



## Press release

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# New Swiss special coin: Switzerland's watchmaking industry "Timemachine"

On 29 September 2022, Swissmint will launch the new special coin Switzerland's watchmaking industry "Timemachine", available from CHF 419 at [www.swissmintshop.ch](http://www.swissmintshop.ch). It is the first gold coin from Swissmint with a face value of CHF 25 to enter circulation. The importance of the Swiss watchmaking industry and the worldwide popularity of its products are symbolically represented on the coin with a watch movement and globe.

### Switzerland's watchmaking industry "Timemachine" 25-franc gold coin

The beginnings of watchmaking in Switzerland are closely linked to the Huguenot religious refugees who came to Geneva in the 16th century and brought their craftsmanship with them. From Geneva, known locally as the city of Calvin, watchmaking spread all over Switzerland. Today, the Swiss watchmaking industry exports its products all over the world and is one of the most important sectors of industry and commerce.

The obverse of the 25-franc "Timemachine" gold coin shows a clock face and the cogs of a watch movement with the globe in the centre. Switzerland is prominent to show the importance of the Swiss watchmaking industry and the worldwide presence of its products. On the inner edge of the large cogwheel, SWISSMADE is indicated in capital letters at 11 o'clock and WES 21 at 3 o'clock for the Biel artist Remo Lienhard, who is responsible for the design of the special coin. The surface of the obverse is slightly domed.

On the reverse, the theme from the obverse continues and the story is developed. It features the words CONFOEDERATIO HELVETICA, the year of minting 2022 and the mint mark "B", as well as the value "25 FR". In the middle of the reverse is another clockwork cogwheel, with a compass rose in the centre. Instead of the abbreviations of the compass points, the letters W, E and S as well as the number 21 represent the artist.

The new special coin from Swissmint will be available from 29 September 2022 in a limited edition at [www.swissmintshop.ch](http://www.swissmintshop.ch) and from individual coin dealers and banks.

### **Quality description for coins**

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. It also regularly issues special coins and coinage of a higher standard for the numismatic market. Special 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 special coin issue can be downloaded at the following links:

<https://www.swissmint.ch/swissmint/en/home/aktuell/mm.html>

<https://www.swissmint.ch/swissmint/en/home/aktuell/medienbilder.html>

We are happy to answer any questions you may have.

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## Factsheet

### Switzerland's watchmaking industry "Timemachine" gold coin



Images shown enlarged

<i>Motif</i>	Timemachine
<i>Artist</i>	Remo Lienhard / WES 21, Biel
<i>Technical specifications</i>	Alloy: gold 0.900 Weight: 5.64g Diameter: 20mm
<i>Legal face value</i>	25 Swiss francs
<i>Date of issue</i>	29 September 2022
<i>Mintage</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof in presentation case: <b>4,750 units</b></li><li>• Proof with certificate from the artist: <b>250 units</b></li></ul>
<i>Recommended price</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proof in presentation case: CHF 419, with certificate from the artist CHF 469</li></ul>
<i>Sold by</i>	Online at <a href="http://www.swissmintshop.ch">www.swissmintshop.ch</a> as well some coin dealers and banks
<i>Coined and issued by</i>	Federal Mint Swissmint, CH-3003 Bern <a href="http://www.swissmint.ch">www.swissmint.ch</a>