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Chanel goes for gold, reissues first-ever Premeire watch

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American fashion model and DJ Soo Joo Park presents Premeire dition Originale in a series of near-silent digital drops. Image credit: Chanel

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French fashion house Chanel is meeting luxury's moment with the reintroduction of a classic.



Originated over three decades ago, the brand's first-ever timekeeper has been updated, its promotion now the undertaking of both the house and its new face of a different variety. American fashion model and DJ Soo Joo Park wears the Premeire dition Originale watch in Chanel's latest campaign.

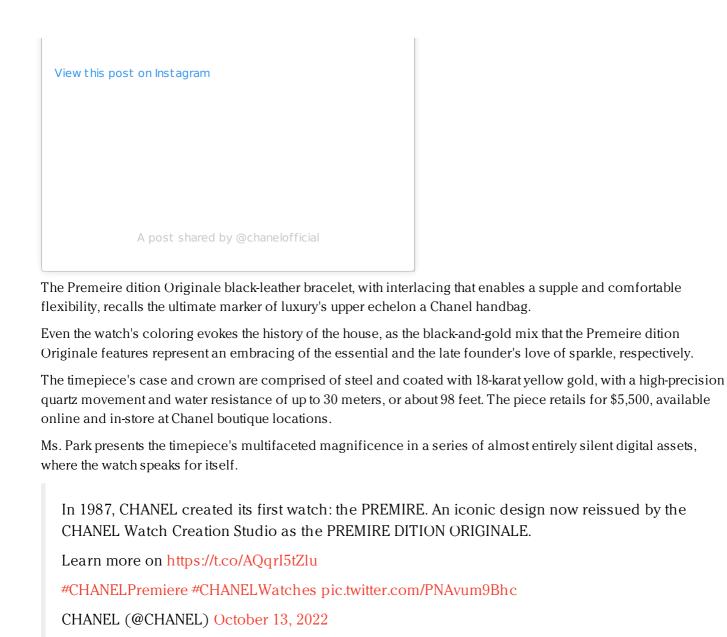
Chanel seconds

Chanel created its first watch, the Premeire, in 1987. Today's Premeire dition Originale follows in its footsteps while introducing contemporary detail in more ways than one.

First, its design smartly connects across Chanel's categories the case was created in the image of the maison's N 5 fragrance bottle stopper, and the octagonal shape a nod to Chanel's 18 Place Vendme atelier.

The iconic address is home to the brand's Watches and Fine Jewelry Creation Studios, High Jewelry workshop, Patrimoine and Fine Jewelry boutique





The two videos live at time of publish handle the task at hand with similar creative treatments. Parallels include a camera panning out, whether slowly as in the case of the first to post, or more abruptly, in its successor.

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Like a strip of film, the video's lateral layout lends a trio of tapes, one identical video atop other, its talent essentially mute.

Neither video asset contains much dialogue instead, the film's leading lady simply says the accessory's name.

In one, the word "Premeire," is definitively stated, matched with a mocked checkmate, as a small gold statue is planted, eye contact steady and watch in full view.

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"Premeire," Ms. Park whispers in another, hands clasping around her mouth in ironic synchrony.

A set suddenly comes into view, and the star is shown behind the railing of a presumably lofty structure of aureate appearance.

Though just a few seconds in duration, and quiet in volume, Chanel's videos impart an impactful boom.

There are, of course, the video's companions. Campaign imagery reinforces Chanel's narrative through lifestyle shots and product close-ups.

Attire matches in theme, as head-to-toe brand outfitting unfurl. Chanel Beauty is on display in nail color, and Chanel ready-to-wear, on view as part of Ms. Park's signature tweed

Just like its beloved Premeire dition Originale, Chanel's ethos is carried through all aspects of the campaign that carries its latest launch.

Stories take time

Chanel embodies the art of quiet glamour.

Here, heritage storytelling is louder than any showstopping sell could be. The knowledge of its history is highlighted throughout materials, whether via its site or through the "@chanelofficial" social handle.

The house has a knack for this method of marketing, whether for a new product, or a mainstay initiative.

Chanel recently announced the launch of "Cometes Collective," an incubative effort to support emerging makeup

artists shaping the future of the beauty industry. Its reasoning ties back to its founder, Gabrielle Chanel, and her penchant for opportunity (see story).

The maison's participation in Venice Film Festival is yet another modern example of its dedication to keeping Coco's spirit alive.

Chanel's connection with the film world spans decades as, according to the brand, Ms. Chanel was said to have built relationships with working actors of decades past by dressing them. These stars would vouch for the company, forming an informal brand ambassadorship of sorts through the years (see story).

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