

Ticking to Paris time

To celebrate the opening of its Paris Boutique, Vacheron Constantin presents four limited-edition Patrimony Traditionnelle models. These technical and aesthetic gems embody the values and the expertise of the Geneva-based manufacturer.

Vacheron Constantin strengthens its special ties with France by inaugurating its first boutique in Paris – the 36th in the world. The prestigious address is no. 2, Rue de la Paix, a temple of luxury not far from the Opéra Garnier, of which Vacheron Constantin is a patron. This $85m^2$ area combining noble materials and refined elegance is set to become the new venue for connoisseurs and collectors of Fine Watchmaking. For its interior decoration, Vacheron Constantin enlisted the talents of great French master artists and artisans who, like the firm itself, cultivate traditional skills – whether in the field of lighting, marble mosaics or wrought-iron work. In addition to the entire range of collections from the Manufacture, the Paris Boutique will also present exclusive models such as a vintage line christened "Vacheron Constantin Les Collectionneurs". The inauguration of this warm, intimate setting signals a new further strengthening of ties with France which, since the 19^{th} century, has played a key role in promoting the brand's international reputation.

To celebrate this event, Vacheron Constantin presents four exclusive timepieces issued in limited editions:

- a one-of-a-kind version of the Patrimony Traditionnelle Calibre 2755 grand complication model
- a 10-piece limited edition of the Patrimony Traditionnelle chronograph
- a 75-piece limited edition of the Patrimony Traditionnelle small seconds
- a 75-piece limited edition of the Patrimony Traditionnelle small model diamond-set

These special "Paris Boutique" models are distinguished by their finely hand-guillloché dial – one of the many artistic crafts cultivated by the Manufacture – as well as by their *Mississipiensis* alligator leather strap featuring a warm chestnut brown colour. The case-back is engraved with the address "2, rue de la Paix", along with the individual limited-series number.

The one-of-a-kind Patrimony Traditionnelle Calibre 2755, as well as the limited-edition Patrimony Traditionnelle small seconds and Patrimony Traditionnelle small model all bear the prestigious Poinçon de Genève (Hallmark of Geneva), the ultimate emblem of Genevan watchmaking – a guarantee of origin, precision, durability and expertise that encompasses both the technical and aesthetic aspects of the watch, as well as all phases in its production.

On the occasion of the opening of its new Parisian Boutique, the Manufacture also asked photographer Thierry des ouches to illustrate his vision of Vacheron Constantin in Paris. On the www.2ruedelapaix.fr website, five owners of timepieces from the brand tell the story of their watches, their Paris, their love of all things exceptional and the values they share with the Geneva-based House.



Patrimony Traditionnelle Calibre 2755 one-of-a-kind Paris Boutique model

A true masterpiece by Vacheron Constantin, the Patrimony Traditionnelle Calibre 2755 grand complication model is issued in a one-of-a-kind "Paris Boutique" version featuring an unusual exterior.

Rare, complex and exclusive: such as the adjectives applying to this exceptional watch. Crafted in a limited edition of one to mark the inauguration of the Paris Boutique, this 18K 5N pink gold timepiece is distinguished by its hand-guilloché opaline silver-toned dial and its chestnut brown Mississippiensis alligator leather strap. It pays magnificent tribute to the expertise acquired by the world's oldest manufacturer that has been operating non-stop since 1755.

Entirely developed and crafted by Vacheron Constantin, hand-wound Calibre 2755 (602 parts) combines the three major Fine Watchmaking complications – a minute repeater, a tourbillon, a perpetual calendar – along with a power-reserve display on a bridge on the back of the movement.

Among these three complications, the minute repeater is the one that has been dealt with in the most original manner, once again proving, if proof were needed, that the Manufacture is still one of the most innovative in the world. To push back technical limits and increase the user friendliness of this model, the Vacheron Constantin engineers and master-watchmakers have developed an original centripetal flying strike governor that accurately drives the speed of the striking hammers, while eliminating the background noise that lever-based systems generally produce. Curious connoisseurs will be able to admire the rotation of this governor through the sapphire exhibition back, along with the meticulous chamfering of the bridges adorned with Côtes de Genève and the circular graining of the mainplate.

