

WATCH DO'S

The latest happenings in the world of watches.



Proving she's no icy maiden, Sharon Stone recently auctioned off a glittering **Dior** Cristal timepiece at the 4th Dubai International Film Festival. The diamond-encrusted chronograph bearing her signature went for US\$200,000 and will benefit amfAR, the foundation for AIDS research.



Blu boutique makes its entry into the Malaysian horological scene. Not only will the boutique in Starhill Gallery showcase its uniquely-designed timepieces, but also founder Bernhard Lederer's skill in creating and restoring watches and clocks.



If you're after the **Hermès** Mechanical Movement collection, best be heading over to the newly opened **Khronos-Unique Horlogerie** boutique in Starhill Gallery. The unique partnership ensures these rare pieces are available exclusively here.



ADHAWK

The brooding **Villemont** Aston T Night Hawk is not for the wall-flower. A unique black carbon and titanium coating is matched with a black rubber strap, giving it its bold good looks. The chronograph comes equipped with a VM101 calibre that has a 42-hour power reserve. The *Villemont Aston T Night Hawk* retails for RM32,775.



TIMES SQUARE

Instead of going round in circles, the **JeanRichard** Paramount Time Square has an hour hand that follows the lines of its square face thanks to its innovative JR1100 movement.

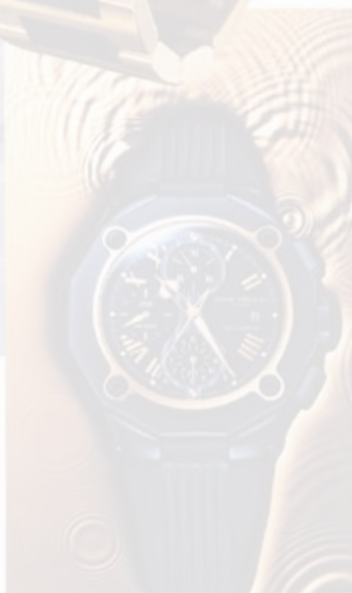
THE PASHA

Cartier's Pasha Seatimer now comes in an 18k yellow gold model. Don't worry, it's a far cry from your stereotypical uncle-type timepieces. The sleek-looking chrono sports their automatic-winding calibre 8630 movement and modernises the gold with a chic matt black varnished face.



BIG IS BETTER

Riding on the successful Riviera XXL, **Baume & Mercier's** latest — Riviera XXL Magnum PVD Red Gold. The red gold double-bezel timepieces sport two chronograph counters and a mechanical self-winding Valjoux 7750 movement.





Benoit Louis Vuitton



The view above the atrium in Starhill Gallery



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Luca Grassi & Andrea Griminelli.



ryn Ave performing a Koroff Night.



Tan Sri Francis Yeoh, watchmaker Bernhard Lederer and Tourism Ministry secretary-general Datuk Dr Victor Wee at the presentation of Tourism Malaysia Most Revered Watch Award 2007 to Blu Majesty T3.

It wasn't just the magnificent horology pieces that were worth millions, some of the specially invited guests were too. Among the billionaires and international personalities present were two very recognisable last names — Vuitton and Forbes. The two notable families were represented by Benoit, who is 6th generation Vuitton and currently the watch special order manager for Louis Vuitton, and Christopher Forbes, vice-chairman of Forbes Inc. There was also occasion for an environmental message on global warming when Vilemونت brand ambassador Lewis Pugh spoke about the objective of his swim in the North Pole at -1.8 deg Celcius.

Heightening the artistry of the exhibition was the effort put in by some brands to set up elaborate display environments outside their storefronts, instead of just showing rows of watches in boxes. Van Cleef

& Arpels' showcase was quite a romantic one, rolling out a garden of manicured grass, white pebbles and flowering vines on trellis. But more breathtaking were the encased bejewelled watches.

More than just a run-of-the-mill exhibition, it was parties galore with nightly performances from top Malaysian singers as well as fashion shows. LCD TVs were set up in the outlets on the Feast floor so guests could see the events being staged when they were dining. ❖



A Louis Vuitton watchmaker deep in concentration.



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