



Press release

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Three new commemorative coins issued: “Roger Federer”, “Smallest gold coin in the world” and “Hare”

Following the huge success of the pre-sale at the beginning of December 2019, a further 37,000 Roger Federer coins will be issued in various minting qualities on 23 January 2020. Swissmint has broken new technological ground with the production of the smallest gold coin in the world. The machine-minted gold coin with different reverse and obverse sides weighs only 0.063g and has a diameter of 2.96mm. In addition, Swissmint is issuing the bimetallic Hare coin as the second motif in the Swiss forest animals series.

For the first time in its history, Swissmint is dedicating a commemorative coin to a living person. Roger Federer is probably Switzerland's most successful individual sportsman, the world's greatest tennis player and the perfect ambassador for Switzerland. Also for the first time, Swissmint held a pre-sale for a commemorative coin, on 2 December 2019. Following the successful pre-sale of 33,000 units, a further 37,000 Roger Federer silver coins are being issued for sale today: 22,000 in uncirculated quality, 10,000 in proof quality and 5,000 as a folder with additional pictures and information.

Once again, the coins are available from the webshop at www.swissmintshop.ch. If demand is as high as it was for the pre-sale, then long waiting times in the webshop can be expected, and Swissmint would like to ask customers to be patient. Your webshop order has been successful if you receive confirmation by email. Swissmint cannot accept orders by email or telephone.

Owing to the huge interest in the Roger Federer silver coins, Swissmint will mint a further 40,000 silver coins in uncirculated quality. They will go on sale in May 2020, together with 10,000 Roger Federer gold coins with a different motif (see overview table).

Smallest gold coin in the world, with a value of 1/4 franc

With determination, patience and inventiveness, Albert Einstein revolutionised the world view of physics with the formula $E=mc^2$ in 1905. Swissmint tried to apply the same qualities to the creation of "the smallest gold coin in the world", by using absolute precision and technical sophistication to achieve a world record in coin minting. The unique result is a machine-minted gold coin with a diameter of 2.96mm weighing only 0.063g (1/500 ounce). The obverse of the smallest gold coin in the world features the famous image of Albert Einstein sticking out his tongue, and the year date 2020. The reverse shows the nominal value of 1/4 franc together with the inscription "Helvetia" and the Swiss cross, supplemented by the alloy mark "AU 999.9" and the weight (1/500 ounce). Because neither image on the minted sides can be discerned with the naked eye, Swissmint has commissioned special packaging complete with magnifying lenses and light, ensuring that you can examine the smallest gold coin while still keeping it safely stored. This edition is limited to just 999 units.

Hare 10-franc bimetallic coin from the Swiss forest animals series

If somebody pricks up their ears, or is "all ears", then they are listening intently, like a hare. If a hare feels threatened, it can race off at speed, ducking and weaving in an attempt to shake off its pursuers – and usually succeeding. After the roe deer, the hare is the second motif in the three-part Swiss forest animals series. The obverse of the commemorative 10-franc bimetallic coin was designed by graphic artist and designer Naomi Andrea Giewald from Eastern Switzerland. In the centre of the image is a hare's head in profile facing left. A hare's paw prints can also be seen on the outer ring.

New circulation coin sets

Also in January 2020, Swissmint will be issuing the new circulation coin sets in various versions. Alongside the popular classic "brilliant uncirculated" and "proof" versions, the birthday coin set and the much-loved baby coin set are also available.

Overview of Roger Federer coin editions

Roger Federer coins	Pre-sale	Issue date	Issue date	Total
	02-19.12.2019	23.01.2020	07.05.2020	Units
Uncirculated silver coins in blister pack	33,000	22,000	40,000	95,000
Uncirculated silver coins in folder		5,000		5,000
Proof silver coins in presentation case		10,000		10,000
Proof gold coins in presentation case			10,000	10,000
	33,000	37,000	50,000	120,000

Quality descriptions for silver coins

Uncirculated: minted in normal machine production, presented in a blister pack.

Folder: uncirculated coin presented in a smart, colour illustrated card folder with additional pictures and information in four languages on the coin subject and the artist.