The tourbillon makes light of the effects of gravity in order to enhance the precision of the movement; it is also distinguished by its transparent construction revealing the beating heart of the watch, and by its carriage openworked to form the Maltese Cross, the brand emblem.

Bearing the prestigious Poinçon de Genève (Hallmark of Geneva), Calibre 2755 meets the requirements of this symbol of horological durability and perfection.

Meanwhile, the perpetual calendar, the "memory of time to come" is capable of keeping track with the vagaries of the Gregorian calendar without any intervention other than changing the date in century years that are not leap years.

With its 44 mm-diameter round case, its timeless classicism and its aura of restrained elegance, the Patrimony Traditionnelle Calibre 2755 one-of-a-kind "Paris Boutique" model reinterprets the grand watchmaking tradition in resolutely contemporary language. Particular care has been lavished on ensuring the readability of all the functions, and the oversized counters as well as the subtly off-centred hand-fitting enhance the overall clarity while highlighting the tourbillon carriage.

Two engravings on the caseback soberly indicate the unique and exceptional nature of this watch "N° 1/1" and "2, rue de la Paix" appearing on the power-reserve zone.



Patrimony Traditionnelle Paris Boutique chronograph

Issued in a ten-piece limited series, the Patrimony Traditionnelle "Paris Boutique" chronograph combines a sophisticated mechanism with an eminently stylish aesthetic.

This 18-carat pink gold chronograph in a 42 mm-diameter, framing a hand-guilloché opaline silver-toned dial and fitted with a chestnut brown *Mississippiensis* alligator leather strap, is distinguished by the finesse of the techniques it illustrates, as well as by the purity of its lines. The caseback engravings "N°X/10° and "2, rue de la Paix" provide an elegant reminder that only ten fortunate owners will be able to wear this fine mechanical model celebrating the opening of the Paris Boutique.

In tribute to their own proud traditions, the Vacheron Constantin watchmakers have equipped this watch with a hand-wound movement, the famous Calibre 1141 featuring a construction equipped with a tried and tested column-wheel system. In the same spirit, they have placed the 30-minute counter and the small seconds along the 3-9 o'clock axis, complemented by a central chronograph seconds hand.

Calibre 1141 has been finished with an exquisite degree of care worthy of such a mechanical gem. The transparent exhibition back provides an opportunity to discover this complex mechanism with its refined finishing: surfaces that are circular-grained or adorned with Côtes de Genève, components featuring flanks meticulously hand-drawn with a file in parallel lines, chamfered and polished steel parts, individually polished screw heads.

Surrounded by a smooth, slender bezel, the dial is distinguished by its perfect balance and its studied understatement. The minute circle, the dauphine-shaped hands, the applied 18K gold hour-markers, the black chronograph indications as well as the tachometric scale all combine to ensure optimal readability, enhanced by the glareproofed sapphire crystal.

The strap in hand-sewn, saddle-stitched *Mississippiensis* alligator leather with large square scales, is fitted with an 18K 5N pink gold folding clasp shaped like a half Maltese Cross.



Patrimony Traditionnelle "Paris Boutique" small seconds

The classic and timeless Patrimony Traditionnelle small seconds celebrates the inauguration at 2, Rue de la Paix of an 5N pink gold special version in a limited numbered edition of 75.

The Patrimony Traditionnelle small seconds watch belongs to an authentic horological tradition. It forcefully displays its timeless nature through pure lines and harmoniously balanced proportions. A slender bezel, applied hour-markers in 18K 5N pink gold, dauphine-shaped hands and a dial playing with several finishes, this model sublimates the aesthetic codes of the Patrimony Traditionnelle line. For the Paris Boutique special edition in 5N pink gold, it appears adorned with a hand-guilloché opaline silver-toned dial and fitted with a Mississippiensis alligator leather strap in a soft chestnut brown shade.

This timepiece meets the new requirements of the Poinçon de Genève (Hallmark of Geneva) which are no longer limited to the movement and now also take account of the finished watch. This is a major evolution for the label that celebrated its 125th anniversary last year and which has chosen to respond more fully than ever to the true demands of an ever more well-informed clientele.

