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## Piaget, Phillips collaborate on limited-edition earthy timepiece

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*The timepiece is inspired by the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, serving as a symbol of the environment. Image courtesy of Piaget*

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Swiss jeweler **Piaget** has partnered with global auction house **Phillips** in producing a new timepiece.

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The jeweler and auction house, in conjunction with industry veterans Bacs & Russo, are spotlighting the first collector watch in Piaget's brand history. The Altiplano Origin China Special Edition's features highlight a thoughtful symbolism and will be limited to 21 pieces.

"As a watchmaker with a long and profound history, Piaget has created many celebrated timepieces that are favoured by watch lovers and collectors around the world," said Benjamin Comar, CEO of Piaget, in a statement.

"Together with Phillips, we tap into the heritage of our respective fields and create this iconic watch," he said. "We believe it will become a classic with enduring charm."

A first

The Altiplano Origin China Special Limited Edition is Piaget's first attempt in interpreting the Chinese plateau.

Piaget chose the name "Altiplano," as the thinness of the watch reflects the flat terrain of this area located in south-eastern Peru and western Bolivia.



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The timepiece is inspired by the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, serving as a symbol of the environment.

The timepiece taps nature for color inspiration, reflecting green fields and brown earthy tones.

Every layer of the watch has a green tint which mirrors the different shades of color of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau. The sapphire case-back mirrors Piaget's sophisticated feel.

The first offered watch in the collection, which will be numbered 00, will be auctioned by Phillips in Hong Kong on Nov. 28. The remaining 20 pieces will be available for purchase only to mainland Chinese collectors.

Phillips maintains a busy year.

Earlier this year, Phillips prepared to auction three timepieces designed by notable watchmaker George Daniels at the upcoming Geneva Watch Auction XVI this fall.

Mr. Daniels was considered by those in the horology sector to be one of the greatest luxury mechanical watchmakers of his time. His spring case tourbillon in yellow gold, a yellow gold special edition limited to 35 pieces in yellow gold and a yellow gold Millennium limited to 48 pieces will be among the leading highlights of the November auction in Geneva ([see story](#)).

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