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# IWC LAUNCHES NEW PORTOFINO MODELS WITH TOUR- BILLON, HAND-WOUND SYSTEM AND MOON PHASE DISPLAY

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Schaffhausen, 18 May 2017 – The Portofino watches from IWC Schaffhausen have been bringing the laid-back Italian lifestyle to wrists for over 30 years. Now, this timelessly elegant watch family is gaining two new members. The tourbillon, one of the most sophisticated haute horlogerie complications, is joining the collection for the first time. And as another first, the Schaffhausen-based watch manufacturer is also launching the classic Portofino Hand-Wound Eight Days with a moon phase display.

With the introduction of the Portofino family in 1984, IWC Schaffhausen continued the long-standing tradition of the classic gold watch line. The crowning jewel of the series was the Portofino Hand-Wound with Moon Phase (Ref. 5251). Designed on the basis of the Lépine pocket watch, this timelessly elegant watch with an impressive case diameter of 46 millimetres quickly went on to gain iconic status. Since that time, the representatives of this watch family have been up there with the most popular timepieces from Schaffhausen thanks to their combination of modesty and complexity. The collection is now being extended with the addition of two new models:

The **Portofino Hand-Wound Tourbillon Rétrograde** (Ref. IW516501) is the first Portofino to feature a tourbillon, with the balance, pallet and escape wheel mounted in a cage that rotates around its own axis once every minute. This constant rotation helps to counteract the pull of gravity so that it does not adversely affect the watch's rate and accuracy. The newly developed hacking tourbillon enables the watch to be set with down-to-the-second accuracy. IWC has also revised the geometry of the pallet and the escape wheel, plus it has manufactured the components using diamond-coated silicon, thus reducing friction. This contributes substantially to the power reserve of eight days achieved with the IWC hand-wound 59900 calibre. A retrograde date display and power re-

serve display accompany the flying minute tourbillon on the dial. The case, with a diameter of 45 millimetres, is made of 18-carat red gold. The dial is silver-plated and the hands are gold-plated; the appliqués are made of solid gold. The sapphire-glass back provides a view of the calibre, which is adorned with Geneva stripes.

IWC has integrated a moon phase display into a Portofino Hand-Wound Eight Days watch for the first time with the **Portofino Hand-Wound Moon Phase** (Ref. 5164). The watch is also a tribute to the Reference 5251 from 1984, another timepiece that was equipped with this complication. When developing the IWC-manufactured 59800 calibre, the IWC watch designers enhanced the basic 59000 calibre with a moon phase module that only needs to be adjusted by one day after 122 years. The watch with a case diameter of 45 millimetres is available in two versions – both of which have gold-plated hands. The first version has an 18-carat red gold case, a slate-coloured dial and solid gold appliqués (Ref. IW516403), while the second has a stainless-steel case, a silver-plated dial and gold-plated appliqués (Ref. IW516401). Both models are fitted with a dark brown alligator leather strap by Santoni.

In addition, IWC has finally updated the **Portofino Automatic Moon Phase 37** (Ref. 4590). This popular watch is now also available with a silver-plated dial instead of

a mother-of-pearl dial, making it blend even more harmoniously with the overall image of the Portofino family. The top-of-the-range model, with a case and Milanese mesh bracelet in 18-carat red gold, is adorned with a total of 78 diamonds (Ref. IW459010). Two other models are also being released with 66 diamonds on the bezel and 12 on the dial: one in an 18-carat red gold case with gold-plated hands (Ref. IW459009) and the other with a stainless-steel case and rhodium-plated hands (Ref. IW459008). The fourth variant has a stainless-steel case, gold-plated hands and 12 diamonds on the dial (Ref. IW459011). These three watches are fitted with exquisitely finished alligator leather straps by Santoni.

The new Portofino models with integrated moon phase display are available now in IWC boutiques and from authorized IWC retailers. The Portofino Hand-Wound Tourbillon Rétrograde will be available from October 2017.

## IWC SCHAFFHAUSEN

With a clear focus on technology and development, the Swiss watch manufacturer IWC Schaffhausen has been producing timepieces of lasting value since 1868. The company has gained an international reputation based on a passion for innovative solutions and technical ingenuity. One of the world's leading brands in the luxury watch segment, IWC crafts masterpieces of Haute Horlogerie at their finest, combining supreme precision with exclusive design. As an ecologically and socially responsible company, IWC is committed to sustainable production,

supports institutions around the globe in their work with children and young people, and maintains partnerships with organizations dedicated to environmental protection.

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# PORTOFINO HAND-WOUND TOURBILLON RÉTROGRADE

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REF. IW516501

## FEATURES

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Mechanical movement – Power reserve display – Retrograde date display – Flying hacking minute tourbillon at “6 o'clock” – Breguet spring – See-through sapphire-glass back

## MOVEMENT

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IWC-manufactured calibre	59900
Frequency	28,800 A/h   4 Hz
Jewels	40
Power reserve	8 days (192 h)
Winding	Hand-wound

## WATCH

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Materials	18-carat red gold case, silver-plated dial, gold-plated hands, solid gold appliqués, dark brown alligator leather strap by Santoni
Glass	Sapphire, arched edge, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	3 bar
Diameter	45 mm
Height	14 mm

# PORTOFINO HAND-WOUND MOON PHASE

REF. IW516401 · IW516403

## FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Power reserve display – Date display – Moon phase display – Small hacking seconds – Breguet spring – See-through sapphire-glass back

## MOVEMENT

IWC-manufactured calibre	59800
Frequency	28,800 A/h   4 Hz
Jewels	30
Power reserve	8 days (192 h)
Winding	Hand-wound

## WATCH

Materials	<b>Ref. IW516401:</b> Stainless-steel case, silver-plated dial, gold-plated hands and appliqués, dark brown alligator leather strap by Santoni <b>Ref. IW516403:</b> 18-carat red gold case, slate-coloured dial, gold-plated hands, solid gold appliqués, dark brown alligator leather strap by Santoni
Glass	Sapphire, arched edge, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	3 bar
Diameter	45 mm
Height	13.5 mm

# PORTOFINO AUTOMATIC MOON PHASE 37

REF. IW459008 · IW459009 · IW459010 · IW459011

## FEATURES

Mechanical movement – Central hacking seconds – Moon phase display

## MOVEMENT

Calibre	35800
Frequency	28,800 A/h   4 Hz
Jewels	25
Power reserve	42 h
Winding	Self-winding

## WATCH

Materials	<p><b>Ref. IW459008:</b> Stainless-steel case with 66 diamonds, silver-plated dial with 12 diamonds, rhodium-plated hands and appliqués, dark blue alligator leather strap by Santoni</p> <p><b>Ref. IW459009:</b> 18-carat red gold case with 66 diamonds, silver-plated dial with 12 diamonds, gold-plated hands, solid gold appliqués, black alligator leather strap by Santoni</p> <p><b>Ref. IW459010:</b> 18-carat red gold case with 66 diamonds, silver-plated dial with 12 diamonds, gold-plated hands, solid gold appliqués, Milanaise mesh bracelet in 18-carat red gold</p> <p><b>Ref. IW459011:</b> Stainless-steel case, silver-plated dial with 12 diamonds, gold-plated hands and appliqués, dark brown alligator leather strap by Santoni</p>
Glass	Sapphire, convex, antireflective coating on both sides
Water-resistant	3 bar
Diameter	37 mm
Height	11 mm