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## IWC INTRODUCES LE PETIT PRINCE AND ANTOINE DE SAINT EXUPÉRY SPECIAL EDITIONS

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Schaffhausen, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – at the Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) in Geneva, IWC Schaffhausen will be presenting two “Le Petit Prince” models and an “Antoine de Saint Exupéry” special edition in the Pilot’s Watches collection. The Big Pilot’s Watch Constant-Force Tourbillon Edition “Le Petit Prince” is the first pilot’s watch from IWC with a constant-force tourbillon. For the first time, the Swiss watch manufacturer has used hard gold for the watch case – a significantly harder and more wear-resistant version of red gold. IWC has combined for the very first time a perpetual calendar with a chronograph function with the Pilot’s Watch Perpetual Calendar Chronograph Edition “Le Petit Prince”.

These timepieces, characterised by their distinctive midnight blue dials are dedicated to Antoine de Saint-Exupéry’s “Le Petit Prince”. It is the most important literary work by the French writer and pilot.

The **Big Pilot’s Watch Constant-Force Tourbillon Edition “Le Petit Prince”** (Ref. IW590302 and IW590303) are the first pilot’s watches from IWC with a constant-force tourbillon. It is available with either a hard gold or platinum case, each of which is limited to 10 watches in each material.



- Platinum case, blue dial, rhodium-plated hands, brown calf leather strap (Ref. IW590302)



- 18 carat hard gold case, blue dial, gold-plated hands, brown calf leather strap (Ref. IW590303)

This is the first time IWC has produced a watch with hard gold, a special new version of red gold. The microstructure of the alloy is modified in a sophisticated manufacturing process. Hard gold is therefore significantly harder and around 5 to 10 times more wear-resistant than conventional red gold. As a result, the material is perfectly suited to the large case and the crown of a Big Pilot’s Watch.

The patented constant-force tourbillon is the IWC engineers' answer to a centuries-old challenge in the field of watchmaking: As the tension in the spring of a mechanical wristwatch slackens over time, less force is transferred to the escapement via the dial train, which in turn decreases the amplitude of the balance. This has a negative impact on the precision of the watch. The patented constant-force mechanism separates the escapement from the direct flow of force from the dial train and with every second re-tensions a balance spring, which serves as temporary energy storage and transfers absolutely even force pulses to the escape wheel. Integrated into a tourbillon, which also eliminates the influence of gravity on the oscillating system, the result is extraordinary precision.

The IWC-manufactured calibre 94805 combines a constant-force tourbillon with a perpetual moon phase display, which takes 577.5 years to require adjustment by one day. The "Petit Prince" stands on the moon. Two barrels store enough power for 96 hours. A display notifies the wearer of the remaining power reserve.

In the **Pilot's Watch Perpetual Calendar Chronograph** (Ref. IW392202), IWC has combined a perpetual calendar with a chronograph for the first time in a pilot's watch. 250 of these limited edition timepieces are available.



- 18 carat red gold case, blue dial, 18 carat gold hands, brown calf leather strap

The perpetual calendar developed by Kurt Klaus in the 1980s automatically detects the different number of days in the month as well as leap years. The mechanism, which is built from just 80 or so parts, will work until 2100 without needing to be adjusted. The displays for date, day, month, moon phase and year are perfectly synchronised and can be easily adjusted via the crown if the watch is not worn for a prolonged period. The IWC-manufactured calibre 89630 also features a chronograph function. The moon phase display for the calendar is therefore integrated into the chronograph counter at "12 o'clock".

## 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 organisations dedicated to environmental protection.

## DOWNLOADS

Images of the Le Petit Prince and Antoine de Saint Exupéry special editions can be ordered free of charge from [press.iwc.com](http://press.iwc.com)

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# BIG PILOT'S WATCH CONSTANT-FORCE TOURBILLON EDITION "LE PETIT PRINCE"

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REF. IW590302 - IW590303

## FEATURES

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Mechanical movement – Power reserve display – Tourbillon with integrated constant-force mechanism – Perpetual moon phase display – See-through sapphire glass back – Screw-in crown – Glass secured against displacement by drops in air pressure – Limited to 10 watches

## MOVEMENT

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IWC-manufactured calibre	94805
Frequency	18,000 vph / 2.5 Hz
Jewels	41
Power reserve	4 days (96 h)
Winding	Hand-wound

## WATCH

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Materials	<b>Ref. IW590302:</b> Platinum case, blue dial, rhodium-plated hands, brown calf leather strap <b>Ref. IW590303:</b> 18 carat hard gold case, blue dial, gold-plated hands, brown calf leather strap
Crystal	Sapphire, arched edge, anti-reflective coating on both sides
Water-resistance	6 bar
Diameter	46.2 mm
Height	13.5 mm

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# PILOT'S WATCH PERPETUAL CALENDAR CHRONOGRAPH EDITION "LE PETIT PRINCE"

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REF. IW392202

## FEATURES

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Mechanical chronograph movement – Perpetual calendar with displays for the date, day, month, year in four digits and perpetual moon phase – Chronograph function for hours, minutes and seconds – Hour and minute counters combined in a counter (totaliser) at 12 o'clock – Flyback function – Screw-in crown – Small hacking seconds – 18 carat gold oscillating weight – See-through sapphire glass back – Limited to 250 watches

## MOVEMENT

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IWC-manufactured calibre	89630
Frequency	28,800 vph / 4 Hz
Jewels	51
Power reserve	68 h
Winding	Automatic

## WATCH

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Materials	18 carat red gold case, blue dial, gold-plated hands, brown calf leather strap
Crystal	Sapphire, arched edge, anti-reflective coating on both sides
Water-resistance	6 bar
Diameter	43 mm
Height	15.9 mm