At the heart of the case beats the hand-wound Vacheron Constantin Calibre 4400 AS. Developed and crafted in harmony with the most demanding standards of Geneva's Fine Watchmaking traditions, it oscillates at a frequency of 4 Hz (28,800 vibrations/hour) and drives displays of the hours and minutes along with small seconds at 6 o'clock. It has an approximately 65-hour power reserve. Its finishes, clearly visible through the exhibition back, also reflect the concern for fine workmanship inherited from generations of artisans: flat surfaces adorned with Côtes de Genève and bridges that are first chamfered and then hand-polished, like the screw heads.

To provide a worthy setting for this fine example of mechanical genius, Vacheron Constantin has developed the case according to two complementary criteria: while its elegantly slender profile clearly reveals its kinship with the classic tradition, its 38 mm diameter lend it a distinctively contemporary dimension.

The caseback is engraved with the inscriptions "2, rue la Paix" – the boutique address – as well as the individual number of each watch " N° X/75", recalling the exclusive nature of the 75-piece limited edition.



Patrimony Traditionnelle Paris Boutique diamond-set small model

The sparkle of diamonds lights up the bezel and the hand-guilloché dial of this elegant mechanical ladies' watch issued in a 75-piece limited edition.

With its refined aesthetic and its 18K 5N pink gold case measuring 30 millimetres in diameter, the "Patrimony Traditionnelle small model" is a worthy heir to the rich tradition of Vacheron Constantin watches for women. In the special version dedicated to the City of Lights, it appears adorned with an opaline silver-toned dial featuring a guilloché motif, glowing with the fire of 88 round-cut diamonds set on the bezel and hour-markers, and fitted with an elegant chestnut brown Mississippiensis alligator leather strap fastened by a 5N pink gold pin buckle shaped like a half Maltese Cross.

This apparently understated exterior conceals a prestigious mechanical hand-wound movement visible through the exhibition back. The Manufacture Calibre 1400 conveys an aesthetic appeal imbued with authenticity. Embodying expertise passed on from generation to generation for almost 260 years, this movement combines a highly technical nature with traditionally hand-crafted finishes meeting the highest Fine Watchmaking standards. The flat surfaces are adorned with Côtes de Genève and the sharp edges are chamfered and then handpolished, as are the flat-head screws.

This timepiece meets the new demands of the Poinçon de Genève (Hallmark of Geneva) that are no longer confined to the movement alone, but also take account of the finished watch. This represents a major evolution for the label that celebrated its 125th anniversary last year and has chosen to respond more closely than ever to the true expectations of an ever more well-informed clientele.

The back of the case is engraved with the inscriptions "2, rue de la Paix" – the boutique address – as well as the individual number of each watch, "N° X/75", recalling the exclusive nature of its 75-piece limited edition.

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TECHNICAL DATA

Reference 80172/000R-9814

Patrimony Traditionnelle calibre 2755

Special product for Paris Vacheron Constantin Boutique

Caliber 2755, developed and crafted by Vacheron Constantin

Hallmark of Geneva certified

Energy Mechanical, manual-winding

Movement diameter 33.90 mm (14" 34)

Movement thickness 7.90 mm

Jewels 40

Number of parts 602

Frequency 2.5 Hz (18'000 vibrations/hour)

Power reserve Approximately 58 hours

Indications Hours, minutes

Small seconds on tourbillon carriage

Minute repeater Tourbillon

Perpetual calendar (day of the week, date, month, leap year)

Power reserve on the back of the watch

Case 18K/carats 5N pink gold

44 mm diameter, 13.60 mm thick

Transparent sapphire crystal caseback, closed with screws

Water resistance Not water resistant

Dial Hand-guilloché silvered opaline, unique pattern dedicated to Paris

Boutique

Black painted minute-track

Strap Chestnut-colored *Mississippiensis* alligator, hand-stitched, saddle-

finished, large square scales

Second strap: black Mississippiensis alligator, hand- stitched,

saddle-finished, large square scales

Clasp 18 carats 5N pink gold triple-blade folding clasp

Polished half Maltese cross

Accessories Delivered with a corrector pen and a special resonator of sound "La

Musique du Temps" amplifying the musicality of the minute

repeaters of Vacheron Constantin

Unique piece

« N° 1/1 » engraved on the caseback and « 2, Rue de la Paix » on the power reserve zone



