

Press Release

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LANGE 1 TIME ZONE “COMO EDITION”

Ticking works of art for the world's most stunning cars

The LANGE 1 TIME ZONE “Como Edition” is one of the most exclusive A. Lange & Söhne timepieces. After all, it is crafted only once a year – for the “Best of Show” winner at the Concorso d’Eleganza Villa d’Este.

A. Lange & Söhne has been sponsoring the Concorso d’Eleganza Villa d’Este since 2012. The competition takes place each year in May at Lake Como. For the exclusive event that focuses on the beauty and elegance of classic automobiles, A. Lange & Söhne created a unique timepiece: a one-of-a-kind model of the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE with the special designation “Como Edition”. This watch is not for sale. It is reserved for the winner in the “Best of Show” category.



On the dial of the special Concorso edition of the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE, Como stands for Central European Time. The solid-gold hinged cuvette displays the hand-engraved coat of arms of the high-calibre competition.

With its convenient home- and zone-time indication, the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE is the perfect companion for cosmopolites. In its development, the focus was on superb legibility. The clearly organised dial delivers a single-glance reading of the home time and the time in a second time zone. The second time zone is selected with a rotating city ring that encompasses all 24 time

zones and can be comfortably advanced with a pusher. Elaborately hand-finished and assembled twice, the manufacture calibre has a power reserve of three days.

In comparison to the classic version, the “Como Edition” has two special features: Central European Time on the rotating city ring is represented not by Berlin as usual, but by Como as a tribute to the event location. Additionally, the watch is endowed with a cuvette. In other words, the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE has a hand-engraved, hinged dust cover in white gold on the movement side.

Its freehand engraving pays homage to the competition: the inscription “CONCORSO D’ELEGANZA VILLA D’ESTE” frames the coat of arms of the event and two calendar years. They trace the arc from the first event in 1929 to the present, represented this year by 2019.

During the eight Concorso years, the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE “Como Edition” encountered a number of exceptional automobiles. Here is a synopsis of the most attractive pairings:



The winner of the “Best of Show” category will be presented with the unique “Como Edition” of the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE also in 2019. A. Lange & Söhne is again donating the coveted prize for the competition’s most charismatic automobile.



In 2018, Lange CEO Wilhelm Schmid handed the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE “Como Edition” over to Dr. Friederike Hrubesch-Mohringer and Andreas Mohringer, who won the competition with their 1958 Ferrari 335 Sport.



In 2017, the most stunning car in the competition was named as Alfa Romeo Giulietta Sprint Speciale Prototipo built in 1957. The image shows winner Corrado Lopresto with his prize, the LANGE 1 TIME ZONE "Como Edition".



LANGE 1 TIME ZONE "Como Edition": The prize, graced with a special engraving for the most beautiful automobile of the tradition-steeped competition, was handed over in 2016 to the anonymous owner of the Maserati A6 GCS from 1954.



The American David Sydorick, owner of an Alfa Romeo 8C 2300 Spider Zagato, was the winner of the Concorso d'Eleganza jury award "Best of Show" in 2015.



At the evening's award ceremony of the year 2014, Wilhelm Schmid presented the winner in the "Best of Show" category, Albert Spiess, with a LANGE 1 TIME ZONE "Como Edition" for his Maserati 450 S.



In 2013 the US-American fashion designer Ralph Lauren received the "Best of Show" prize for his Bugatti 57 SC Atlantic Coupé with a coachwork from Jean Bugatti built in 1938.



In 2012, David Cohen from Canada received his new gem handed over by Wilhelm Schmid: a one-of-a-kind LANGE 1 TIME ZONE "Como Edition" for his Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 GS 6th Series Coupé with a Figoni body of 1933.

About A. Lange & Söhne

Dresden watchmaker Ferdinand Adolph Lange laid the cornerstone of Saxony's precision watchmaking industry when he established his manufactory in 1845. His precious pocket watches remain highly coveted among collectors all over the world. The company was expropriated after World War II, and the name A. Lange & Söhne nearly vanished. In 1990, Ferdinand Adolph Lange's great-grandson Walter Lange had the courage to make a new start. Today, Lange crafts only a few thousand wristwatches in gold or platinum per year. They are endowed exclusively with proprietary movements that are lavishly decorated and assembled by hand. With 63 manufacture calibres developed since 1994, A. Lange & Söhne has secured a top-tier position in the world of watchmaking. Brand icons such as the LANGE 1 with the first outsize date in a regularly produced wristwatch and the ZEITWERK with its precisely jumping numerals display rank among the company's greatest successes. Sophisticated complications such as the ZEITWERK MINUTE REPEATER, the TOURBOGRAPH PERPETUAL "Pour le Mérite" and the TRIPLE SPLIT reflect the manufactory's determination to achieve ever new pinnacles in horological artistry.

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LANGE 1 TIME ZONE “COMO EDITION”		REF. 116.049
Movement	Lange manufacture calibre L031.1, manually wound, crafted to the most exacting Lange quality standards, decorated and assembled by hand; precision-adjusted in five positions; twin mainspring barrel; plates and bridges made of untreated German silver; balance cock and intermediate-wheel cock engraved by hand	
Movement parts	417	
Jewels	54	
Screwed gold chatons	4	
Escapement	Lever escapement	
Oscillator	Shock-resistant screw balance, frequency 21,600 semi-oscillations per hour, whiplash precision index adjuster with patented beat adjustment mechanism	
Power reserve	72 hours when fully wound	
Functions	Home time with day/night indicator (hours, minutes, small seconds with stop seconds), zone time (hours, minutes) with day/night indicator and city ring, outsize date for home time, power-reserve indicator	
Operating elements	Crown for winding the watch and setting the time; two pushers for switching the outsize date and advancing the city ring	
Case dimensions	Diameter: 41.9 millimetres; height: 11.0 millimetres	
Movement	Diameter: 34.1 millimetres; height: 6.7 millimetres	
Case	White gold; hinged cuvette, white gold, hand-engraved	
Dial	Solid silver, argenté; rhodiumed gold appliques, luminous	
Hands	Rhodiumed gold, luminous; blued-steel seconds hand	
Crystal and back	Sapphire crystal (Mohs hardness 9)	
Strap	Hand-stitched alligator leather strap, black	
Buckle	White-gold prong buckle	
Limited edition	One watch per year	