**PRESTIGE HMS TEN**

**Celebrating the 10th anniversary of Romain Gauthier**

Prestige HMS Ten celebrates the 10th anniversary of Romain Gauthier and features off-centre hours and minutes, small seconds, partially open dial, hand-finished, in-house movement visible through the display back, and ergonomic flat caseback crown.

The dial of Prestige HMS Ten is a harmonious composition of circles and arcs. Inside the chapter ring is the smoothly finished, off-centre hours-minutes subdial bearing the R. Gauthier logo and flanked either side by a guilloche decoration.

On the lower portion of the subdial, sectorial seconds allows visual access to the movement below, with the balance wheel and distinctive gear driving the seconds on show. These three parts of the dial are fixed invisibly from beneath, lending clarity and classicism to the displays.

*“With Prestige HMS Ten, supreme legibility was paramount,”* says Romain Gauthier. *“My idea was to have a dial with completely unobstructed views. Once the eye is drawn to the hour-minute subdial, it is then naturally attracted to the sectorial seconds. Nothing disturbs the wearer’s reading of the time. Such a timeless, elegant dial design came to me naturally because I was born in the heart of Swiss watchmaking, the Vallée de Joux, and was constantly exposed to classic, historical dial design as I grew up there.”*

The graceful 41mm diameter case is distinguished by pure, clean, unbroken lines around its full perimeter. However, it is the absence of a normal crown that reveals just how remarkable the movement is. Placing the crown flat on the caseback increases winding efficiency because energy does not need to be transmitted through 90°. It also reduces wear and stress on components. The large diameter of the crown also enables the watch to be easily wound, even while on the wrist.

While the dial side treats the observer to a partial view of the movement – which was entirely conceived, developed, designed, produced, assembled and regulated by Manufacture Romain Gauthier – it is through the display back that this in-house calibre is fully showcased, with virtually every component bearing Romain Gauthier's distinctive touch.

The Vallée de Joux style finger bridges catch both the light and the eye with their seductive polished curves. The bespoke gear wheels feature circular arms providing both elegance and strength; the polished screw heads bear a unique s-slot, enabling more torque to be applied during assembly.

With its distinctive curved arms and calibrated eccentric weights, the balance wheel has been designed and manufactured by Romain Gauthier. The regulator even features a high-efficiency triangular pallet lever, another Romain Gauthier invention.

The large movement bridge at the top has a cut-out revealing some of the mainspring barrel and ratchet click. The cut-out features highly polished, sharp internal bevelled angles – this *anglage* is the hallmark of superlative hand finishing. Indeed, as many as 60 hours have been devoted to hand-decorating the movement – even those components that are not on show.

Prestige HMS Ten is available in three 10-piece limited editions: 18k white gold, 18k red gold and 950 platinum.

**PRESTIGE HMS TEN BY ROMAIN GAUTHIER: WHITE GOLD – RED GOLD – PLATINUM**

**Technical Specifications**

**Editions**

18k white gold, anthracite dial – 10-piece limited edition

18k red gold, light dial – 10-piece limited edition

950 platinum case, blue dial – 10-piece limited edition

**Features and indications**

Off-centre hours and minutes subdial at 12 o’clock

Sectorial seconds at 5 o’clock

Dial open 4 o’clock to 8 o’clock to reveal balance wheel and seconds gear

Multi-level dial featuring smooth and textured finishes

Hand-finished, in-house movement visible through display back

Flat crown on caseback for ergonomic winding

**Dial and hands**

Off centre hour-minutes subdial engraved with the R. Gauthier logo at 12 o’clock

Sectorial seconds at 5 o’clock

Gilded hour and minute hands where case is in gold

Rhodium-treated hour and minute hands where case is in platinum

**Movement and finishing**

In-house manufacture movement Calibre 2206 HMS

Power reserve: 60 hours

Number of jewels: 22

Number of components: 128

Balance frequency: 28,800 vph / 4Hz

Finishing: Highest-level *haute horlogerie* finishing

**Case**

Dimensions: 41mm x 12.1mm

Water resistance: 10m/1atm/30ft

Sapphire crystal with interior anti-reflection coating, front and display back

Winding and time-setting crown on the caseback

**Strap and buckle**

Alligator leather strap hand-stitched in Switzerland with red gold pin buckle where case is red gold, and white gold pin buckle where case is white gold or platinum