

# CHRONOMÈTRE OPTIMUM

Unique piece auctioned for the benefit of the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation and sold for SG\$ 1'480'000 during the "Ball in Monaco" in Singapore



Singapore, October 28, 2022 - The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation organized the 8th edition of the "Ball in Monaco" at the prestigious Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, in the presence of H.S.H. the Sovereign Prince and Mr. Vivian Balakrishnan, Singaporean Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Over the past 14 years, the Singapore branch of the Foundation has raised funds to finance more than two dozen projects for the protection of the planet. At the previous edition in 2018, the auction of a unique version of the Chronographe Monopoussoir Rattrapante raised SG\$ 400'000. This year, F.P.Journe has donated a unique piece specially made for the occasion, a Chronomètre Optimum with a burgundy color and ruthenium-plated guilloché Silver dial and Chinese numerals. This model has the serial number 508-CO as well as a bespoke engraving on the movement, "S.A.S Albert II 2022 Singapore".

The bidding for this Chronomètre Optimum started at SG\$ 172'600. After a fierce battle between several collectors, it was finally sold for SG\$ 1'480'000. The funds collected will be used by the Foundation to support concrete actions in Asia for the protection of the Ocean, the main theme of this "Ball in Monaco".

In an ongoing quest for precision, innovation and excellence, the Chronomètre Optimum symbolizes the very essence of François-Paul Journe's chronometric research for a wristwatch. At 11 o'clock, the wheel of the Remontoir d'égalité can be seen through an opening that invites you to discover the heart of the watch. On the back, the 18K rose gold movement reveals a natural deadbeat second delineated by a seconds circle screwed onto the bridges. This Calibre 1510 also benefits from two barrels and a High-Performance Bi-axial Escapement (EBHP), a patented F.P.Journe invention.

# CHRONOMÈTRE OPTIMUM - UNIQUE PIECE Technical Specifications

#### Movement

Calibre 1510

Manuel winding / 27 turns of crown

18K rose Gold

## **Dimensions of the Movement**

Overall diameter: 34.00 mm

Casing-up diameter: 33.60 mm

Overall height: 5.80 mm

Height of winding stem: 2.395 mm

Diameter of stem thread: S1.20 mm

#### **Balance**

Balance with inertia weight Hair spring with Phillips curve

Mobile stud holder Free sprung Pinned GE stud

Frequency: 21,600 VPH, 3Hz Inertia: 10.10 mg x cm $^2$ 

Angle of lift: 58°

Amplitude: 0h dial up: > 260°

24h dial up: > 260°

#### Main characteristics

1 second Remontoir d'égalité

Natural dead beat second on the back of the movement

High performance Bi-axial escapement

2 mainspring barrels in parallel

Crown with 2 positions

#### **Indications**

Off-center hours and minutes at 3h00

Small second at 9h00 Power reserve at 7h00

Large dead beat second on the back

### Power reserve

70 hours

# **Finishing**

Circular graining on baseplate Geneva waves on bridges

Polished screw heads with chamfered slots

Pegs with polished rounded ends

#### Case

Platinum

Diameter: 40 mm Total height: 9.5 mm

## Dial

Unique piece - burgundy color and ruthenium-plated guilloché Silver Chinese numbers

## **Number of parts**

Movement without dial: 240
Cased up with strap: 264
Jewels: 44