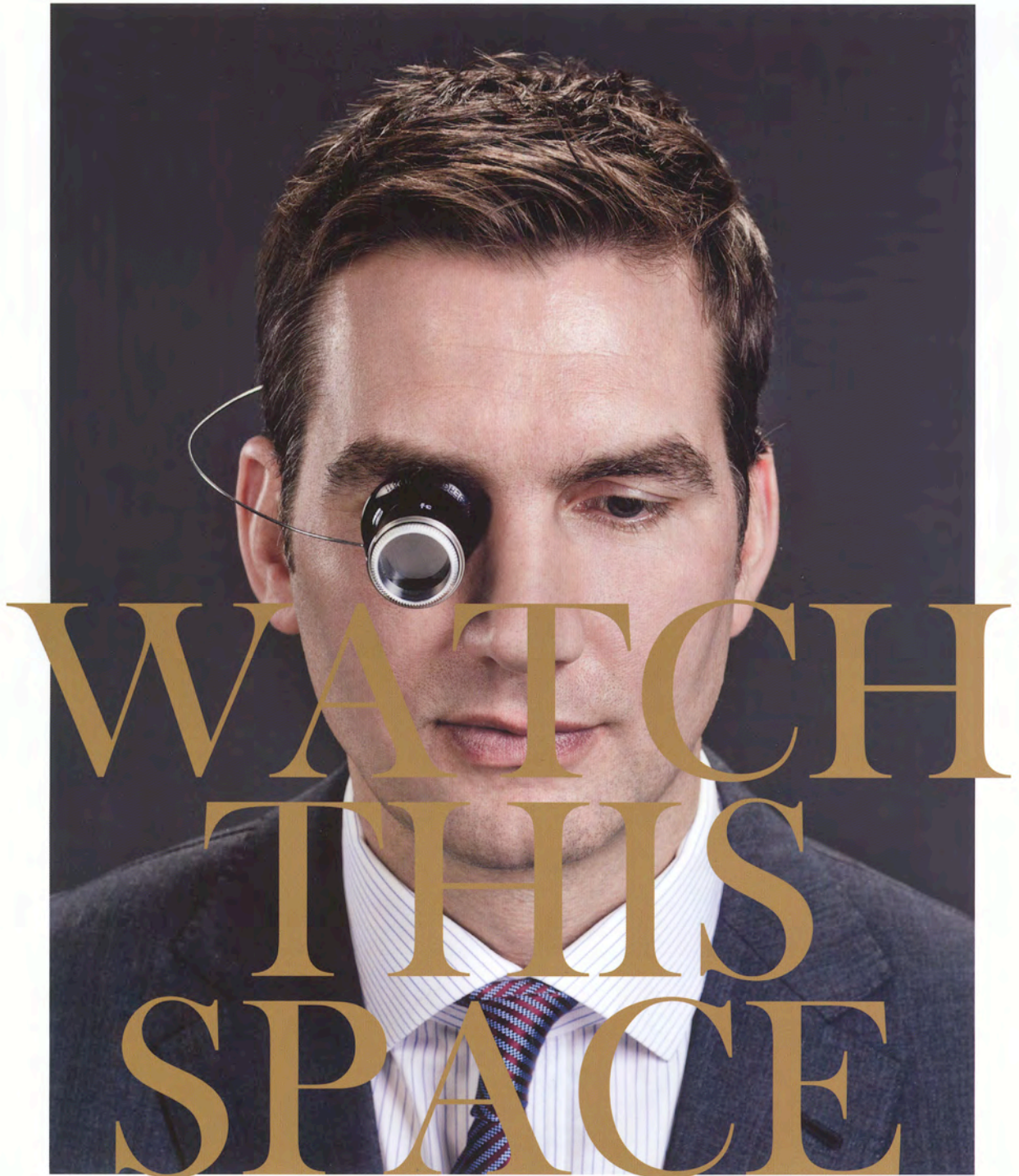


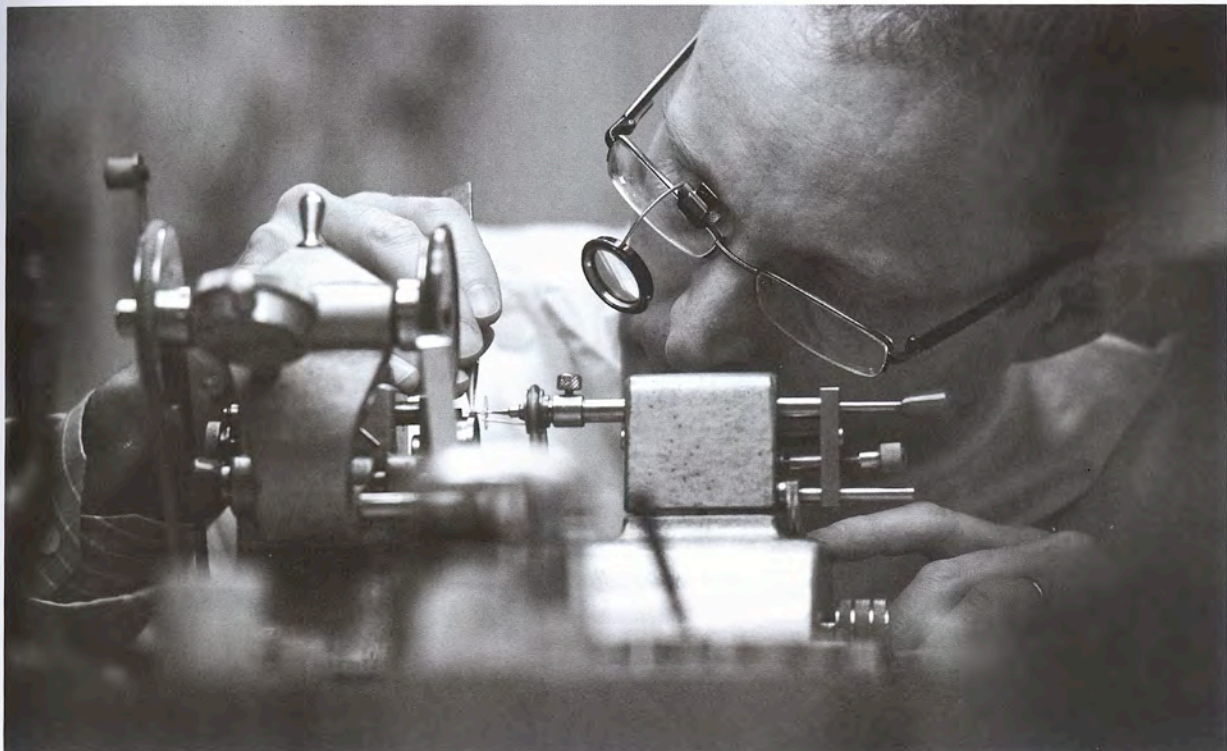
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Roger Smith in the workshop



Swiss-sourced Unitas movement which is assembled to an exceptional level by a single, dedicated watch maker called Simon Michlmayr who decorates the mechanisms using traditional English finishes such as hand frosting and blued screws. The first, pilot-style model will be made in an edition of 100 pieces costing £5,000. www.meridianwatches.com

PETER SPEAKE-MARIN. Englishman Peter Speake-Marin trained at the prestigious Swiss watch making school WOSTEP during the 1980s and began his career repairing rare, antique watches for the leading London dealer Somlo. During the late 1990s he worked in Switzerland for high-end movement designer Renaud et Papi before establishing his own, independent atelier in 2000 and has collaborated with Harry Winston on their stunning Excenter Tourbillon and MB&F's Machine No.1. He has since become renowned for his simple but exquisitely finished

wristwatches, the latest of which is called the Classic HMS (pictured above left). At around £7,500 it is one of Speake-Marin's most affordable products to date. www.speake-marin.com

ROGER W. SMITH. Roger Smith was apprenticed to the late George Daniels and now makes his own range of watches from a small workshop on the Isle of Man. Regarded by many as the finest timepieces to be made in the true English tradition, more than 90 per cent of the components which go to make an the watch are created in-house from scratch. The current 'Series II' range (pictured above right) can be ordered to the specification of the client and have a starting price of £87,000. Smith has also completed the first of a proposed edition of 35, £172,000 watches designed in conjunction with Daniels two years ago to mark the perfecting of the Co-Axial escapement in 1975. www.rwsmithwatches.com ●