



THE G.F.J. WINS THE CHRONOMETRY PRIZE AT THE GRAND PRIX D'HORLOGERIE DE GENÈVE 2025

Le Locle / Geneva, 13 November 2025 - ZENITH has received the Chronometry Prize at the 25th Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève (GPHG) for the G.F.J., a creation that reflects the Manufacture's enduring dedication to precision and its longstanding contribution to the art of chronometry.

Since its founding in 1865, ZENITH has placed chronometry at the heart of its identity, earning a record 2 333 prizes in observatory competitions. The G.F.J., named after ZENITH's founder Georges Favre-Jacot, carries this legacy forward with a refined balance of history and modern vision. At its core lies the Calibre 135, the most awarded movement in the history of chronometer trials, a legendary mechanism that defined the golden age of precision watchmaking.

Reimagined for ZENITH's 160th anniversary, the Calibre 135 was approached as a dialogue between generations. Faithful to the spirit of the original, it has been carefully re-engineered to meet the highest standards of contemporary precision. Every element was refined with intent, from the oversized balance wheel and Breguet overcoil to the stop-second mechanism and extended 72-hour power reserve, ensuring the movement continues to embody its legacy as a benchmark of accuracy. Officially COSC-certified, it reflects the enduring harmony between technical mastery and artistic sensibility that defines ZENITH.

Encased in 39 mm of platinum, the G.F.J. pairs technical excellence with timeless elegance. Its deep lapis lazuli dial, speckled with natural golden inclusions reminiscent of a starry sky, is framed by a "brick" guilloché motif inspired by the façade of the Manufacture in Le Locle - a subtle tribute to the place where precision itself was born.

"Few movements in watchmaking history have defined precision like the Calibre 135. In reinterpreting this legendary calibre, our teams approached every detail with the utmost respect for its original spirit. Receiving the Chronometry Prize is a deeply meaningful recognition of both our heritage and our enduring commitment to the values that have guided ZENITH for over 160 years."

Benoît de Clerck, CEO of ZENITH Watches.



Established in 2001, the GPHG celebrates the finest watch creations of the year and promotes the excellence of Swiss horology. Often regarded as the “*Oscars® of the watch industry*,” the 25th edition of the ceremony took place at the Bâtiment des Forces Motrices in Geneva, gathering leading figures of the watchmaking world, the international press, and collectors to celebrate the artistry and innovation that define haute horlogerie.

Through this recognition, ZENITH honors its past while looking ahead with purpose and humility, remaining faithful to its founding ideal: to create the perfect watch.



ZENITH: THE HEART OF WATCHMAKING

Founded in 1865 in Le Locle, Switzerland, ZENITH has been at the forefront of Swiss watchmaking for over 160 years, driven by a pioneering spirit and a relentless pursuit of precision. As the first vertically integrated Swiss watch manufacture, ZENITH has continuously revolutionized horology by developing and manufacturing in-house movements, most notably the El Primero, the world's first automatic chronograph calibre launched in 1969, renowned for its unparalleled precision and high-frequency performance.

ZENITH's timepieces celebrate its dedication to innovation and exceptional craftsmanship. The CHRONOMASTER collection highlights the brand's mastery of high-precision chronographs, the DEFY showcases technical innovation and bold design, while the PILOT collection celebrates ZENITH's storied aviation legacy with distinctive, adventure-ready timepieces. This unwavering commitment to precision has been recognized with an unparalleled 2,333 chronometry prizes, underscoring ZENITH's enduring legacy of excellence. The calibre 135, having won most of those prizes went through a modern re-engineering integrating up-to-date technical solutions and materials. ZENITH decided to give it a new home in its newly introduced G.F.J collection.

Throughout its history, ZENITH timepieces have accompanied pioneers who dared to dream big and achieve the extraordinary: from Louis Blériot's historic flight across the English Channel to Felix Baumgartner's record-breaking stratospheric free-fall jump. This daring spirit continues to drive the Maison as it redefines the future of Swiss watchmaking. Celebrating over a century and a half of excellence, innovation, and purpose, ZENITH remains at the forefront of Swiss horology, empowering those who challenge conventions and strive for greatness.

From Le Locle to the world, from 1865 to now, ZENITH is the heart of watchmaking.

G.F.J.

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Key points: Rebirth of the Legendary calibre 135. Chronometer Certified. Breguet Hairspring. Stop-second mechanism. Exclusive Edition for the 160th Anniversary of the Brand: Platinum case, lapis lazuli dial and special "bricks" guilloché finishing on the movement.

Movement: calibre 135 manual

Frequency: 18,000 VpH (2.5 Hz)

Power reserve: 72 hours

Functions: Hours and minutes in the centre. Small seconds at 6 o'clock.

Finishes: Exclusive 160th Bricks guilloché

Price: 48'900 CHF / 52'900 Euros / 49'900 USD

Material: Platinum 950

Water resistance: 5 ATM

Case: 39.15mm / **Thickness:** 10.5 mm / **Lug to lug:** 45.75 mm

Dial: Blue bricks guilloché on the outer ring, lapis lazuli in the center and mother-of-pearl small second counter

Hour markers: 18-ct white gold applied indices

Hands: 18-ct white gold faceted

Bracelet & Buckle: Comes with 3 straps: Dark blue alligator leather strap with platinum pin buckle + black calfskin leather and blue "Saffiano" calfskin leather. **Optional for purchase:** Platinum bracelet with double folding clasp

