

Each spring around 2,000 companies from the watch and jewellery world get together in Basel, Switzerland, to show their latest wares at a trade exhibition called Baselworld. This is where the world's top brands unveil their latest offerings, so get your chequebook out ...



### **Crocodile rock**

Top Swiss watchmaker Chopardy has supported the Elton John AIDS Foundation for ten years now, and a collection designed by Caroline Gruosi-Scheufele with Sir Elton is both distinctly Eltonish and contributes a percentage of profits to the fight against AIDS. It's an imposing large-diameter timepiece with precious stones a-plenty. The versions in the pic feature black diamonds and a strap in black alligator leather for him, baguette diamonds and pink crocodile for her.

Elton John Watches by Chopard Al Manara Jewellery, Abu Dhabi Mall (02 627 2222)



### **Insights**

You won't see many of these around: Perrelet's automatic Tourbillon is somewhere near the pinnacle of the art of watchmaking, a limited and numbered edition of just 20, set in a modern case of satin-brushed titanium and polished 18-carat rose gold.

Perrelet Tourbillon Al Sayegh Jewellery, Al Nasr Street (02 633 9900)



### **Breakfast cocktail**

The Tiffany Watch Co debuted earlier this year, a partnership between Tiffany and Swatch that has produced some very good-looking watches. Here's the Atlas Cocktail including 197 full cut diamonds that reflect light in all directions and guaranteeing a high voltage dose of glamour. It's available in white, yellow and red gold with white mother-of-pearl dials and white straps.

Atlas Cocktail Tiffany, Marina Mall (02 681 4477)



### **Go faster**

Porsche Design watches define timeless appeal, functionality and a purist approach. The Flat Six collection has recently acquired this Chronograph model, with fresh colour combinations and a PVD coating on the cases. As you might expect, the dials are crisp and highly legible; cases, crafted in stainless steel, feature four machined grooves reminiscent of the compression and wiper rings of the 6-cylinder engine in the 911.

Porsche Design Chronograph Al Fardan Jewellery, Hamdan Street (02 674 5000)



**Monaco**

Tag Heuer has unveiled a 're-edition' of the iconic Monaco Calibre 11 Automatic Chronograph that Steve McQueen wore in the classic movie Le Mans back in 1970. It's still one of the best-looking men's watches on the market, and inside it has the classic Calibre 11 movement for accuracy and robustness.

Tag Heuer 1969 Original Re-Edition Al Manara Jewellery, Abu Dhabi Mall (02 627 2222)

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