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Romain Gauthier

Romain Gauthier is the founder, CEO and creative director of the high-end Swiss watch brand Romain Gauthier.

Romain was born in 1975 in the Vallée de Joux, the heart of fine Swiss watchmaking. It was in this picturesque valley that Romain developed his passion for traditional haute horlogerie, his grasp of mechanics and engineering, and his eye for design.

Having studied precision-mechanics at technical college, Romain qualified as a constructor of precision machinery in 1997. A year later, he started his first job as machine programmer-operator at a horological components manufacturer that he helped turn into one of the best-performing facilities in Europe.

Determined to build from scratch not just his own high-end watch, but also his own high-end watch brand, Romain completed an MBA in 2002. His final thesis was the business plan for his own watch company.

After working behind closed doors on his own timepieces for three years, he launched the Romain Gauthier brand in 2005. Romain has since developed its exclusive collections to include classically refined pieces, contemporarily casual creations and ethereal objets d'art, all featuring supremely finished in-house movements.

Romain marries the know-how that he has developed living, studying and working in the Vallée de Joux with a no-compromise approach to haute horlogerie to create his exceptional timepieces that have been hailed for their eye-catching designs, innovative mechanisms and extremely high level of hand-finishing.

Romain Gauthier's ability to create exquisite timepieces is in large part thanks to his manufacture, based in Le Sentier, that he has steadily built up.

The manufacture blends skilled craftsmen and time-honoured watchmaking tools with experienced technicians and cutting-edge production methods, allowing Romain Gauthier to design, produce, decorate, assemble and regulate in house all movements for the brand's timepieces.

While all this savoir-faire means that quality is uncompromised and precision is impressive, it also imbues Romain Gauthier timepieces with a rare beauty and unique soul.

The exclusivity of Romain Gauthier timepieces is ensured by the very small numbers in which they are created – about 60 pieces per year.