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IT'S ALL ABOUT GOOD TASTE

A PORTFOLIO
STARRING
LOS ANGELES
CHEFS AND
WESTIME
WATCHES

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Ask a chef how long to sear a salmon fillet or grill a rib-eye steak and he'll tell you "until it's done." That precise sense of timing—both intuitive and refined by years behind the burners—is one quality that sets a great chef apart. Others: inventiveness informed by a mastery of classic technique, and a willingness to embrace new, high-tech methods. A similar blend of tradition, craftsmanship, and cutting-edge technology is found in timepieces from Westime. More than 50 Swiss watch brands are showcased at the elegant boutique on Beverly Hills' Rodeo Drive and the spacious 6,600-square-foot Los Angeles salon, where a full-time watchmaker is on site to service your needs. Whether in the form of superlative cuisine or an iconic timepiece, flawless execution is a matter of peerless taste and perfect timing.

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BRENDAN COLLINS

Waterloo & City, Culver City;
Larry's, Venice

Both of Brendan Collins' restaurants—Waterloo & City in Culver City, and the newly opened Larry's in Venice—are wildly popular, but Collins says he's not claiming success until they solidly stand the test of time: "I don't think you can really measure a restaurant's standing until it's been open ten years and has become an institution."

His timepiece

HUBLOT BIG BANG KING GREEN

Water resistant to 300m, black microblasted case, black rubber strap with black gummy alligator skin top.
Limited edition of 500.
\$17,900



RAY GARCIA

Fig Restaurant, Santa Monica

Time and Mother Nature are all you need for a great meal, says Ray Garcia of Santa Monica's FIG Restaurant, whose farm-to-table bistro fare leaves diners swooning. Garcia coaxes ingredients to reveal their true essence, like a farmers' market potato, seasoned with olive oil, garlic, thyme and dried chiles, baked for two hours in a slightly toasty oven. "Sometimes the longer and slower you do things the better they turn out," he says.

His timepiece

AUDEMARS PIGUET ROYAL OAK OFFSHORE CHRONOGRAPH

Forged carbon and black ceramic bezel.
\$36,500





KAREN AND QUINN HATFIELD
Hatfield's, Hollywood

Pacing is paramount when you're turning out nine-course tasting menus at one of L.A.'s most acclaimed restaurants. "When you have nine opportunities to fall behind, that can really pile up," says Quinn Hatfield, who co-owns Hatfield's with his pastry-chef wife Karen. Tastings follow a classic flavor arc: a light acidic dish, then richer fare, and finally—dessert, which Karen revels in delivering the moment it's most scrumptious. "Fresh-baked cookies are amazing when the chocolate is still melty," she says.

His timepiece

RICHARD MILLE RM 011 LE MANS CLASSIC
Titanium, case with white rubber strap.
Limited edition of 150.
\$110,000

Her timepiece

CHANEL J12 MARINE
Water resistant to 300m.
White polished high-tech ceramic watch; white rubber strap.
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DANNY ELMALEH

The Restaurant Group

Born to a Moroccan father and a Japanese mother, Danny Elmaleh's desire to share the dishes of his parents' native countries inspired him to become a chef. Today, Elmaleh oversees an empire of nine restaurants including Mercato di Metro, a West Hollywood newcomer with a trio of kitchens. "With so much happening at once, timing is key," he says. "It's crucial to have a line and sous chefs who anticipate your needs and don't simply react."

His timepiece

BELL & ROSS BRO1-92 COMPASS
Black carbon coating on stainless steel, rubber strap.
Limited edition of 500.
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