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These Richard Mille watches are lighter and brighter than the rest

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Inspired by sportsmen, clothed in cutting-edge composites, and daring in design, the new Richard Mille RM 67-02 Sprint and High Jump models are everything we've come to expect from the firm, but with some fresh touches...

Lightweight luxury



Created in honour of Olympians Wayde van Niekerk and Mutaz Essa Barshim, the two variants are named after the respective athlete's discipline and finished in differing colours (yellow and green for van Niekerk's Sprint, magenta and white for Barshim's High Jump). The 38.7mm by 47.52mm cases are just 7.8mm thick and made of Quarts TPT and Carbon TPT, culminating in a total weight of only 32 grams, thus crowning the RM 67-02 as the lightest automatic watch Richard Mille make. To achieve the distinctive colourings, each layer of silica fibre is "impregnated" with a coloured resin, keeping weight down and creating a thoroughly unusual finish. Powered by the in-house calibre RMA7 movement with a 50-hour power reserve, which is painted by hand in each athlete's respective national colours of South Africa and Qatar, lucky wearers can observe all the inner workings of this superlight sports watch through the clear case back and wonderfully intricate dial. Both athletes will compete with these watches upon their wrists at the upcoming IAAF World Championships, and with a retail price of 120,500 US dollars, we can only hope all goes smoothly...

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