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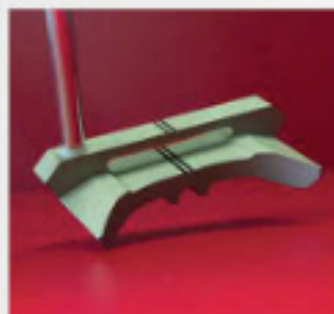
PARIS MONTHLY CITYGUIDE

The Renaissance of MADE IN FRANCE



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Made in France



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celebrated its 80th birthday last year. The house's perfumes are poured into flacons from Baccarat crystal fountains, though the house's know-how also lies in its famous Poudre Peau Fine (fine powder) created in the 1930s using an exclusive production method and which continues to be made in the same way, secretly, today. The powder's natural ingredients are ground, blended and sifted several times to obtain maximum lightness and finesse, and they are scented with the fragrance of Bulgarian rose, distilled on the premises. Goose down powder puffs in four delicate colours made especially for Caron are also found in the house's dainty boutiques.

Carrière Frères, founded in 1884 by two brothers, carries on the legacy and traditions of the centuries-old French master wax candle makers. Nineteenth-century innovations from Carrière included the vigil candle that burns for six hours without giving off smoke while giving off constant light. The house became the official wax supplier to the Basilica of Sacré-Cœur in 1889. The brothers were passionate about botany and sought to create a recipe for wax that wouldn't give off smoke or unpleasant

odours in order to preserve the integrity of the plant ingredients. Fragrances of the world came to Paris in the 19th century ranging from the jasmine of Grasse to vanilla from faraway shores, and the Damask rose and they all found their way into candles. Today, the house fashions candles that burn for 45 to 50 hours scented with dreamy Tahitian gardenia, the mysterious and healing agarwood, wild French lavender and still today, Damask rose.

Meanwhile, if you are getting ready to take the plunge as early spring brings to mind vacation resorts followed by summer, fine, made right in France, swimming shorts from Roland Chaillard are on the agenda. Tailor, designer and craftsman Roland Chaillard is a leading player on the luxury men's fashion scene. The tailor-made swimwear is all cut and made in his Parisian studio where pieces can also be hand-embroidered on request. A pattern with your measurements will be made, stored and archived in the studio. When Mr. Chaillard founded his house in 2002 he wanted "to create swimwear collections inspired by talking know-how and using features of couture." Ready-to-wear collections, like the

Marina Bale, also made in France, are also available.

Founded early in the reign of Louis XV, the house of Faure Le Page earned the reputation of being the master gunsmith to kings and princes. The establishment supplied hunting pieces to the European courts and customers included Louis XVI and Napoleon. Seven generations of the same family would write the house's history until 1925 after which a number of other families succeeded one another at the head of the establishment. Today, the privately held family house fashions luxury bags, accessories and gun-holders with its iconic "scale" motif. The fish scale, the maker's hallmark motif, is based on the material that protects a number of animals. The écaillé or scale fabric is handcrafted: screen-printing is followed by waving and graining giving the fabric its suppleness, glossy feel and incredible toughness. Classic articles are crafted in the house's historic workshops in Paris and northern France and some of the more original articles include boot bags, a folding beater's stool, and a spirit flask in addition to classic bags.



The emblematic liqueur of Chartreuse, which turned 250 years old last year, is still made by the Carthusian monks of the Grande Chartreuse near Grenoble. Back in 1764, Brother Antoine put the final touch on his exceptional composition of 130 plants from around the world. Chartreuse is also made with a secret formula and today only Dom Benoit and Brother Jean-Jacques, brothers at the Grande Chartreuse, know the name of the 130 plants that enter into green Chartreuse. And one day, they too will transmit their precious know-how, which includes selecting the plants, the grinding process and maceration, down to the next generation.

The great house of high jewellery Van Cleef & Arpels is paying tribute to nature in movement and Japanese culture with its stunning Carpe Nihil bracelet watch. The house, a Living Heritage Company, revealed this exceptional piece in January in Geneva during the SIHH, the international show devoted to high watch making. The piece is in the shape of a carp, the orange-coloured fish that is a symbol of love and enlivens Zen gardens with its bright colours. The enchanting fish is also a symbol of strength and courage for it swims against the current. The intricate bracelet was crafted by the hand of man in the house's workshops in France. Set with 8000 coloured stones, the unique piece with yellow and white gold required 3450 hours of intricate work. It is outfitted with an extraordinary variety of gemstones: the body of the fish is adorned with yellow sapphires and spessartite garnets set on yellow gold and there are, too, Paraíba-like tourmalines and white diamonds.

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Lyon manufacturing region of France. Founded by Grégory Nozau who designs the putters, ValGrine wears the Living Heritage Company label and brings together craftsmanship, refined design and the latest technology into its putter. It all starts out with a blacksmith who shapes the curve while the leather purveyor proposes unique skins for that special grip, followed by the engraver who imparts a personal imprint on the club and the jeweller who sets the stones. The house, working with master craftsmen, offers three standards of the hand-crafted, aerodynamic putters: limited,

numbered editions brought out in nine to 18 pieces, unique pieces that can be customised from ValGrine's range of finishes, colours, grooves and engravings, and the exceptional totally custom-made pieces involving precious materials and the art of goldsmithing. The putters are outfitted with a carbon hosel, the socket in the head of a golf club in which the shaft is inserted, giving the putter increased accuracy.

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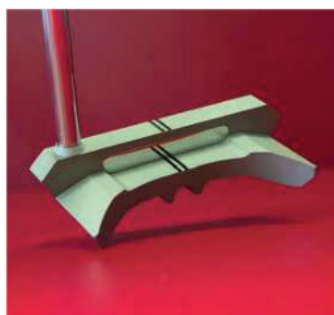
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