

Watches ■



Germanic Timekeeping

Not all fine watches have to be Swiss made. The top German house, Lange, marks its 200th anniversary this year with the new Datograph Perpetual in white gold. And Nomos, a younger German brand, has received an impressive array of awards for its designs and developments.

Especially important here was its introduction last year of its own in-house escapement. Only a few of the top Swiss houses have their own escapements, a key feature effecting the balance and accuracy of a watch. To create the Nomos 'swing system' escapement was a major breakthrough, evidence of the company's technical as well as design brilliance.

Top of the Nomos collection is the 18ct gold Lambda watch, with the newest version at Basel showing the slimming down trend in a slightly smaller size than earlier models. This is the Lambda 39, pictured, its 39-millimeter black dial contrasting with the rose gold case, a timepiece of timeless elegance.