Proof: highest minting quality, individual production, the coin die is used only around 500 times, coin planchets are polished and surface-treated in an elaborate process. Coins are individually packed in coin capsules, and sold in a presentation case complete with numbered certificate of authenticity.

The Federal Mint Swissmint

The Federal Mint Swissmint produces the country's coins for use in everyday payment transactions. The Federal Mint also regularly issues commemorative coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Commemorative coins in bimetal, silver or gold bear an official, state-guaranteed, nominal value and are available in various minting qualities.

Note to the press

This press release and pictures of our current commemorative coin issues can be downloaded at the following links:

<https://www.swissmint.ch/e/aktuell/medien.php>

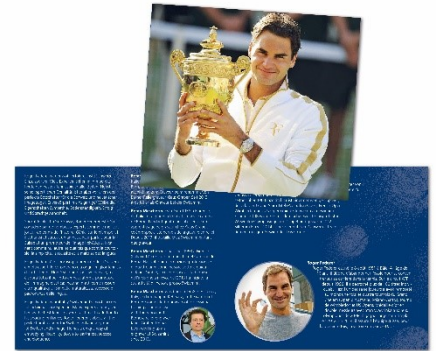
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Roger Federer silver coin



Images shown enlarged

Folder

Motif	Roger Federer		
Artist	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt		
Technical specifications	Alloy: silver 0.835 Weight: 20g Diameter: 33mm		
Legal face value	20 Swiss francs		
Date of issue	23 January 2020		
Mintage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncirculated: 100,000 units 95,000 units in blister pack, 5,000 in folder • Proof in presentation case: 10,000 units with numbered certificate of authenticity 		
Recommended prices	Uncirculated	in blister pack:	CHF 30
		in folder:	CHF 40
	Proof in presentation case:		CHF 60
Sold by	Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks		
Coined and issued by	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern, www.swissmint.ch		

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Gold coin "Smallest gold coin in the world"



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<i>Motif</i>	Smallest gold coin in the world
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Mascherini, Flamatt
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: gold 0.999 Weight: 0.063g Diameter: 2.96mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	1/4 Swiss franc
<i>Date of issue</i>	23 January 2020
<i>Mintage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special minting in presentation case: 999 units with numbered certificate of authenticity
<i>Recommended price</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Special minting in presentation case: CHF 199
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern, www.swissmint.ch

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Hare bimetallic coin

Swiss forest animals series



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Motif

Hare

Artist

Naomi Giewald, St Gallen

Technical specifications

Alloy: outer ring in aluminium-bronze,
core made of copper-nickel
Weight: 15g
Diameter: 33mm

Legal face value

10 Swiss francs

Date of issue

23 January 2020

Mintage

- Uncirculated: **28,000 units**:
19,000 units in blister pack, 1,000 in folder
and 8,000 in coin set*
- Proof: **5,500 units**:
3,000 in presentation case with numbered certificate of
authenticity and 2,500 in coin set*

Recommended prices

- Uncirculated, in blister pack: CHF 20 / coin set: CHF 40
in folder CHF 30
- Proof in presentation case: CHF 45 / coin set: CHF 85

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*Contents of coin set = 7 circulation coins and 1 commemorative coin

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Coin sets 2020

2020 CLASSIC COIN SET with Hare bimetallic coin

Legal face value: 18.85 Swiss francs
Alloy: Copper-nickel and aluminium-bronze
Measurements: 171mm x 106mm x 8mm



Quality: Brilliant uncirculated
Mintage: 8,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Date of issue: 23 January 2020



Quality: Proof
Mintage: 2,500 units
Recommended price: CHF 85
Date of issue: 23 January 2020

2020 BABY COIN SET with bear medal

Quality: Brilliant uncirculated
Legal face value: 8.85 Swiss francs
Alloy: Copper-nickel and aluminium-bronze
Measurements: 171mm x 106mm x 8mm



Mintage: 6,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Available since: 1 January 2020

2020 BIRTHDAY COIN SET with birthday medal



Mintage: 2,000 units
Recommended price: CHF 40
Available since: 1 January 2020

Sold by: Online at www.swissmintshop.ch as well some coin dealers and banks
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