

# Sky's the Limit

Van Cleef & Arpels's newest collections translate celestial themes into winsome complications and poetic decorations. There are 12 pieces for both men (Midnight Zodiac Lumineux) and women (Lady Arpels Zodiac Lumineux), each corresponding to a Western zodiac symbol. The dial constellation lights up with the push of a button.

It's time to follow the stars.

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## Aries

It's no accident that the competitive, determined, and ever-optimistic Aries is represented by a ram—in this case, one of the sapphire and garnet-studded variety. Mercury will be in retrograde as the festive season moves into high gear, and though that celestial event will throw some signs into a tizzy, Aries will charge through a full calendar of social obligations, including the occasionally snoozy cocktail party, feeling inspired and brimming with excitement to start 2019 with a bang.



## Taurus

Some see Taurus as stubborn and single-minded; Taurus, more generously, view themselves as resolute and proactive. Tomayto, tomahto. Taurus's sharp focus will come in handy this month. Competing work and personal expectations will require advanced multitasking skills. During the holidays, a few days of respite will allow a chance to relax and savor the little things, like the artistry behind a glittering blue enamel sky. The pursuit satisfies another key Taurus trait: a fascination with beauty.

## Gemini

The good news about Gemini? They're expert conversationalists, the life of the party. The bad? They're easily bored and might not stick around for long. That restless nature means a Gemini always has more projects and plans than hours in the day. But, by the tail end of the month, the arrival of fortuitous news will inspire an opportunity to unwind. With a power reserve of 40 hours, that will take a while for the Lady Arpels Zodiac Lumineux.

## Cancer

Dreamy, creative, and attached to meaningful treasures, Cancer is particularly receptive to the charms of a watch that illuminates its star sign constellation with the push of a button. Instead of dancing away the remaining days of 2018 at raucous celebrations, these introspective souls are more likely to spend the time focused on their hopes for the future, and—with enough hard work—2019 will be an auspicious time to make them come true.



## Leo

Leos are one of the most daring signs of the zodiac. Can you think of many sartorial statements more alpha than a watch ringed with diamonds and flashing a lion's golden profile? Not likely. Beneath the bravado is a warmth and intelligence that's totally magnetic. By December's final days, these flamboyant characters will be in particularly high spirits, eager to pounce on last-minute errands and invitations with ferocity.

## Virgo

The analytical, exacting nature of the zodiac's sixth sign draws it to examining even the most subtle details of a timepiece, like an artfully sculpted white-gold case and softly contoured pusher. Virgo's rigorously high standards have (unfairly) resulted in a stick-in-the-mud reputation. But when they take a break from their workaholic routine and indulge in some holiday cheer, everyone will be surprised at how carefree a Virgo can be.



## Libra

Strategic use of flattery to keep the peace is a signature tactic for Libra. The air sign craves balance and tries to maintain harmonious relationships at any cost. A rare lapse in those keen diplomatic communication skills may cause fleeting conflict with someone close before New Year's. But even in the midst of any upheaval, the scales of Van Cleef & Arpels's Libra watch remain in reassuringly perfect alignment.



## Scorpio

There's a looming personal goal that's finally within Scorpio's grasp, but there may be rivals standing in the way. Like the fearsome arachnid that represents it, the water sign has a formidable presence that usually provides a competitive edge. Get past that intimidating shell, though, and it's obvious that Scorpios only talk tough—they're uncommonly compassionate and loyal. Also more than happy to play up their intimidating reputation by wearing a stylized rendition of a scorpion on their wrist.



## Sagittarius

If you want an earful on virtually any topic, ask a Sagittarian. They're bound to have an opinion (or fave) about anything and everything. Outspoken, curious, and enthusiastic, the fire sign will feel the need to make the most of the holidays, and will test the waters with a new opportunity. An elegant timepiece with an alligator strap will get the compulsively overcommitted Sagittarius to an important rendezvous with seconds to spare and score style points too.





## Capricorn

Capricorns are true Type-A personalities. Precise and ambitious, with a penchant for luxuries that also offer a useful application, they have an affinity for watches with mechanical self-winding movements—the more intricate, the better. Instead of working on a spreadsheet outlining the costs and benefits of prospective New Year's resolutions, the 10th sign of the zodiac should take a long vacation. Next year will brim with unexpected new responsibilities.

## Aquarius

Rebels since the moment they are born, Aquarians bring a visionary streak to the world, making for standout artists, entrepreneurs and inventors. They're also covert tech nerds, who research the inner workings of everything; unraveling the finer points of piezoelectricity—which was harnessed to make the LED stars in Lady Arpels Zodiac Lumineux light up at the push of a button—is a favorite diversion. Christmas, however, is no time for esoteric pastimes. Aquarius should focus on prioritizing the most important goals for the next 12 months. A new acquaintance will be ready to help put them into motion.

## Pisces

The 12th sign of the zodiac is a born romantic, with an active imagination and strong sense of intuition. Pisces should follow the impulse to be especially generous with resources of time and effort during the holiday season. A person or charity will benefit from the helping hand. Coincidentally, the water sign will receive lots of positive recognition in the new year. Artistically inclined Pisces will see it as a poetic outcome.