', which exists as part of the regulation system that is responsible for the timepiece's accuracy. Detent escapements are nothing new, but you'd be extremely challenged to find one in a wristwatch. They happen to be incredibly delicate, but also offer incredible accuracy. The genius of the Maestoso watch is Christophe Claret's ability to engineer this typically fragile mechanism into a timepiece that is subjected to all the shock and movement of a watch worn on the wrist.

Christophe Claret marries the rare detent escapement regulation system with another accuracy-ensuring feature known as 'constant force escapement'. While the main regulation system is responsible for ensuring timing accuracy, it cannot account for changes in power coming from a slowly unwinding mainspring that powers the watch. That is the role of a constant force escapement, and why for the ultimate mixture of accuracy and stability Christophe Claret included both in the innovative Maestoso timepiece.

Each Maestoso watch is 44mm wide and offered in a few versions that mix metals such as titanium, 18k rose gold, and 18k white gold, and is limited to 20 pieces. ✦

US\$178,000–US\$186,000.

