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## Richard Mille plants flag in Sydney

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The watchmaker is debuting its 42nd global store. Image credit: Richard Mille

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Swiss watchmaker Richard Mille is opening its first retail location in Australia.

The horology expert has debuted a storefront at the Capella Hotel in Sydney. The 2,906-square-foot space includes a meditation room and mixes the brand's design ethos with influences from the country's rich architectural heritage.

## **Emerald City**

The craftsmanship, federation and colonial homestead architectural movements of Australia informed the design.

As such, the boutique's interior features a warm and inviting atmosphere with a subdued color palette of cream, dark brown, cool mint, olive green and the occasional pop of burnt orange.



The 2,906-square-foot space features a meditation center and bar. Image credit: Richard Mille

The boutique is flooded with soft, ambient lighting. Translucent partitions create separate rooms, while the curved ceilings evoke a dynamic, sculptural environment.

Lush vegetation, native to the continent, can be found inside. The storefront is composed of a series of interconnected spaces with the brand's horology studio serving as its center; guests are encouraged to explore these modular spaces.

Aside from the studio, there is a meditation room and a sports bar designed as a "recreational hub" that evokes the "convivial spirit of Australian pubs."

Glass display cases that draw guests' attention to specific timepieces from the brand's collection are also stationed throughout.

The new boutique is located within the Capella Hotel at 1/35-39 Bridge Street in Sydney. It operates daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and appointments can be booked online or by phone.

In May, Richard Mille opened its largest single U.S. store, and its first in Texas, at Highland Park Village in Dallas, which included a cinema room, a racing simulator and a lounge area (see story).

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