



VAUDAUX

HAUTE GAINERIE DEPUIS 1908



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EDITORIAL

For over a century, Vaudaux has been writing its story in leather, wood, and the finest materials. A story shaped by precise gestures, passion, and boldness, passed down from generation to generation.

Today, our Maison does more than preserve this savoir-faire: it reinvents it, day after day, to meet the expectations of the most prestigious Maisons and visionary creators. Between tradition and innovation, we have chosen to combine artisanal excellence with contemporary creativity.

Above all, Vaudaux is a team of artisans and collaborators driven by the same commitment: to give form to the invisible, to transform an idea into an object, and to elevate the imagination of our clients. It is in this ongoing dialogue between heritage and modernity that our uniqueness resides.

At a time when luxury must be meaningful, responsible, and inspiring, our ambition remains the same as in 1908: to offer creations that are unique and authentic, that transcend time and leave a lasting impression.

Philippe Belais

At the age of 31, Marc Vaudaux took over the H. Dittmar leather-craft workshop, located at 30 rue du Marché, where he had previously worked, and modernized it.



1972

Jacques and Gérard Vaudaux took over the management of the company, dividing responsibilities between production and sales. Computer systems were introduced for inventory and production management to optimize workflows.



2000

Philippe Belais acquired the manufacture. Drawing on his experience in the field of commerce, he identified and corrected the company's shortcomings. He showcased Vaudaux's craftsmanship and restructured the organization to secure its growth.



2018
à aujourd'hui

1908



Construction of a new factory in Vernier. A second building was added in 1991 to house the workshops and storage.

1981



The company grew to 7,500 m², employed 250 people, and produced hundreds of thousands of cases each year. However, the watchmaking crisis of the late 2000s weakened its activity.

2010



A production unit was established in Elche, Spain, a renowned center of leather shoemaking expertise. This location made it possible to combine know-how and benefit from a skilled workforce. The unit specialized in the manufacture of small and medium series of cases and leather goods.



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ABOUT VAUDAUX

A legacy beyond time

Founded in Geneva in 1908, Vaudaux is more than a company: it is a guardian of history, a Maison that has embodied the art of Haute Gainerie for over a century. Born from a passion for working with noble materials, it has been built on savoir-faire passed down from generation to generation. Each creation is an invitation to discover the harmony between tradition and modernity.

Resilience in the service of excellence

Crossing eras is never without challenges. Vaudaux has faced major crises. Yet it was in these very moments of adversity that the Maison found the strength to reinvent itself. With a renewed vision, it restructured while preserving the very essence of its heritage. Today, it continues to shine on the world stage, a symbol of agility and innovation.

A key player in haute gainerie

Independent and human-scaled, Vaudaux is driven by a constant pursuit of perfection. Its workshops resonate with the sound of tools and the precise gestures of artisans, whose work elevates the standards of the world's most prestigious luxury Maisons. Whether crafting a case for a precious timepiece or engaging in an artistic collaboration, each project is a testament to boundless creativity.



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A HERITAGE OF FINE GAINERIE

The medieval origins of a craft

The term “gainier” traces its roots back to the Middle Ages, when artisans crafted leather sheaths to protect the weapons of knights—daggers, swords, or sabers. Their savoir-faire was indispensable, ensuring both the strength and the elegance of these essential accessories.



From protection to embellishment

Over time, the craft evolved to meet new needs. Gainers turned toward objects of prestige, moving from the making of utilitarian cases to creating decorative pieces for fine interiors, such as leather-clad desk trays or silverware drawers.

An art in constant reinvention

Today, gainerie is a discipline that transcends its origins. Vaudaux carries this heritage forward, combining traditional know-how with innovation, covering a variety of structures (wood, metal, modern materials) with an array of finishes (notably fabric and leather). This craft demands millimetric precision and artistic sensitivity, bestowing each creation with timeless elegance.



