

» de montres, et garantir ainsi un niveau de service élevé. Les informations techniques sont maintenues à jour et des stocks de pièces détachées sont disponibles en tout temps. De plus, une équipe qualifiée, au bénéfice d'une formation continue, assure le maintien et travaille à l'amélioration du service apporté aux clients. ◦

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### *A great success*

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The Vaucher Private Label entity created by the Fleurier-based movement manufacturer, Vaucher Manufacture Fleurier (VMF) less than a year ago, has confirmed how it meets a real need on the part of the brands that wish to continue or launch out into upmarket watchmaking. By supplying its movements in a minimum quantity of 25 pieces available for fast delivery, the Val-de-Travers manufacturer is serving a category of watch manufacturers who would find it hard to develop without its services in the watch industry environment prevailing at present.

Because of the partitioning of the watchmaking market, VMF has finally decided to open its products to a broader clientele through

the Vaucher Private Label entity. Already independent with a vertical structure - one of its sister companies is none other than atokalpa which owns and masters the expertise in gear wheels and oscillators -, industrialised and highly focused on the customisation of its calibres, it was well placed to satisfy the creativity of talented watchmakers.

These watchmakers attended an event organised by VMF during Baselworld. They came from the United Kingdom, France and Switzerland, proud and pleased to be able to count on top quality movements and a full service for exterior parts. Examples include the House of Meerson established in Great Britain which will be presenting its inaugural collection of watches next June and Vincent Plomb who has launched his Vicenterra brand.

VMF has modern workshops and skilled personnel to repair, maintain and restore movements or watch heads and so guarantee a high standard of service. Technical information is kept up-to-date and stocks of spare parts are permanently available. Moreover a qualified team, benefiting from in-service training, is responsible for maintenance and works relentlessly to improve the service given to clients. ◦

## L'Epée 1839

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### *A l'heure intergalactique*

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Imaginée par MB&F, réalisée par L'Epée 1839, c'est la Starfleet Machine! Une horloge de table en forme de vaisseau intergalactique qui affiche les heures, les minutes, la double seconde rétrograde et la réserve de marche. Largement dévoilé et finement décoré, son mouvement manufacture dispose d'une autonomie exceptionnelle de quarante jours, tout en garantissant une précision de -2/+2 minutes. Tous les composants du mouvement ont été dessinés et manufacturés dans du laiton traité au palladium aux finitions impeccables, au sein de l'atelier de L'Epée 1839. Les rouages et barillets sont complètement visibles grâce à la platine squelettée et à la structure concentrique externe, façonnées en forme de C dans de l'acier. La Starfleet Machine peut reposer sur ses supports verticaux des deux côtés, ce qui s'avère utile quand on la retourne pour armer le ressort de barillet ou régler l'heure.

Manufacture fondée il y a 175 ans à Besançon et aujourd'hui basée à Delémont, L'Epée 1839 est la dernière entreprise spécialisée dans la production d'horloges haut de gamme en Suisse. ◦

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### *Intergalactic time*

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Imagined by MB&F, made by L'Epée 1839, here is the Starfleet Machine! A table clock in the shape of an intergalactic spaceship which displays the hours, minutes, double retrograde seconds and power reserve. Clearly visible and finely decorated, its manufactured movement has an exceptional forty-day power reserve with guaranteed accuracy of -2/+2 minutes. All the movement components have been

designed and made in brass enhanced by palladium with an impeccable finish at the L'Epée 1839 workshop. The wheels and barrels are entirely visible thanks to the skeleton back plate and the external concentric structure fashioned in a C shape in steel. The Starfleet Machine can rest on its vertical supports on both sides, particularly useful when it is turned over to wind the barrel spring or adjust the time. As a manufacturing enterprise founded 175 years ago in Besançon and now based in Delémont, L'Epée 1839 is the last company specialising in the production of high end clocks in Switzerland. ◦

