Swiss watchmaking in July 2023 **Slight decline**

Overall, July was less positive for Swiss watch exports than the first half of the year. Although they declined slightly (-0.9%) compared with July 2022, exports nonetheless reached 2.2 billion francs. The change this month – explained, in part, by a negative base effect in China and Singapore – will not have a significant impact on the general trend or forecasts for 2023.

Swiss watch exports in July 2023

Products	Units in mio.	Change	Mil. of CHF	Change
Wrist watches	1,4	-3,3%	2'100,1	-1,0%
Other products			100,0	-0,2%
Total			2'200,1	-0,9%

+20% +15% +10% +5% -Aug 22 Sep 22 Oct 22 Nov 22 Dec 22 Jan 23 Feb 23 Mar 23 Apr 23 May 23 Jun 23 Jul 23 Wristwatches by materials

Performance was mainly penalised by the fall in steel watches (-6.1%), while items made from precious metals remained stable (+0.1%) and bimetallic watches grew (+4.8%). By number of items, the sharp increase in the *Other materials* category (+21.9%) was wiped out by the drop in steel watches (-11.7%).

Materials	Units (in 1'000)	Change	Mil. of CHF	Change
Precious metal	35,8	-10,3%	740,5	+0,1%
Steel	759,7	-11,7%	793,5	-6,1%
Gold-steel	93,9	-13,1%	345,6	+4,8%
Other metals	114,0	-2,4%	138,1	+5,0%
Other materials	410,3	+21,9%	82,5	+10,2%
Total	1'413,6	-3,3%	2'100,1	-1,0%

Main markets

Markets	Mil. of CHF	Change	Share
USA	340,0	+5,2%	15,5%
China	262,9	-16,6%	11,9%
Hong Kong	182,3	+6,3%	8,3%
Japan	148,6	+5,9%	6,8%
United Kingdom	145,4	+5,6%	6,6%
Singapore	130,5	-7,1%	5,9%
Total 6 markets	1'209,7	-1,5%	55,0%

Wristwatches by price categories

12 months moving average



Most price segments saw minor variations, either positive or negative. Only the 500-3,000 francs price range (export price) saw a significant decline (-12.0%). This segment represents around a fifth of watch exports.

The main markets saw a slowdown or decline in growth in July. Nonetheless, increases were significant and consistent in most cases, similar to that seen in the United States (+5.2%), Hong Kong (+6.3%), Japan (+5.9%), the United Kingdom (+5.6%), Germany (+5.1%), the United Arab Emirates (+7.3%) and Australia (+7.1%). Conversely, performance was limited by China (-16.6%), Singapore (-7.1%), France (-14.2%), Italy (-9.7%) and South Korea (-24.1%).