

## PRESS RELEASE

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# Two anniversaries. Two special Grand Seiko creations.



The Kintaro Hattori 160th Anniversary Limited Edition.

Seiko's founder Kintaro Hattori was born in central Tokyo in 1860 at a time in Japanese history characterized by rapid modernization and westernization. The young entrepreneur saw the sudden and momentous changes in Japanese life as a moment of opportunity. In 1881, at the age of just 21, he set up his own company, "K. Hattori", to wholesale and retail imported timepieces and, just twelve years later, he established a factory which he called Seikosha, 'The house of precision', to produce his own clocks and, later, watches. His aim was for Seikosha to be able to manufacture and assemble all the components for its timepieces in-house by mastering every aspect of the horological art. Step by careful step under Kintaro's leadership, the company achieved his aim. Its long list of watchmaking innovations down the decades bears testament to his remarkable vision and continues to inspire it to this day.

of the founding of his company and this landmark is also commemorated with another exceptional timepiece. Both watches exemplify Kintaro's dedication to the mastery of every aspect of the watchmaker's art.

## A Spring Drive masterpiece from the Micro Artist Studio



The contrast between the gently contoured case and the sharp hands and indexes creates an exquisite beauty.

The 160th anniversary of Kintaro Hattori's birth is marked with a remarkable timepiece made by the elite team of watchmakers at the Micro Artist Studio. The softly rounded case is made of Platinum 950 and is Zaratsu polished to a perfect distortion-free finish. The sapphire crystal glass is dual-curved and each surface is shaped to ensure perfect legibility.

The dial's intricate pattern is made possible by processing techniques that create a delicate dial surface with varying depths. As has been the tradition since the 1960's, a star mark located at six o'clock denotes that the indexes are of solid gold. The interplay of light and shadow on the dial that is an essential part of the signature of every Grand Seiko watch is accentuated by the application of seconds markers that enhance the legibility of the time. The indexes and the hour and minute hands are in 14K white gold and are specially cut to create a sharpness that amplifies the enduring beauty of the gold.

## A slim profile and a power reserve of 84 hours



The barrel shape echoes the bellflower that is the symbol of Shiojiri where the studio is located.

The watch is powered by Caliber 9R02 which is assembled, adjusted and finished by hand by the craftsmen and women of the Micro Artist Studio. It delivers a power reserve of 84 hours thanks to the Dual Spring Barrel in which two independent thin, long mainsprings are set in parallel in a single barrel, and the Torque Return System\*. The caliber also incorporates an 18k yellow gold plaque which carries the engraved words “Micro Artist” but which can, if the owner so wishes, be replaced with a word of their choice. This slim and exquisite timepiece has a depth of just 9.6mm and will be available in January 2021 as a limited edition of 50 in the Grand Seiko boutiques worldwide.

\*Torque Return System: When the mainspring has been fully wound and the torque output is at its highest, approximately 30% of the available power is not needed to maintain the precision of the watch, and is in effect wasted in a normal movement. The Torque Return System uses this energy to rewind the mainspring, resulting in an increase in the power reserve. In Caliber 9R02, this system is activated for 48 hours after the mainspring has been fully wound.

A re-creation of the first Grand Seiko in 18k rose gold.



The release in January 2021 of a new re-creation of the first Grand Seiko from 1960 opens a year of celebration of the 140th anniversary of the company's foundation.

This commemorative timepiece offers a remarkable blend of slimness, efficiency and precision. The case is just 10.9mm in depth, the power reserve is 72 hours and the accuracy rate is +5 to -3 seconds per day, all made possible by the hand-winding Caliber 9S64 which powers the watch.

The case and indexes are in 18k gold and the anniversary is marked by the trademark "S" engraved on a gold plate set into the movement's bridge. Kintaro Hattori registered this mark in 1900 as the symbol of the Seikosha factory. The watch will be presented in January 2021 as a limited edition of 350 in the Grand Seiko Boutiques worldwide.



The "S" trademark is visible through the sapphire crystal set into the 18k rose gold case back.

Kintaro Hattori. A man of action and strong convictions.





Kintaro Hattori was a man of strong convictions whose ideas and beliefs governed every step he took in the creation of the company known today as Seiko. His success led to his being known as the “King of watches in the East ” and his belief in the spirit of revolution, evolution and quality that led to the birth of Grand Seiko lives on today in the ideology and skills of its watchmakers. Kintaro’s beliefs still resonate in words that have been passed down through the generations.

### · Revolution: Always one step ahead of the rest

“Every merchant needs to be one step ahead of the rest, but only one step. If you go too many steps ahead, you will become distant from the public and closer to a prophet. A merchant should never become a prophet.”

### · Evolution: Without haste, but without rest

“It is better to have ambitions and work step by step without haste but without rest.”

“If you hurry, you have to rest. If you want to move forward without rest, then you must not hurry.”

### · Quality: Good products always get the patronage of customers

From the very beginning of Seikosha, Kintaro Hattori was determined to achieve success by making timepieces of the highest quality and his extraordinary determination is revealed in the name he gave to his factory, “The house of precision”. He was firmly convinced that only products of high quality would earn the trust of his customers.

A short video tells the story of Kintaro’s life and his achievements. Click on the link below to view the video in the special information site.

[https://www.grand-seiko.com/global-en/special/kintaro\\_160th/](https://www.grand-seiko.com/global-en/special/kintaro_160th/)



SBGZ005

Grand Seiko Masterpiece Collection  
Kintaro Hattori 160th Anniversary Limited Edition

Spring Drive Caliber 9R02  
Driving system: manual winding  
Power reserve: 84 hours  
Accuracy:  $\pm 1$  second per day ( $\pm 15$  seconds per month)  
Dual-Spring Barrel and Torque Return System  
Power reserve indicator  
Number of jewels: 39

Dual-curved sapphire crystal with anti-reflective coating

See-through screw case back

Water resistance: 3 bar

Magnetic resistance: 4,800 A/m

Diameter: 37.5mm, Thickness: 9.6mm

Crocodile strap with three-fold clasp with push button release

Approximate recommended retail price in Europe: €106,000

Limited edition of 50 available exclusively at the Grand Seiko Boutiques



SBGW260

Caliber 9S64

Driving system: manual-winding

Vibrations: 28,800 vibrations per hour (8 beats per second)

Accuracy: +5 to -3 seconds per day (when static)

Power reserve: 72 hours

Number of jewels: 24

## Specifications

18k rose gold case and clasp

Crocodile strap with three-fold clasp with push button release

Dual-curved sapphire crystal with anti-reflective coating

See-through case back

Water resistance: 3 bar

Magnetic resistance: 4,800 A/m

Diameter: 38.0mm

Thickness: 10.9mm

Limited edition of 350

Approximate recommended retail price in Europe: €29,800

Limited edition of 350 available exclusively at the Grand Seiko Boutiques



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A new slim profile.

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The Grand Seiko Co-Creators

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