Technical Data

Reference 47192/000R-9805

Patrimony Traditionnelle chronograph

Special product for Paris Vacheron Constantin Boutique

Caliber 1141

Energy Mechanical, manual-winding

Movement diameter 27.50 mm (12")

Movement thickness 5.60 mm

Jewelling 21

Number of parts 164

Frequency 2.5 Hz (18'000 vibrations per hour)

Power reserve Approximately 48 hours

Indications Hours, minutes

Small seconds at 9 o'clock Column-wheel chronograph 30-minute counter at 3 o'clock Chronograph hand on the center

Case 18 carats 5N pink gold

42 mm diameter, 10.60 mm thickness Transparent sapphire crystal, screwed-down

Tested at a pressure of 3 bar (approx. 30 meters)

Dial Hand-guilloché silvered opaline, unique pattern dedicated to

Paris Boutique

Black painted minute-track

Strap Chestnut-colored *Mississippiensis* alligator, hand-stitched,

saddle-finished, large square scales

Second strap: black Mississippiensis alligator, hand-stitched,

saddle-finished, large square scales

Clasp 18 carats 5N pink gold triple-blade folding clasp

Polished half Maltese cross

Limited and numbered edition of 10 pieces

Water Resistance

« N° X/10 » & « 2, rue de la Paix » engraved on the caseback



Technical Data

Reference 82172/000R-9806

Patrimony Traditionnelle small seconds diamond-set

Hallmark of Geneva certified timepiece

Special product for Paris Vacheron Constantin Boutique

Caliber 4400 AS, developed and crafted by Vacheron Constantin

Energy Mechanical, manual-winding

Movement diameter $28.60 \text{ mm} (12^{\circ})^{\circ}$

Movement thickness 2.80 mm

Jewelling 21

Number of parts 127

Frequency 4Hz (28'800 vibrations per hour)

Power reserve Approximately 65 hours

Indications Hours, minutes

Small seconds at 6 o'clock

Case 18 carats 5N pink gold

38 mm diameter, 7.77 mm thickness

Transparent sapphire crystal, screwed-down

Water Resistance Tested at a pressure of 3 bar (approx. 30 meters)

Dial Hand-guilloché silvered opaline, unique ground pattern to Paris

Boutique

Black painted minute-track

Strap Chestnut-colored *Mississippiensis* alligator, hand-stitched,

saddle-finished, large square scales

Second strap: black Mississippiensis alligator, hand-stitched,

saddle-finished, large square scales

Clasp 18 carats 5N pink gold buckle

Polished half Maltese cross

Limited and numbered edition of 75 pieces

« N° X/75 » & « 2, rue de la Paix » engraved on the caseback



Technical Data

Reference 81558/000R-9807

Patrimony Traditionnelle small model Hallmark of Geneva certified timepiece

Special product for Paris Vacheron Constantin Boutique

Caliber 1400, developed and crafted by Vacheron Constantin

Energy Mechanical, manual-winding

Movement diameter 20.65 mm (9")

Movement thickness 2.60 mm

Jewels 20

Number of parts 98

Frequency 4 Hz (28'800 vibrations per hour)

Power reserve Approximately 40 hours

Indications Hours, minutes

Case 18 carats 5N pink gold

64 round-cut diamonds setting (approx. 0.36 carat)

30 mm diameter, 7.43 mm thickness

Transparent sapphire crystal, screwed-down

Water resistance Tested at a pressure of 3 bar (approx. 30 meters)

Dial Hand-guilloché silvered opaline, unique pattern dedicated to Paris

Boutique

Black painted minute-track

12 applied hour-markers in 18 carats 5N pink gold, set with 24

round-cut diamonds (approx. 0.06 carat)

Strap Chestnut-colored *Mississippiensis* alligator, stitched-tip, square

scales

Second strap: black satin

Clasp 18 carats 5N pink gold buckle

Polished half Maltese cross

Limited and numbered edition of 75 pieces

« N° X/75 » & « 2, rue de la Paix » engraved on the caseback