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NOMOS GLASHÜTTE
Lambda Weißgold – £14,800

Over the Hills and Far Away
Swiss watches are designed to travel well, but watchmaking travelled first. Alex Doak ventures beyond the folds of the Jura Mountains to discover some proudly non-Swiss upstarts



Nomos converted the old train station in the German watchmaking village of Glashütte into its HQ and factory, adding a glass-box boardroom with spectacular views of the surrounding Ore Mountains.

LET'S TALK ABOUT SAXONY
NOMOS GLASHÜTTE

With the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, the tiny East German village of Glashütte, deep in the heart of the Ore Mountains, was finally unshackled from its duties churning out GDR 'watches for the people'. It could start rebuilding its old reputation as the heart of fine Saxon watchmaking. But just before the venerable names of A Lange & Söhne et al could be revived, the upstart Nomos got in there first, in 1990, making exquisitely pared-back Bauhaus watches, fitted with Swiss hand-wound movements, for bafflingly low prices. Nomos knows that cool designer edginess doesn't progress in the mountains though, hence the establishment of Berlinerblau in east Berlin. Here, at what's effectively Nomos's design imprint, interesting young creatives are taking the brand's Bauhaus language down exciting new avenues.
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