

Closet Watchmaker



Six years ago, Romain Gauthier's passion for horology and admiration for Philippe Dufour had him dreaming of making his own watches. However, Gauthier was not just a dreamer. Already an extremely talented CNC engineer experienced at making movement parts for others, he completed an MBA to augment his business skills and studied watchmaking to increase his technical knowledge. For six years, he designed his own movement, case and dial in virtual total secrecy, making the most of every spare minute after work, during holidays and weekends. He crafted all of the parts, formed his company Montres Romain Gauthier and made his first prototypes - recently presented to wide public acclaim.

While the elegant hand-guilloché solid-gold dial with off-centre time indication is (relatively) traditional, the lack of a crown on the caseband gives the first hint that the movement is anything but. The superbly finished in-house calibre 2206Hm features an innovative crown positioned horizontally *under* the movement, designed to be wound easily on the wrist. The case has a diameter of 41 mm and is available in white gold, red gold and platinum. Priced from approx. £17,000, with first deliveries scheduled for April. IS

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