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Nomos on time to help

Horological master makes a watch that looks good – and does good, too

German watchmaker Nomos has announced a new range of timepieces that will directly help those affected by war and famine around the world. For every watch sold by Nomos in the special Doctors Without Borders range, 100 Euros, GB Pounds or US Dollars will be donated to the charity of the same name. Something that is especially needed with the current situation in Syria.

Nomos said, “These special editions do not cost more than usual, since Nomos Glashütte and our retailers are covering this sum, not the customers.”

The company has so far produced 8,000 watches in previous years for the charity, and each timepiece has been sufficiently different enough to tempt new and old customers like. Talking to *Umbrella*, it said:

“These limited edition watches have a few special features the small inscription ‘Doctors Without Borders’ on the dial under the six, as well as a special engraving on the back referring to the humanitarian organisation. In addition, these special models have black oxidized hands instead of the usual tempered blue ones – and a red 12; as red is the colour of MSF (Medicins Sans Frontieres) and of international aid. The aim is to raise over one million dollars.”

You can find out more at nomos-glashuette.com

+ The clear back of Nomos’s DWB watch reveals the beautiful movement inside



Car-free for Paris?

Europe’s smog capital takes a breather

For the first time, last month Paris banished cars from the streets of its centre as a part of a move to reduce pollution. The scheme was backed by Socialist mayor Anne Hidalgo, who’s also vowed to ban diesel there by 2020.

The event was not without controversy however. Taking place on a Sunday (September 27), disagreements between police and authorities meant that only a third of the city was able to go car-free.

For its size, Paris has unusually bad air quality – in March of this year it was briefly the most polluted city on the planet despite the success of its Vélib bike-sharing service, as well as its electric car hire scheme.

Paris is not the only metropolis to experiment with banning cars from its centre: Sao Paulo, Brussels and Bristol have all held similar car-free days. But there’s extra pressure on the French capital as it’s holding the world climate change conference in December.