



# TIME FOR CHANGE

AS WE STEP INTO 2010,  
CLAIRE ADLER UNVEILS NEW  
DIRECTIONS IN TIMEPIECES

The world of luxury watches is becoming even more imaginative this season. Whether it's the work of independent watchmakers determined to hold on to their free-styling spirit, prestige houses infusing their classics with the spirit of the times, or the trend for quirky pocket watches, we've picked out some of the best serious investment pieces around – the prices speak for themselves.



## FREE SPIRIT

The work of independent makers is getting more and more intriguing – this is the future of watch design. Swiss watch maverick Max Busser has come up with **Machine Number 3** (in two versions: Sidewinder, pictured above, Starcruiser, left; £54,000). Call it what you like – mechanical sculpture, work of art or testimony to incredible craftsmanship – but you won't miss it. Italian Giuliano Mazzuoli, former racing driver and prolific product designer, offers the Contagiri (£14,300 in steel, £19,800 in white gold), based on a car's rev counter, while Finland's Stepan Sarpaneva has created the Korona K3 Black Moon (£11,420) inspired by melancholic Finnish winters. A collective of seven photogenic 20-something watchmakers, formed by influential Swiss industry player BNB Concept, has resulted in polio-sufferer David Rodríguez's emotive timepiece, Resilience. The watch bears an engraving of Machu Picchu on one side, while communicating the pain and trauma of Rodríguez's own physical handicap in the form of a shattered and scarred caseback: price on application. ▶