



Time **æon** FOUNDATION

Bridging the Past and Future of Fine Watchmaking



On the occasion of the 2017 Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) in Geneva, Time **Æon** Foundation is set to present Oscillon, its project in partnership with Urwerk.

Time Æon Foundation will attend the Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) in Geneva for the first time from 16 to 20 January 2017. It will showcase the latest developments in the Oscillon project, at its own stand located at the entrance to the Carré des Horlogers. The driving forces behind Oscillon are two young watchmakers, Dominique Buser and Cyrano Devanthey. They first expressed the idea of creating a watch «like a century ago» as students of watchmaking in the 1990s. For twenty years, they sought to acquire old machines, which they then restored and learned to use, gleaning lost skills from the elders of the profession where necessary. This was how they designed their first timepiece, «L'Instant de Vérité» (The Moment of Truth), which features an unusual movement in that it employs a constant-

force spring, requiring the use of a differential. While the timepiece as a whole was first modelled using CAD, each part is produced entirely by hand using vintage machinery. So much so that only ten of these timepieces will be produced in Oscillon's workshops, at the rate of two to three per year.

This desire to keep slowly vanishing watchmaking heritage alive is reminiscent of the «Naissance d'une Montre» project, lead by Time Æon Foundation, which saw young watchmaking teacher Michel Boulanger acquire age-old skills in order to produce a timepiece entirely by hand.

The main participants in the Oscillon project are Dominique Buser, Felix Baumgartner, Cyrano Devanthey, David Friedli and Jonas Plüss.

## Time Æon Foundation:

**Principally formed in 2006 by Robert Greubel, Stephen Forsey, Philippe Dufour and Vianney Halter, Time Æon Foundation aims to help preserve watchmaking heritage and to assist future watchmakers in their quest for excellence. Felix Baumgartner joined the foundation as an active member in November 2016.**



**Robert Greubel**, born in 1960, Franco-Swiss, co-founder of the Greubel Forsey SA and CompliTime SA companies. President of the TimeÆon Foundation.



**Stephen Forsey**, born in 1967, Anglo-Swiss, co-founder of the Greubel Forsey SA and CompliTime SA companies. Member of the TimeÆon Foundation.



**Philippe Dufour**, born in 1948, Swiss, founder of the Philippe Dufour brand. Member of the TimeÆon Foundation.



**Felix Baumgartner**, born in 1975, Swiss, co-founder of the Urwerk company. Member of the TimeÆon Foundation.



**David Bernard**, born in 1971, Belgian, Member of the TimeÆon Foundation.



**Vianney Halter**, born in 1963, French, founder of the Vianney Halter brand. Member of the TimeÆon Foundation.

**The partners of Time Æon Foundation are Greubel Forsey, Urwerk and the Fondation de la Haute Horlogerie (FHH).**

### Websites:

Time Æon Foundation, [www.timeaeon.org](http://www.timeaeon.org)

Oscillon, [www.oscillon.ch](http://www.oscillon.ch)

Naissance d'une Montre, [www.legardetemps-nm.org](http://www.legardetemps-nm.org)