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## Christophe Claret

Christophe Claret boasts a perfect mastery of grand complications, with a particular predilection for tourbillons and musical watches. It all started in Geneva, where a young watch lover studied at the Ecole d'horlogerie, then with a watchmaker who initiated him into the secrets of the profession. He started to buy, restore and resell complicated watches. At the 1987 Baselworld Fair, Claret garnered his first important commission, for minute repeater movements with animated jacks. The die was cast: in 1989, he created his own business in La Chaux-de-Fonds, later premiering several world-firsts in the heights of Le Locle, Switzerland. Christophe Claret has demonstrated year after year—and under his own name since 2009, that the tradition of extremely high-end, complicated watches, crafted in state-of-the-art facilities, deserves its reputation as a quasi-mythical segment of haute horology. His motto is, "In watchmaking, everything has been done and everything is still to be discovered." Evidence of the truth of this abounds in Christophe Claret's repertoire, from the incredible, playful, interactive, mechanical watches 21 Blackjack, Baccara and Poker to its complicated Margot ladies' watch.

▲ **Poker**  
(Christophe Claret)

▶ **Margot**  
(Christophe Claret)

## Corum

Under the leadership of Antonio Calce, who became CEO in 2007, Corum, founded in 1955, has transformed the way it positions its collections. The brand now focuses on the sports watch market with its Admiral's Cup collection, and haute horology with the Bridge watches, which are powered by Corum's famous baguette movements, an incomparable horological achievement and a technical showcase for the brand. Acquired by Chinese business interests in 2013, the brand continues down this path, imbued on the one hand with seafaring adventurousness and on the other with extremely refined classicism.

◀ **Admiral's Cup  
AC-One 45**  
(Corum)

◀ **Ti-Bridge  
Power Reserve**  
(Corum)



## CHRISTOPHE CLARET



# À LA FOLIE!

At its most transcendent, haute horology transports its admirers, accompanying them on a journey of wonderment and imagination, conquering the impossible and securing it to the wrist.

**I**t was a simple visit to a watchmaker-restorer that ignited an inextinguishable passion for 14-year-old Christophe Claret. Devoting his undivided attention to timekeeping mechanics from there on, the French-born teenager would graduate, five years later, from the Geneva Watchmaking School before learning firsthand the intricacies of complex horology under the wing of watchmaking legend Roger Dubuis.

In 1989, at the age of 27, Christophe Claret would move on from the workshop he established in his Lyon family home, ready to take his talents to the incomparable watchmaking nucleus of La Chaux-de-Fonds, Switzerland. A master of minute repeaters and skeletonized architectures, among other feats, Claret would undertake a path of rare distinction, developing spectacular movements for the industry's most esteemed houses while remaining a relative unknown to haute horology's end consumers. All of this would change in 2009 when Christophe Claret launched his eponymous brand. Celebrating his manufacture's 20th anniversary, Claret's DualTow would propel the unveiled talent to the forefront of the watchmaking world. Now employing nearly a hundred of the finest minds in the field and boasting a number of state-of-the-art technological solutions, the Christophe Claret collection expresses the genius of its founder and namesake, producing highly sophisticated, unconventional timepieces. Freed from the boundaries of commissioned work, Christophe Claret creations continually reinvent the concept of watchmaking complications, upholding a standard of excellence in line with their creator's journey from a bright-eyed teenager to one of the most admired members of the haute horological elite.

### ▲ CHRISTOPHE CLARET

### ► MARGOT

Margot's romantic picking of a daisy's petals is driven by a highly sophisticated 95-jewel caliber ingeniously designed to maintain love's endless mystery.

The Margot's patented complication unpredictably picks the petals individually or as a pair to preserve the mystery of the game's resulting outcome.



  
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Christophe Claret makes its mark yet again on haute horology with an irresistibly feminine timepiece. The Swiss manufacturer's Margot captures the delightful mystery of love and presents its wearer with an enchanting game of "He loves me... He loves me not."

With a simple push of the button at 2 o'clock, Margot picks a delicate petal, or two, from the daisy in the center of her dial. Simultaneously, through an opening in the watch's blue or pink mother-of-pearl outer dial, Margot reveals a new fortune. A visible hammer, observed at 8 o'clock on the timepiece's caseband and adorned with a prong-set ruby, strikes the mechanism's cathedral gong with each press of the button. Illuminating Margot's "sentiment display"—"il m'aime... un peu, beaucoup, passionnément,

à la folie or pas du tout" ("he loves me... a little, a lot, passionately, madly or not at all")—a snow or baguette setting of diamonds on the bezel scintillates upon the watch's red- or palladium-white-gold case. Victor Hugo's poem "Unité" adorns the dial's outer ring.

