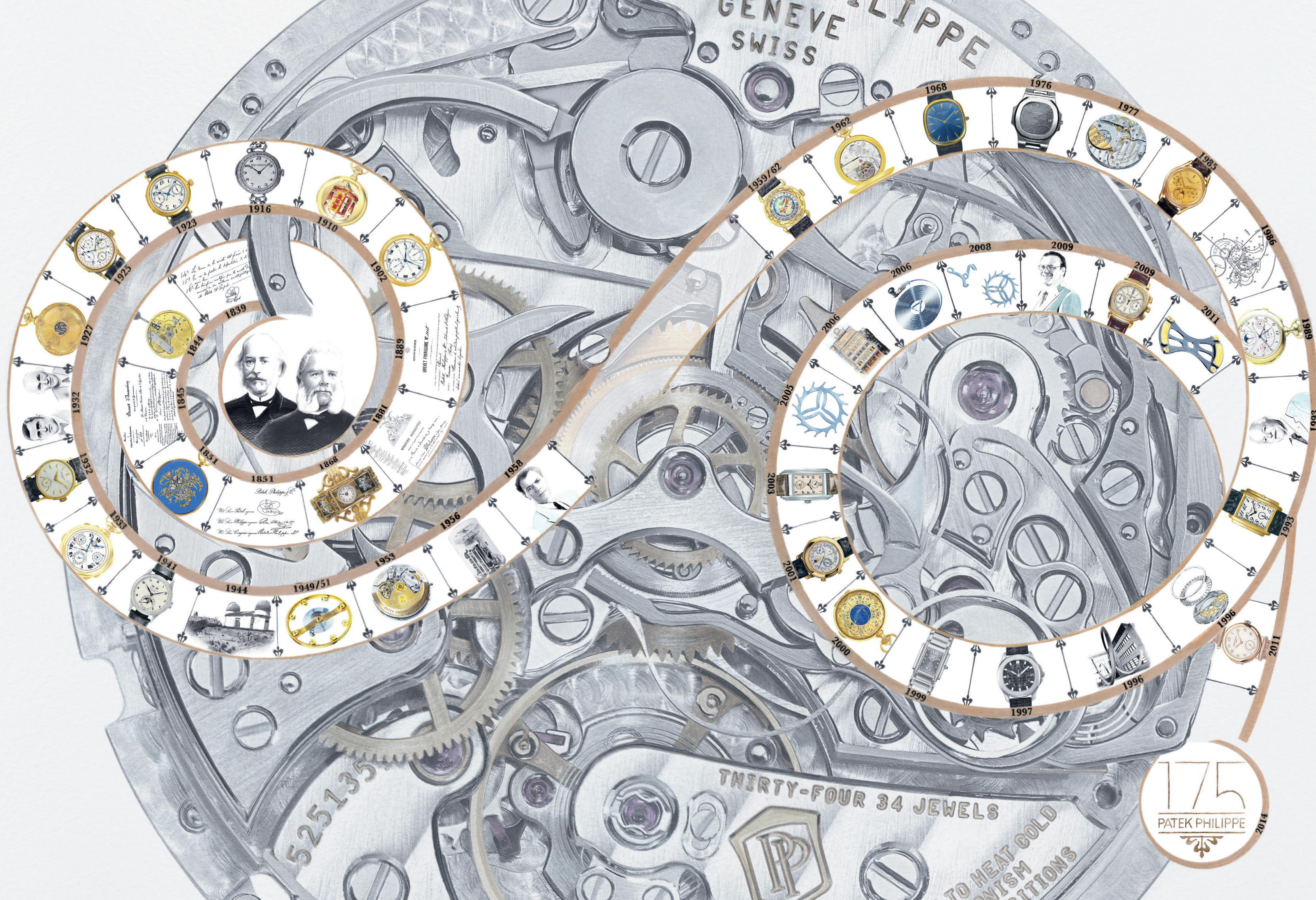


THE HISTORY OF PATEK PHILIPPE

Artist Nabil Nezzar's specially commissioned illustration is a beautiful visual representation of some of Patek Philippe's most important historical landmarks. Learn more about each entry using the key below...