A craft of art

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AN EXCEPTIONAL SAVOIR-FAIRE

Each piece is a work of art in itself, the result of a meticulous process.

Every artisan is a master. Their work relies on a flawless command of materials — from cutting leather to assembling and finishing every detail.

It is this harmony between technical expertise and artistic sensibility that gives Vaudaux creations their unique character. Every gesture is a promise of quality and authenticity.

The gainier artisan must master at least six complementary crafts: **carpentry, leather cutting, gluing, assembling, sewing, and finishing.**

He must be precise, meticulous, attentive to detail and fine workmanship, creative, ingenious, rigorous, and autonomous all at once. These qualities are the very foundation of the Maison Vaudaux’s reputation.



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*Innovation without ever
betraying its roots*

If tradition lies at the heart of Vaudaux's DNA, innovation is its driving force. Technologies such as laser cutting and 3D printing enrich centuries of expertise. This bold combination allows the Maison to explore new territories while remaining faithful to its values of excellence.

*Client demands as creative
challenges*

Listening, understanding, and interpreting even the most specific wishes of our clients enables us to craft unique responses that unite quality and durability in the service of their satisfaction.

We aspire to build and nurture genuine, lasting relationships with each of them, creating a unique client experience founded on trust and an unwavering commitment to artisanal excellence.

*Entirely dedicated to its partners,
vaudaux offers a complete range
of services:*

from design to development, from prototype to production, and from storage to logistics. Swiss quality is embodied in the meticulous controls performed at every stage of the production cycle. With more than a century of experience, Vaudaux offers unmatched expertise. The savoir-faire of its artisans, the creativity of its products, and the excellence of its services have earned the loyalty of some of the world's most prestigious clients.



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*Geneva
Elche
Bangkok*



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THE VAUDAUX ATELIER

Geneva

A sanctuary of creativity

In the cradle of Swiss watchmaking, the Vaudaux workshops keep their magic alive. Here, around fifty artisans work with unmatched precision to transform ideas into reality. The noblest materials — from precious woods to exceptional leathers — pass through their expert hands to become cases, objets d'art, or decorative elements.