The self-winding EMT17 movement, boasting a staggering 731 components and 95 jewels, demonstrates the inventive genius of Christophe Claret. A press of the button at 4 o'clock returns all 12 satin-lacquered titanium petals to their place around the daisy's pistil and resets the window to an ellipsis. The case-back showcases the movement's intricate flower-shaped winding rotor, whose eight precious stones, take turns lining up with the red heart that surrounds them. Margot's four dazzling versions are each limited to 20 pieces.

## AVENTICUM

REF. MTR.AVE15.901

**Movement:** automatic-winding AVE15 caliber; 26.20x3.37mm (without hands); 72-hour power reserve; 186 components; 28 jewels; 28,800 vph; dual barrels; Swiss lever escapement; winding rotor incorporating high-definition metalized glass.

**Functions:** hours, minutes; mirascope with micro-engraved bust of Marcus Aurelius.

**Case:** 5N red gold and anthracite PVD-treated grade-5 titanium; Ø44mm, thickness: 18.49mm; 5N red-gold and anthracite PVD-treated grade-5 titanium crown with cabochon in black PVD-treated grade-5 titanium; water resistant to 3atm.

**Dial:** carbon fiber hands.

**Strap:** black hand-sewn alligator leather with black stitching.

**Note:** limited edition of 68 pieces.

**Suggested price:** available upon request.

**Also available:** white gold and anthracite PVD-treated grade-5 titanium.



## POKER

REF. MTR.PCK05.001-020

**Movement:** automatic-winding PCK05 caliber; 38.60x9.92mm; 72-hour power reserve; 655 components; 72 jewels; 28,800 vph; dual barrels.

**Functions:** hours, minutes; two games: Poker Texas Hold'em with striking mechanism and roulette.

**Case:** white gold and black PVD-treated grade-5 titanium; Ø 45mm, thickness: 15.95mm; white-gold and black PVD-treated grade-5 titanium crown; water resistant to 3atm.

**Dial:** black PVD-treated skeletonized cards motif; white-gold blinds, ruby red and black PVD-treated hands with SuperLumiNova; front: five windows for community board which are activated on demand by utilizing pushbuttons at 8 and 10 with gongs; three sets of two windows which are adorned with blinds in order to conceal game; 3D roulette rotating in conjunction with movement.

**Strap:** black hand-sewn alligator leather with red stitching.

**Note:** limited edition of 20 pieces.

**Suggested price:** \$198,000

**Also available:** black PVD-treated grade-5 titanium with ruby red or blue spinel and black PVD-treated hands with SuperLumiNova; 5N red-gold and black PVD-treated grade-5 titanium with orange ruby and black PVD-treated hands with SuperLumiNova.



## X-TREM-1

REF. MTR.FLY11.090-098

**Movement:** manual-winding FLY11 caliber; 26.60x46.40mm, thickness: 11.94mm; 50-hour power reserve; 419 components; 64 jewels; 21,600 vph; dual barrels: one for movement gear train, one for time indications; Swiss lever escapement; flying tourbillon.

**Functions:** hours, minutes; small seconds on tourbillon carriage.

**Case:** 5N red gold/brown PVD-treated grade-5 titanium; 40.80x56.80mm, thickness: 15mm; fast time adjustment via integrated pushbutton on caseband at 12; water resistant to 3atm.

**Dial:** two Ø 4mm hollowed 4N pink-gold stainless steel spheres that move past sapphire scales marked with 5N red-gold metallized numerals and graduations beneath sapphire crystal; hours and minutes indication by spheres inside sapphire tubes driven by magnetic field.

**Strap:** brown hand-sewn alligator leather with rose stitching.

**Note:** limited edition of eight pieces.

**Suggested price:** \$308,000

**Also available:** platinum or 5N red gold or white gold and PVD-treated grade-5 titanium case; white-gold case; red-gold case.



## MARGOT

REF. MTR.EMT17.000.020

**Movement:** automatic-winding EMT17 caliber; 38.40x9.76mm; 72-hour power reserve; 731 components; 95 jewels; 28,800 vph; dual barrels; Swiss lever escapement.

**Functions:** hours, minutes; "he loves me...he loves me not;" 12 petals to pick off; sentiment displayed in window at 4; pushbutton at 2 picks off one or two petals while advancing the sentiment indicator by one sentiment; striking chime at pushbutton at 2; symbolic color-feeling on winding rotor.

**Case:** white gold with palladium alloy; Ø 42.5mm, thickness: 14.52mm; set with 68 diamonds (5.2 carats); white-gold crown; water resistant to 3atm.

**Dial:** blue mother-of-pearl; white-gold prong-set with pear-shaped diamonds; blued steel hands with 3N yellow-gold tips.

**Strap:** white alligator leather; white-gold clasp prong-set with pear-shaped diamond.

**Note:** limited edition of 20 pieces.

**Suggested price:** \$320,000

**Also available:** white gold with palladium alloy and snow-set diamonds; 5N red gold with baguette or snow-set diamonds.

