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Vacheron Constantin puts private collection on display in Madrid

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Swiss watchmaker **Vacheron Constantin** is offering fans of the brand a chance to dig into its history and know-how.

A newly opened exhibition at its boutique in Madrid spotlights its expertise in retrograde indications. Running now through March 4, 2024, the displays detail 200 years of this knowledge through a selection of vintage and modern timepieces sourced from Vacheron Constantin's private collection.

Retrograde season

When a watch's hand does not make a complete rotation around the dial, but instead moves in an arc, this is called a retrograde indication.

Often paired with protruding indications, Vacheron Constantin has been including this technically difficult feature in products for a long time. At the exhibition, guests can see two centuries' worth of timepieces that have this function.



The Madrid boutique, now home to the exhibition, follows classic branding cues in its interior design. Image credit: Vacheron Constantin

Going back to 1824, the maison's pocket watches and wristwatches are among the picks.

Guests can expect to see the 2015 Gentleman's Wristwatch Savoirs Enlumines; the 2014 Ladies' Wristwatch, Model 83570; the 2001 Gentleman's Wristwatch The Mercator, Model 43050; the 2000 Gentleman's Wristwatch Saltarello, Model 43041; the 1931 Gentleman's Pocket Watch "Arms in the Air" in yellow gold; and the 1894 Gentleman's Pocket Watch in yellow gold with a rampant chronograph, among others.

Today, the Traditionnelle and Overseas collections utilize retrograde indications, extending a tradition of precision and technical skill.

Vacheron Constantin has celebrated this craft before, dedicating one of the vignettes in its "Science And Complications" series to the movement ([see story](#)). In line with many consumers' demand for more craft-centric messaging on the part of luxury labels, the Swiss watchmaker often grounds its marketing ploys in its artistic value.

Located at Serrano 68 Street in Madrid, the boutique is open every day except for Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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