



PRESS RELEASE

HAUTLENCE PRESENTS THE HL VAGABONDE 03

LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, January 2019 – The HL Vagabonde 03 is a symphony in blue, which is paired with titanium to create a timepiece with an ultra-contemporary look. In a case made from grade 5 titanium, the HTL 205-1 self-winding calibre moves the three hour satellites which gravitate around the central minute wheel. In a hypnotic dance, the openworked discs reveal the hours when they are correctly aligned. This is the third model equipped with this movement, which was developed by the HAUTLENCE team and launched in 2018. It is a modern reinterpretation of the famous star wheel systems, named after the star-shaped cogs which drive the discs.

Creating new ways of reading the time has been HAUTLENCE's vocation since its creation in 2004. The HL Vagabonde 03 model is firmly in line with this philosophy. Set on different levels, four discs add volume to the base dial, which is deep blue and decorated with a filigree honeycomb pattern. The largest disc, made from sapphire, also features HAUTLENCE's signature motif in its centre, and displays the minutes on a 240° sector. Orbiting around this central point, and spread out across the dial in perfect harmony, are three smaller skeletonised discs, openworked to allow the hour numerals to be seen once they come into the correct alignment. HAUTLENCE has chosen a font which resembles digital numerals made mechanical.

If there is one world in which the details are anything but, it is Haute Horlogerie. HAUTLENCE knows this, and pays special attention to the tiny things that make all the difference. Great care has been taken to ensure the finishes are in line with the very exacting standards of the Neuchâtel-based brand. The intermediate dial, made from sapphire, and the openworked hour discs, required great technical skill and precision.

The HL Vagabonde 03 model is a symphony in blue. Highlighting the minute display sector, a thin white line contours the disc. The 240° angle of the sector ensures outstanding technical precision. Driving the rotation of the discs, the HTL 205-1 bidirectional self-winding movement guarantees a minimum power reserve of three days.

Made from grade 5 titanium, the case on the HL Vagabonde 03 model adopts the TV screen shape favoured by HAUTLENCE. Reworked to reinterpret the brand's signature codes, the case has been enlarged and equipped with a wider opening on the dial, to truly highlight the complication. With its balanced proportions, the HL Vagabonde 03 model sits perfectly on the wrist. The fluted crown is made from polished grade 5 titanium and is engraved with the HAUTLENCE logo. A blue alligator leather strap with full square scales adds a distinctly masculine finishing touch.

The result is a very fine HAUTLENCE piece equipped with a high-flying automatic movement and a proprietary module, and a complication which is both enchanting and cutting-edge.



A brand-new chapter in HAUTLENCE history

Founded in 2004, HAUTLENCE – whose name itself is an anagram of Neuchâtel – pays tribute to the birthplace of the watchmaking art. The brand has been praised by watch collectors and aficionados from across the world for bringing a new dynamism to the art of fine watchmaking.

With annual production of around 200 pieces, HAUTLENCE has seven calibres designed and developed in-house, whilst also relying on external partners for the movements used in certain collections. It offers a collection of 33 models, organised into five different sub-collections: Atelier, Concept d'exception, Signature, Playground – inspired by mechanical toys – and Objets d'exception, launched in 2018.

In strategic terms, HAUTLENCE can count on support from MELB Holding, an independent family watchmaking group which has been offering its experience and network since 2012, with the synergies between HAUTLENCE and the group sure to grow.

HAUTLENCE is pushing the boundaries of traditional watchmaking codes, uniting them with innovative mechanical solutions and an unlimited universe borrowed from the various arts, combining design, architecture, and movement. The brand takes its inspiration from this to create new approaches to time display, which it uses to elevate the two key dimensions of space and time. Ever conscious of a functional relationship with beauty, HAUTLENCE invents timepieces with completely new contours and depths, respecting every stage and every person involved in their production.

Beyond Swiss Made - the "HORLOGERIE SUISSE" stamp

HAUTLENCE timepieces are created and produced in Switzerland, in Neuchâtel and the Jura mountains, in the very highest tradition of Swiss watchmaking, and are signed with the label "Horlogerie Suisse". The components are produced externally using a network of thirty-five partners and subcontractors, all based in the Neuchâtel/Jura region.

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Model details	HTL 205-1 movement based on the H. Moser & Cie. HMC 200 automatic movement Skeleton hours split over 2 levels, minutes on a 240° sector Bidirectional self-winding mechanical movement.
Display	Skeleton hours split over 2 levels, minutes (240° sector)
Calibre	Description of the movement: HTL 205-1 movement based on the H. Moser & Cie. HMC 200 automatic movement Hours and minutes, bidirectional self-winding mechanical movement. Power reserve: minimum of 3 days Regulating organ: 21,600 vibrations / hour; Number of jewels: 33; Front face finish: sand-blasted module, components decorated and finished by hand Reverse finish: double Cotes de Genève, components decorated and finished by hand
Case	Case middle and horns: satin-finished and polished grade 5 titanium; Bezel: satin-finished and polished grade 5 titanium Screws: steel, with polished heads Crown: polished grade 5 titanium with engraved HAUTLENCE logo Crystal (TOP): extra-hard bevelled sapphire crystal with anti-reflective treatment; Back: satin-finished and polished grade 5 titanium, 4 screws, Engraved with "HAUTLENCE", "3 ATM WATER RESISTANT", "Horlogerie Suisse"; Crystal (BOTTOM): extra-hard sapphire crystal with anti-reflective treatment; Dimensions: 39 x 46 x 12 mm.
Dial	Base dial: blue opaline with 3D laser effect decoration. Hour disc: sunray with blue PVD, white transfer digits and indicators. Minute disc: sapphire with anti-reflective treatment on both sides, blue transfer honeycomb patterns and white transfer display sector (BOTTOM), white transfer minute numerals with black outline (TOP).
Strap	Blue Louisiana alligator; domed, rubber-lined, full square scales, rolled-edge; Interchangeability spring bars; Folding clasp: grade 5 titanium with satin-brushed steel plate.
Water resistance	3 ATM
Price	26,900 CHF - including tax