

OCTA ZODIAQUE

Between earth and sky

The Octa Zodiacue is the latest addition to the Octa collection.

Through this creation, François-Paul Journe wished to make a graphic allusion to the stars, which have always served as points of reference for mankind in calculating time, and have also influenced human beliefs...

This watch is developed on the basis of the Octa mechanical self-winding calibre, providing an exceptional 120-hour power-reserve.

Like the sky chart zone (*divided into twelve parts and marked out by two tiny circles parallel to the ecliptic and located at an angle of 8.5° and in which the apparent movement of the sun is depicted*), the outer circle with the 12 hour graduations moves each day, driven by the large date system, and thereby displaying the indication of the month and the sign of the zodiac at 12 o'clock.

The back of the 40 mm platinum case reveals the exclusive F.P. Journe mechanism, thus making it a limited edition within the collection. After the Octa Divine, this is the second model to feature centred blued hour and minute hands. It also features a power-reserve indicator, large date display and seconds on a subdial at 5 o'clock.

Issued in a limited series of 150, its silver and slate grey 18-carat gold dial confirm its resemblance with the other models within the Octa collection.

This summer, it will find its place in the collection of the Geneva Science History Museum, alongside the first instruments used to measure the time thanks to that legendary celestial body, the sun. The new "sundial" room will offer visitors an audio commentary by François-Paul Journe expressing the views of a contemporary watchmaker with regard to the time measurement of yesteryear and that of today!

There was indeed a natural and logical connection between a brand that is involved in cultivating the science of horology and a museum that perpetuates the memory of science...