

HARRY WINSTON

HISTOIRE DE TOURBILLON 1

Harry Winston introduces **Histoire de Tourbillon**, a unique new collection of rare timepieces dedicated to the complex craftsmanship of one of the most exclusive horological complications. Featuring five distinct timepiece designs, the highly collectable series will explore the function of the tourbillon, while celebrating Harry Winston's continued commitment to the innovation of fine watch making. Each unique design will be a limited edition of 20 timepieces. The first in the series, Histoire de Tourbillon 1, will be launched Spring 2009.

Exploring the movement and sculpture of the complication, the Histoire de Tourbillon 1 envisions a modern interpretation of the tourbillon, through innovative materials and a highly sophisticated mechanism. Sleek and unique, the 48mm case is constructed of white gold and Zaliu, an ultra-light zirconium-based alloy, known for its low density, high-thermal resistance, and high durability. Originating in the aerospace industry, Zaliu is a material exclusive to Harry Winston timepieces.

From the technical to the aesthetic, the commitment to perfection is demonstrated in all dimensions of the Histoire de Tourbillon 1 design. On the technical side, the timepiece features two 25° inclined single-axis tourbillons with rapid 36-second rotations, which work together to neutralize any effects of gravity. This high rotational speed minimizes prolonged exposure of the regulator to natural gravity. Comprised of 88 components, each ultra-light system weighs a mere 0.46 grams, allowing the cages to effectively perform the rapid 36-second rotations.

Drawing focus to the harmony of the mechanisms, sculptural elements further emphasize the perfectly regulated and rapid movement of the two tourbillons. Known as *hypnotic art*, this creates the illusion that the two tourbillons are moving towards the sapphire crystal glass. Animated by the reflection of light, the *bas-relief* bridge further enhances the appearances of the moving elements. Hours and minutes are displayed on the front rotating disk; the back features additional display of hours, minutes and seconds for an exact reading of the time.

Invented more than 200 years ago, the tourbillon was developed to improve precision in mechanical timepieces by countering effects of gravity. Perhaps the ultimate complication in haute-horology, the tourbillon remains a testament to the technical advancements in fine watch making, and the hallmark of Harry Winston's most innovative designs -- from the highly innovative Opus series, which explores the creative extremes of fine watch making, to the Westminster Tourbillon minute-repeater, capturing the sounds of the Westminster chimes; to the award winning Tourbillon Glissière. In 2007, Harry Winston relocated all timepiece operations to a new watch making facility on Chemin de Tourbillon in Plan-les-Ouates, Geneva. Reflecting the brand's successful growth, the new Timepiece Manufacture stands as a symbol of Harry Winston's continued commitment to maintaining and perfecting the time honored traditions of fine watch making.

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Name: Histoire de Tourbillon 1

Reference: 500/MMT48WZL

Movement: Mechanical, double tourbillon, manual winding

Functions: Indications of hours and minutes on the dial
Indications of hours, minutes and seconds on the back

Case: 48 mm, White gold and Zanium

Dial: View on the two tourbillons and the bridge

Crystal: Anti-glare sapphire

Strap: Black alligator leather

Power Reserve: 48 hours

Water resistance: 30 meters (3 ATM)

Limited Edition: 20 pieces
