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HL VAGABONDE TOURBILLON

LA CHAUX-DE-FONDS, January 2019 – The dial of the HL Vagabonde Tourbillon features a central disc, three satellites, and a one-minute flying tourbillon at 6 o'clock. As they perform their fascinating waltz, the three discs which gravitate around the central minute wheel reveal the hours, while the tourbillon, equipped with a double hairspring, performs its own dance. This creation is driven by a new self-winding calibre, the HTL 405-I, developed from the HMC 804 movement created by H. Moser & Cie., HAUTLENCE's sister company.

At the heart of an intense blue dial, four discs are set on different levels, their eternal dance illustrating the passage of time. The central disc, made from sapphire adorned with HAUTLENCE's signature HONEYCOMB pattern, displays the minutes in a 240° sector, allowing these to be read with great accuracy. Orbiting around this central point, and spread out across the dial in perfect harmony, are three smaller skeleton discs, openworked to allow the hour numerals to be seen once they come into the correct alignment. The font used for the hours has been chosen to resemble digital numerals made mechanical. This move is typically HAUTLENCE; the brand simply loves to confound expectations.

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. Both the sapphire disc and the openworked hour discs took great technical skill and precision to manufacture and to finish. The entire base dial, made from blue PVD, has been microblasted. The satellite discs have a sunray finish, while the central disc features an anti-reflective coating on both sides and a filigree HONEYCOMB pattern. The tourbillon bridge is skeletonised, offering an unobstructed view of the flying tourbillon and its double hairspring.

For the HL Vagabonde Tourbillon model, HAUTLENCE has paired deep blue with 5N red gold, creating a combination which exudes a rare elegance. The case of the HL Vagabonde Tourbillon, adopting the TV screen shape favoured by the Neuchâtel brand, is made from 5N red gold, as are the bezel and fluted crown, engraved with the HAUTLENCE logo. The hour and minute numerals feature 5N varnish. Highlighting the minute display sector, a thin 5N transfer line contours the disc.

Driving the rotation of the discs, the bidirectional self-winding HTL 405-I movement guarantees a minimum power reserve of 3 days. This manufacture calibre is equipped with a one-minute flying tourbillon with a double hairspring, all of which have been manufactured in-house by Precision Engineering AG, HAUTLENCE's sister company.

The result is a very fine HAUTLENCE piece equipped with a high-flying automatic tourbillon movement, 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 405-1 movement based on the H. Moser & Cie. HMC 804 automatic movement Skeleton hours split over 2 levels, minutes on a 240° sector Bidirectional self-winding mechanical flying tourbillon movement, with double hairspring. |
| Display | Skeleton hours split over 2 levels, minutes (240° sector) |
| Calibre | Description of the movement: HTL 405-1 movement based on the H. Moser & Cie. HMC 804 automatic movement Hours and minutes, bidirectional self-winding mechanical flying tourbillon movement, with double hairspring. Power reserve: minimum of 3 days Regulating organ: 21,600 vibrations / hour; Number of jewels: 35; 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 5N red gold; Bezel: satin-finished and polished 5N red gold Screws: 5N red gold with polished heads; Crown: polished 5N red gold with engraved HAUTLENCE logo; Crystal (TOP): extra-hard bevelled sapphire crystal with anti-reflective treatment; Back: satin-finished and polished 5N red gold, 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: microblasted with blue PVD, numerals in 5N varnish Bridge: circular satin-brushed, with blue PVD Hour disc: sunray with blue PVD, 5N transfer digits and 5N transfer indicator. Minute disc: sapphire with anti-reflective treatment on both sides, blue transfer honeycomb patterns and 5N transfer display sector (BOTTOM), 5N 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 5N satin-finished red gold plate. |
| Water resistance | 3 ATM |
| Price | CHF 79,000 incl. tax |