

## 1976 PATEK PHILIPPE

Following on from the success of the original steel "Jumbo" (top left) of 1976, which remained in the collection until 1990, the Nautilus has been remodelled in a variety of metals, sizes, and dial designs. Milestones include the introduction of medium-sized models in 1981; in 1996, Roman numerals and the first strap model – this hybrid watch paved the way for the Aquanaut launched the following year (read sidebar); and the first ladies' version in 1980.

In 2009 the original designer, Gérald Genta, collaborated on a new ladies' model; while 2013 saw the launch of new strap and bracelet versions with more feminine dials; in 2015, the most recent ladies' watch in the collection was launched, the first self-winding steel ladies' model without diamonds. Initially a simple time and date only watch, the Nautilus incorporated complications for the first time in 1998, introducing a winding gauge, followed in 2005 by a moon-phase model.

The collection's 30th anniversary in 2006 was marked with a self-winding chronograph; while 2010 saw the introduction of an Annual Calendar model with a strap (a metal bracelet version followed in 2012) and the first strap chronograph.

Two popular, practical complications, a Travel Time function and a chronograph, were combined for the first time in a Nautilus case in 2014.

In 2016, the 40th anniversary was marked, fittingly, with a model that mirrors the aesthetic of the original Nautilus: the white gold 44 mm Ref. 5976/1 chronograph, made in a limited edition of 1,300. Its sibling, of which there are only 700, is the platinum Ref. 5711/1. Both models sport diamond hour markers and an anniversary inscription on a blue dial.



Ref. 5980/1



Ref. 5800/1



Ref. 5712

