



## **Louis Moinet unveils the Qatar Tourbillon at the Doha Jewellery and Watch Exhibition**

Louis Moinet is proud to be unveiling its new QATAR TOURBILLON at the prestigious Doha Jewellery & Watches Exhibition.

Only three such pieces will be manufactured, featuring two painstakingly cut fragments of the one and only meteorite ever to have been found in Qatar, inlaid in a spectacular dial. The two hand-engraved Qatari sabres and sand dunes add a special tribute to the Emirate.

The official name of the meteorite is Qatar 001, as assigned to it by the learned US-based Meteoritical Society. It comes from the main asteroid belt between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter, and travelled over 260 million kilometres before landing in the Jariyan al Batnah desert. As famous meteorite hunter Luc Labenne explains: "It's a chondrite type H5, with a very high metal content. Its chondrules (the silicate mineral grains found in meteorites) are clearly visible."

Jean-Marie Schaller, Louis Moinet's CEO and Creative Director, says: "It's an honour to be paying tribute to the State of Qatar by combining the art of watchmaking with this unique and authentic celestial heritage. Louis Moinet started creating works of art for Kings, Princes, Presidents, and Sultans as early as 1806. We're now continuing his work by producing singular creations, dedicated to the most important figures of our time."

The 45.4 mm-diameter Qatar Tourbillon case has been dubbed Neo: its new technical solutions have resulted in the creation of an all-new shape of watch. Everything is built around two vertical bridges that span the timepiece, securing the strap at each end of their lugs – these in turn feature the third and final openwork finish on the watch. The bridges support the movement's housing, topped by a hand-engraved bezel secured by six screws – one of Louis Moinet's signature touches.

The QATAR Tourbillon is a limited edition of just three pieces; its exclusive, manual wind movement beats at a rhythm of 21,600 vibrations per hour. One distinctive technical feature is that its particularly spectacular winding mechanism is visible through the caseback. The "octopus" spring fulfils three functions, acting as a lever spring, yoke spring, and click spring.

### **About Louis Moinet**

*Ateliers Louis Moinet was founded in Saint-Blaise, Neuchâtel, in 2004. The fully-independent firm was established to honour the memory of Louis Moinet (1768-1853): master watchmaker, inventor of the chronograph in 1816 (certified by Guinness World Records™), and pioneer in the use of very high frequencies (216,000 vibrations per hour). Louis Moinet was a watchmaker, scholar, painter, sculptor, and teacher at the School of Fine Arts – as well as the author of *Traité d'Horlogerie*, a watchmaking treatise published in 1848 that remained a definitive work of reference for almost a century. Today, Ateliers Louis Moinet is perpetuating this legacy. The firm's timepieces, produced in limited editions only, have won some of the most coveted honours, including a Red Dot Design Award (Best of the Best category), gold and bronze medals in the Chronometry Competition, a Robb Report "Best of the Best" award, a "Chronograph of the year" distinction from *Begin* magazine, Japan, and a recent UNESCO Award*



*of Merit. Louis Moinet creations often make use of unusual materials, such as fossils and meteorites, combined with bespoke fine watchmaking complications in a unique creative approach. The brand's core values are creativity, exclusivity, art and design.*

## **Technical data sheet**

### **Functions**

Hour  
Minute

### **Movement**

Movement	Exclusive tourbillon
Wind	Manual
Mechanism	Visible through caseback, "octopus" spring
Oscillations	21,600 vibrations per hour
Frequency	3 Hz
Lines	14½
Power reserve	72 hours
Jewels	19
Escapement	Side lever

### **Case**

Design	Original Louis Moinet "Neo" design
Material	18-carat white gold
Diameter	45.4 mm
Waterproof	up to 30 metres
Crystals	Two non-reflective sapphire crystals

### **Dial**

Meteorite	Qatar 001
Dial	Hand-engraved
Depicts	Two Qatari sabres, sand dunes

### **Strap**

Strap	Hand-sewn, Louisiana alligator
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### **Edition**

Edition	Limited edition of 3 watches
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