



STRAPPING TIMEPIECE: This \$918,000 Jean Dunand watch can not only tell the day, date and month, it can also tell leap years and moon phases.



ALL WOUND UP: Insert a tiny wrench into the side of this \$589,000 Cabestan watch to wind it up fully and it can run for 72 hours.

PHOTOS: ANDREAS STREHLER, YAFIRO

Time is a luxury

One-of-a-kind exquisite watches worth \$20 million are on display at an exhibition

Karen Tee

IF YOU have the time, you can ogle the latest luxury time pieces at the Time And Luxury watch exhibition of one-of-a-kind wrist-watches.

There are 380 watches worth a cool \$20 million in total at the exhibition, on at the Paragon Atrium until May 18. The watches range in price from \$6,000 to over \$1 million.

The second annual exhibition is organised by high-end watch boutique Yafiro and features 18 highly respected brands in the world of horology.

These brands, which come from Switzerland or France, include Cabestan, deLaCour, Jean Dunand and Hautecluse.

While these names may not roll off your tongue as easily as Rolex or Patek Philippe, they are sure to send watch aficionados into fits of excitement.

Mr Jeffrey Leong, 46, business devel-



NO LIGHTWEIGHT: Called Papillon (French for butterfly), this \$238,000 Andreas Streihler watch gets its name from the butterfly-shaped central bridge, which holds the gears of the watch in position.

opment manager of Yafiro International, says: "These watches are highly limited. The watchmakers make only one to two watches a month."

Even the boutique's most prolific brand, Parmigiani, makes only 5,000 watches a year.

What sets these watches apart is the precision technology that goes into the making of each piece, Mr Leong adds.

They are feats of watchmaking engineering, with features such as inclined and multiple tourbillons - rotating devices in a watch that allow for more accurate timekeeping.

Visitors can also look at two watches from one of the most exclusive brands in the world, Jean Dunand.

Only 50 Jean Dunand watches exist today, with each timepiece costing an average of \$1 million.

Mr Thierry Oulevay, 52, president of Jean Dunand, says: "Every watch I make is one of a kind."

"The dial of each watch is different because I want each of my customers to have a watch that nobody else in the world owns."

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