



WATCH TALK

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These so-called “architect” watches are a beautiful fusion of classicism and contemporary design



Traditional, classic looks will always go down well, but for the aesthetically minded, a touch of well-judged adventurousness can go a long way. As fashion gradually escapes from the sartorial conservatism of recent seasons, there are watches that throw some contemporary design intrigue into the mix, without denying the formal pleasures of heavyweight horology. Generally we call these “architects’ watches” – architects being the perennial smart-but-fashionably-interesting archetype. But these will work just fine with a City suit, too.

NOMOS GLASHUETTE LAMBDA 391
£11,800, WEMPE.COM

Germany’s Nomos Glashuette specializes in perfectly-realised, minimalist watches at pretty perfectly-realised, relatively minimalist prices. The Lambda collection is where it steps up into haute horlogerie territory, with a gorgeously hand-finished, ultra-precise movement and the dial focus on the extra-long power reserve: wind this up and it’ll run for almost four days. Equally a traditional dress watch and highly poised design piece, it’s newly available at a very wearable 39mm.