

# “Year of the Tiger” Perpetual Moon Watch by Arnold & Son

In celebration of the start of the new year in the traditional Chinese astrological calendar, [Arnold & Son](#) has embodied the year of the *Water Tiger*. The luxury brand introduces a new 8-piece limited-edition version of the Perpetual Moon timepiece. The **“Year of the Tiger” Perpetual Moon** luxury watch features a golden tiger on the prowl.

In addition, the background features a waterfall that symbolizes the element that tempers this feline’s ferocious energy. The highly refined and symbolic scene is the result of consummate craftsmanship. For example, it displays a wide range of precious gemstones and materials, including hematite mother-of-pearl, aventurine, and rose gold.

The luxury brand is named after John Arnold. He’s an English watchmaker of the 18th century, renowned for his ingenuity and work on marine chronometers. Today, Arnold & Son perpetuates this legacy and explores contemporary ways to interpret traditional watch craftsmanship. The watch company is based in La Chaux-de-Fonds, the cradle of the Swiss watchmaking industry. Also, Arnold & Son develops all its timepieces in-house, including its complicated calibers.

The Year of the Tiger begins on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The day is considered particularly auspicious. Thus, the tiger’s courage and power are tempered by the element of water, symbolizing a year of dynamic energy and surprises. Therefore, the animal featured on the dial of the “Year of the Tiger” Perpetual Moon that appears on this precious watch dial, depicts a poised and expectant tiger on a riverbank. It is clearly ready to enter into a promising new world.

## **Immense**

On the canvas of the watch dial, Arnold & Son has provided ample space for a large moon phase display. A turning disc reveals the waxing and waning of the celestial body appearance of the crescent moon and its shimmering light. The moon in low relief has been crafted of mother-of-pearl. It is enhanced and painted with Super-LumiNova.

In daylight, it beautifully appears grey, almost white. Yet in the dark, the moon appears lit from within and takes on a new aspect, brimming with gleaming detail. This ethereal effect is echoed by the dial's aquatic details, which have also been hand-painted with luminous pigments. In the background, the disc bearing the star is made from a deep black aventurine glass.

## **Expressive**

The centerpiece of this dial is, of course, the tiger itself. Sculpted in three dimensions, it is crafted from 18-karat rose gold. Hence its expression, pose and the details of its fur have been painstakingly hand-engraved and -burnished. This meticulous, high-caliber luxury watch testifies to Arnold & Son's exceptional attention to detail. As a result, the end product of this limited edition watch pays tribute to the Chinese zodiac.

The same attention to detail extends to the dial in every aspect. The bamboo has been painted in gold powder atop a hematite disc, exhibiting infinite glittering inclusions. Ultimately, the "Year of the Tiger" Perpetual Moon watch is mounted on a glistening black alligator strap backed with red alligator leather. Lastly, it is stitched with platinum thread.

## **Precise**

Like all the movements used by Arnold & Son, the A&S1512 caliber was entirely developed, produced, decorated, adjusted,

assembled, and finished between the walls of the brand's manufacture in La Chaux-de-Fonds. This complex caliber is based on two barrels with an oscillation frequency of 3 Hz, delivering a 90-hour power reserve.

Last but not least, the moon-phase display of this movement will remain accurate for 122 years. Thus only deviating from the actual lunar cycle by a single day. In this way, the "Year of the Tiger" Perpetual Moon observes this auspicious year, Plus, it takes part in the broader astronomical, astrological cycle.

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