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"AIGUILLE D'OR" for the CENTIGRAPHE SOUVERAIN

For the 6th time since 2002, François-Paul Journe is acclaimed by the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie of Geneva for its horological creations of exception. He is receiving for the 3rd time the highest distinction l'"**Aiguille d'Or**" (the Golden Hand), this year for the **Centigraphe Souverain**.

The Centigraphe Souverain is a spectacular new mechanical chronograph unlike any other that has ever been made before. It offers 360'000 km/h. at your fingertips; the art to convert 6 km/h. in 360'000 km/h.

It represents a technical achievement in being the first wristwatch in the world equipped with a single hand wound movement allowing to measure elapsed times from one hundredth of a second to 10 minutes on three subsidiary dials.

The hand of the first dial at 10 o'clock makes a turn in one second on a scale marked in hundredths of a second, making it theoretically possible to time an object moving at 360,000 km/h, or approximately 1/3000^{ths} of the speed of light.

The hand of the second dial at 2 o'clock is making a tour in 20 seconds, and the third hand of the dial at 6 o'clock, makes a tour in 10 minutes.

A technical prowess to which can be added a power reserve of 80 hours – and 24 hours with the chronograph running.

Since 2002, François-Paul Journe has received distinctions every year at the Grand Prix d'Horlogerie of Geneva, except in 2007, while he was a member of the Jury:

2002	Octa Calendrier	Special Jury Prize
2003	Octa Lune	Prize for Best Men's Watch
2004	Tourbillon Souverain	Golden Hand « <i>Aiguille d'Or</i> »
2005	Chronomètre Souverain	Prize for Best Men's Watch
2006	Sonnerie Souveraine	Golden Hand « <i>Aiguille d'Or</i> »
2008	Centigraphe Souverain	Golden Hand « <i>Aiguille d'Or</i> »

The Centigraphe contributes to the Medical Research of the ICM - Institute of Brain and Spinal Cord in Paris- to help fight against brain and spinal cord diseases such as Alzheimer, Parkinson, Multiple Sclerosis, ... François-Paul Journe has committed, next to Professor Gérard Saillant, Luc Besson, Jean Réno, Jean Todt, Michelle Yeoh and Michael Schumacher, amongst others, to donate 30% of the profit of the sale of each Centigraphe to the ICM.

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