

Time lords

The annual Baselworld watch fair is the launching ground for the world's latest and greatest models. We check out six of the best coming to a store near you.




SEIKO
Ananta Spring Drive Chronograph
RRP \$10,000

Seiko has pulled out all the stops with its new luxury Ananta range, matching Spring Drive technology with superb mechanical workmanship. Ananta means "infinite" in Sanskrit but the top-of-the-range Chronograph will be strictly limited. Other models priced \$3400 to \$7000.
Stockists: Smales, 143 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco, (08) 9382 3222; Watches of Switzerland, 39-41 King St, Perth (08) 9322 8800.



LONGINES
Admiral 24H Ceramic
RRP \$4950

Longines has a proud history but isn't sitting back on its laurels. The Admiral 24H Ceramic is chock-full of features, including second time zone functionality and chronograph. Nice 'n' big at 42mm.
Stockists: Watches of Switzerland, 39-41 King St, Perth (08) 9322 8800; Mazzuchelli's Jewellers, 207 Murray St Mall, Perth (08) 9221 2749.



TISSOT
T-Race MotoGP Ltd Edition
RRP \$1150

Rev heads, rejoice. Tissot's racy MotoGP Ltd Edition (delivered in a nifty black crash helmet) has chronograph function (30 minute, 1/10 second and seconds) and tachometer (on the rotating bezel) and comes with 18 interchangeable "medals" symbolising the 18 MotoGP circuits. Just 9002 pieces worldwide.
Stockists: Mazzuchelli's Jewellers, Shop 217, 207 Murray St Mall, Perth (08) 9211 2749; Angus & Coote, Shop M22 Carillion City, Murray St, Perth (08) 9321 7742.



RADO
True Chronograph Platinum Matt
RRP \$3025

Rado was a big wheel in the watch business in the 1980s and is making a strong resurgence. It was a pioneer in the use of ceramics and the quartz-powered Platinum Matt continues that iconic design legacy. Functionality includes a split-seconds chronograph.
Stockist: Mazzuchelli's Jewellers, Shop 217, 207 Murray St Mall, Perth (08) 9221 2749.



EDOX
Ice Shark Chronograph
RRP \$2800

Edox makes some of the snappier, affordable top-end Swiss watches going around and the 1000 limited edition, 45mm diameter Ice Shark is no exception. Water-resistant to 1000 metres, it has a scratch-resistant sapphire crystal, carbon-fibre dial and hands and black ceramic bezel. Stockists: City Watch Repairs, Shop 3 Piccadilly Arcade, 702 Hay St Mall, Perth (08) 9481 3490. edox.ch.



BREITLING
Navitimer 125 Anniversary
RRP \$9380

Breitling, a world leader in professional aviators' watches for decades, has revamped its classic Navitimer model with this release, limited to 2009 pieces. The chronograph is certified by Swiss boffins to be accurate to within 1/4 of a second and the bezel has a circular slide rule.
Stockist: Smales, 143 Rokeby Rd, Subiaco, (08) 9382 3222, smales.com.



OBAMA'S TIMELY SECRET IS OUT...

As the world's most powerful man, US President Barack Obama would, you'd think, sport a serious piece of wristwatch bling. Rolex? Breitling? Longines?

How about a relatively anonymous Japanese quartz movement chronograph? Yep, since taking office in January Mr Obama has stuck with a Jorg Gray 6500 Series Chrono, given to him by Secret Service agents on his 47th birthday in 2007.

Jorg Gray has been quick to lap up the marketing spin-offs of Mr Obama's election, releasing the 41mm-dial watch in a commemorative numbered edition with the inscription *The 44th President of the United States Barack H. Obama* engraved on the back. It's yours for around \$325. But Mr Obama's exact model, complete with Secret Service logo, is still in the very-very-hard-to-get category. Jorg Grays sporting this logo can only be sold through the Secret Service Employees Shop (!) to bona fide Secret Service workers. Shop profits go to charity.

If you want the Obama 6500 commemorative model, check out jorggray.com. The Jorg Gray line-up will be introduced to WA retail stores soon.

Out of the box