Elche

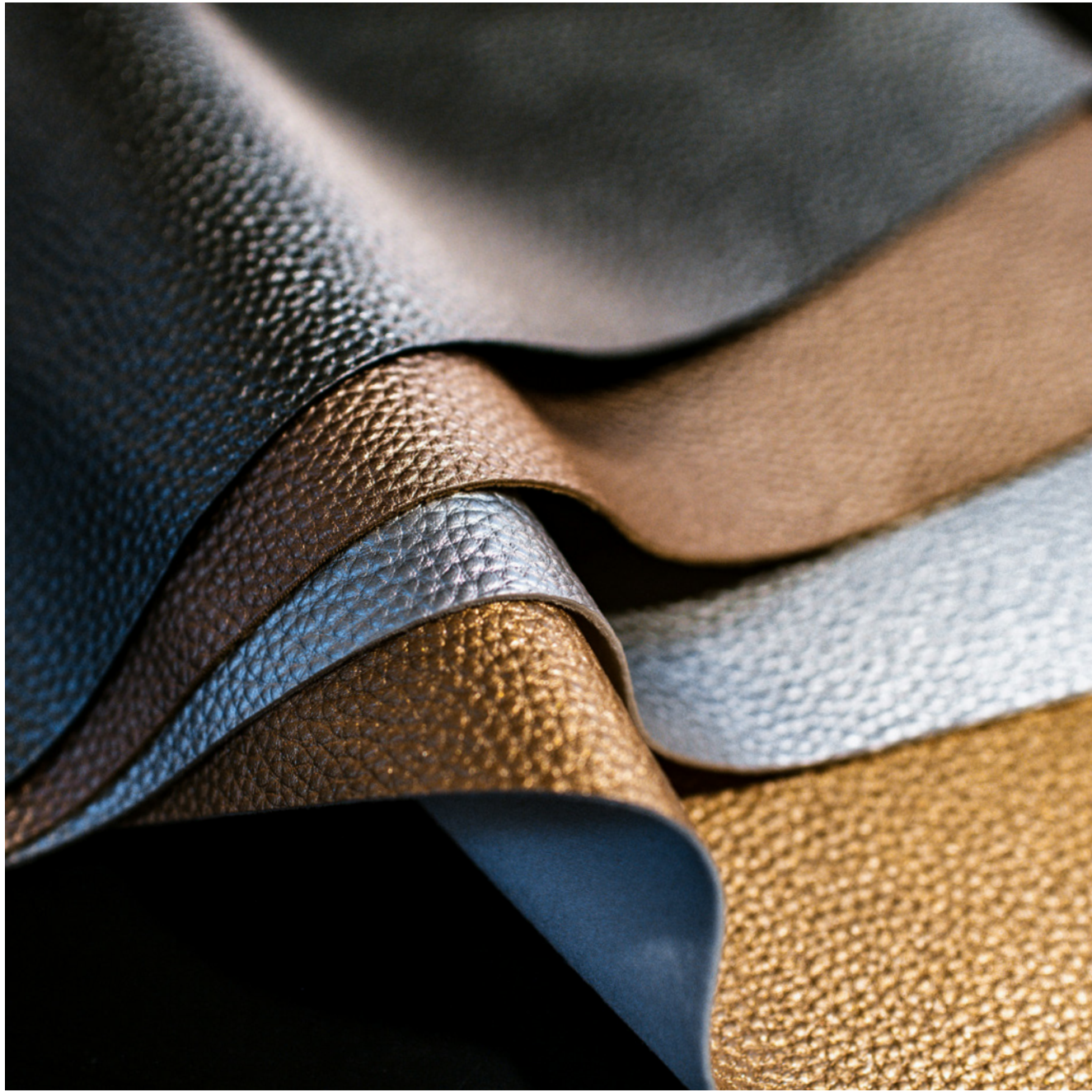
Efficiency in the service of quality

In Spain, the Elche workshop embodies adaptability and efficiency. Designed to meet the needs of small and medium series, it combines speed of execution with uncompromising quality standards. This unit enables Vaudaux to offer tailored solutions to a diverse clientele, with competitive pricing that never sacrifices perfection.

Bangkok

A crossroads of tradition and modernity

In Bangkok, the workshops unite the best of both worlds. With 280 skilled artisans, this production unit combines local savoir-faire passed down through generations with advanced techniques. Every creation that emerges is a testament to Vaudaux's excellence.



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A SUSTAINABLE VISION

Valuing the local, thinking global

Whether in Switzerland, Spain, or Thailand, Vaudaux ensures that local savoir-faire is respected and celebrated. This approach reflects a global vision of responsibility, where each workshop contributes to creating objects that unite elegance with positive impact in the service of client satisfaction.

Enhancing with conscience

In a world in constant transformation, Vaudaux is committed to integrating responsible practices across all its activities. The company prioritizes the use of recyclable materials, optimizes waste management, and invests in sustainable energy solutions. Through these initiatives, it reaffirms its commitment to a form of luxury that respects the environment.

Toward an inspired and inspiring future

Vaudaux's commitment goes beyond production. By taking part in environmental and social programs, the Maison works toward a future where luxury and sustainability coexist in perfect harmony.





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CREATIONS
TAILORED
TO EVERY
UNIVERSE



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WATCHMAKING

Elevating time

In the demanding world of watchmaking, Vaudaux partners with the most prestigious Maisons to create cases that reflect the mechanical beauty and innovation of the timepieces they hold. Every detail — from the choice of leather to the finishing of edges — is designed to showcase the precision and elegance of time..



Made-to-measure

Entrust us with your vision, and together we will imagine the case that reveals the precision and elegance of your timepieces.