1839 Patek, Czapek & Cie is founded by Antoine Norbert de Patek and François Czapek

1844 Jean Adrien Philippe receives a bronze medal for his keyless winding and hand-setting system at the Industrial Exposition in Paris

1845 Patent for keyless winding and hand-setting system

1851 The Great Exhibition takes place in London. England's Queen Victoria is among those who admire the world's first keyless watches

1851 The company name becomes Patek, Philippe & Cie – Fabricants à Genève

1868 Patek Philippe creates the first Swiss wristwatch, made for Countess Koscowicz of Hungary

1881 Patent for precision regulator

1889 Patent for perpetual calendar mechanism for pocket watches

1902 Patent for first double chronograph

1910 Patek Philippe creates the "Duke of Regia" Westminster chime pocket watch

1916 Patek Philippe produces the first complicated ladies' wristwatch with a five-minute repeater, No. 174 603

1923 Patek Philippe sells the first split-seconds chronograph wristwatch, No. 124 824

1925 Patek Philippe creates its first wristwatch with perpetual calendar, No. 97 975

1927 James Ward Packard collects his Patek Philippe astronomical pocket watch, the "Packard," No. 198 023

1932 Brothers Jean and Charles Henri Stern invest in Patek, Philippe & Cie

1932 Launch of the first Calatrava: REF. 96

1933 Patek Philippe creates the "Graves" supercomplication pocket watch, No. 198 385, for Henry Graves Jr.

1941 Patek Philippe begins regular production of perpetual calendar wristwatches (REF. 1526 shown)

1944 Patek Philippe wins a record number of first prizes for precision in the Geneva Observatory competition

1949 & 1951 Patents for Patek Philippe Gyromax® balance

1953 Patent for self-winding mechanism caliber 12-600AT

1956 The company makes the first all-electronic clock

1958 Henri Stern becomes president of Patek Philippe

1959 & 1962 Patents for time-zone watches

1962 A Patek Philippe tourbillon movement achieves the still unbeaten world timekeeping precision record for a mechanical watch, at the Geneva Observatory

1968 Launch of the first Golden Ellipse: REF. 3548

1976 Launch of the first Nautilus sports watch: REF. 3700/1 in steel

1977 Patent for ultra-thin automatic caliber 240

1985 Launch of the ultra-thin REF. 3940 perpetual calendar

1986 Patent for secular perpetual calendar with retrograde date indication

1989 Launch of the Calibre 89 to mark 150 years of Patek Philippe. With 33 complications, it has the most ever in a portable timepiece

1993 Philippe Stern becomes president of Patek Philippe

1993 Launch of the Gondolo collection (REF. 5024 shown)

1996 Patent for Annual Calendar mechanism

1996 Patek Philippe moves into a new production facility in Plan-les-Ouates, Geneva

1997 Launch of the Aquanaut collection (1998's REF. 5065A shown)

1999 Launch of the first Twenty-4®: REF. 4910/10A

2000 Launch of the Star Caliber 2000 to mark the millennium

2001 Launch of the most complicated Patek Philippe wristwatch with a double face: the Sky Moon Tourbillon, REF. 5002

2003 Patek Philippe introduces the 10-Day Tourbillon, REF. 5101P

2005 Launch of the Annual Calendar REF. 5250 with the first escape wheel for a Swiss lever escapement made from a revolutionary new silicon-based material

2006 Opening of the renovated rue du Rhône salons in Geneva

2006 Patek Philippe Advanced Research: launch of the silicon-based Spiromax® balance spring

2008 Patek Philippe Advanced Research: launch of the Pulsomax® silicon-based escapement

2009 Thierry Stern becomes president of Patek Philippe

2009 Launch of the CH 29-535 PS movement integrated into the Ladies First Chronograph

2011 Launch of the Oscillomax® ensemble incorporating the Spiromax® balance spring, the Pulsomax® escapement, and the GyromaxSi® balance

2011 Launch of the Ladies First Minute Repeater

2014 The 175th anniversary is marked with a new collection of commemorative watches