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JEWELRY

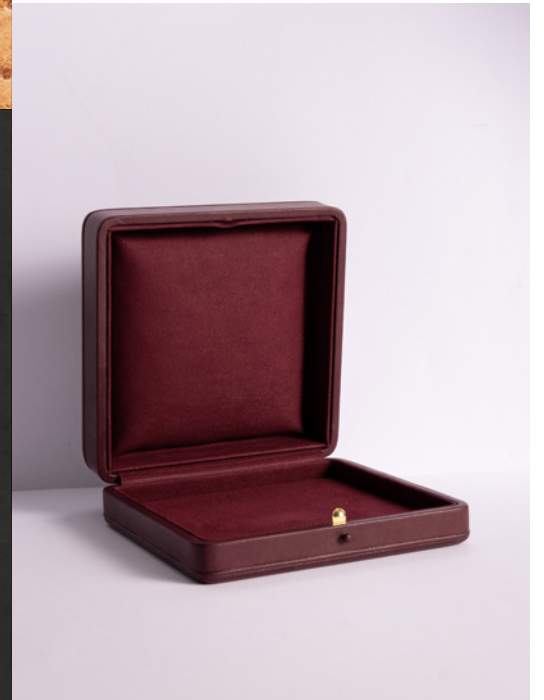
Celebrating brilliance

The jewelry cases created by Vaudaux are far more than containers: they are vessels of emotion. Designed to highlight the finesse and radiance of each piece, they embody a perfect balance between sophistication and functionality.



Made-to-measure

Share your creations with us, and we will craft the unique case that enhances each jewel and its brilliance.





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SPIRITS & GASTRONOMY

Elevating the Exceptional

Whether it is a case for a rare bottle or a gastronomic box for caviar, Vaudaux creations transform every tasting into a moment of refinement. These unique objects embody the art of enhancing culinary treasures with discreet and lasting luxury.



Made-to-measure

Bring your ideas to life — we design cases and boxes that magnify your gastronomic treasures.



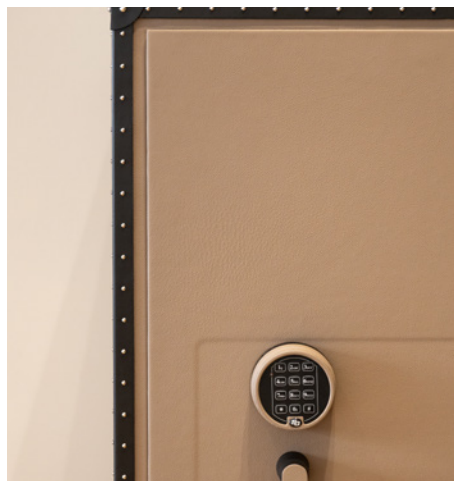


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ARCHITECTURE & INTERIOR DESIGN

Reinvented spaces

Beyond cases, Vaudaux finds its place within the most refined interiors. Stair railings, safes or trunks, decorative wall panels, dressing room doors, or bespoke furniture — all sheathed in leather: each creation reflects the expertise of our artisans, blending seamlessly into both contemporary and classical spaces.



Made-to-measure

Imagine your spaces, and we will dress them in leather and noble materials to give them a singular soul.





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ARTISTIC COLLABORATIONS

*Where art meets
craftsmanship*

Vaudaux collaborates with artists and designers to create unique pieces that push the boundaries of imagination. From leather-clad foosball tables to emblematic event objects, these projects embody the Maison's audacity and creativity.



Made-to-measure

Express your universe,
and we will transform
your concepts into unique
objects where art meets
craftsmanship.





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FOR LUXURY BRANDS

An exceptional partner

The world's most prestigious Maisons entrust Vaudaux with bringing their most ambitious visions to life. Bespoke collaborations make it possible to design unique creations that embody each brand's identity and values, reinforcing their singularity on the international stage..



Made-to-measure

Share your projects with us, and we will develop exclusive solutions that reflect the identity and exacting standards of your Maison.





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