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The Dragon is one of the 12 Chinese zodiac animals, with its own astrological personality and symbolism. Apart from that, in Chinese culture, dragons symbolize imperial power, good fortune, power over weather and water, and a pioneering spirit. The Dragon is the fifth Chinese zodiac sign, part of the 12-animal cycle. People born in the years 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, or 2024 belong to the Dragon zodiac sign, and are known as Dragons. People born in a year of the Dragon are believed to have a personality of confidence, power, resolution, and high esteem.

Babies born in a year of the Dragon are believed to be lucky, wealthy, and successful. Because of its auspicious connotations, the dragon is the favorite sign with Chinese parents who prefer to give birth to their babies in a year of the Dragon. According to public data, the number of children born in Dragon years is much larger than in other zodiac years.

Dragons are the favorite Chinese mythological creatures that are used as elements in decorations of buildings, costumes, paintings, and carvings. Dragons in carvings or paintings are used to decorate buildings, particularly imperial ones. The Chinese dragon symbolized the sovereignty of emperors, and everything related to dragons was exclusively used for emperors' property in China's feudal times. When you are in the Forbidden City, you can see Chinese dragon elements nearly everywhere: the nine sons of the dragon on the golden roofs, on the stone floors, the imperial chair decorations, wood sculptures on pillars, and handrails, etc.

For the year 2024, Angular Momentum has realized a special collection of 5 different timepieces with illuminated Dials featuring the Azure (Blue) Dragon.

The dragons shown on the dials were inspired by depictions from Chinese Blue and White porcelain. The bioluminescent material is made from Oyster shell powder, processed after an ancient receipt.

According to an ancient document from the era of Chinese Emperor, Zhao Tai Zhong, the first luminous paint was invented in Japan during the early Heian Period (794 – 1185 AD) over 1,000 years ago. The document, displayed at the Palace Museum in Taipei, Taiwan, tells of how the emperor heard of a painting which showed a wonderful cow drawn on the wall of a cave. Apparently, the cow could not be seen in the daytime because "it went to a meadow for eating", and "returned to the cave in the evening". Ordered to investigate, one scientist learned that "the cow was painted with special paints made from shells of the sea".

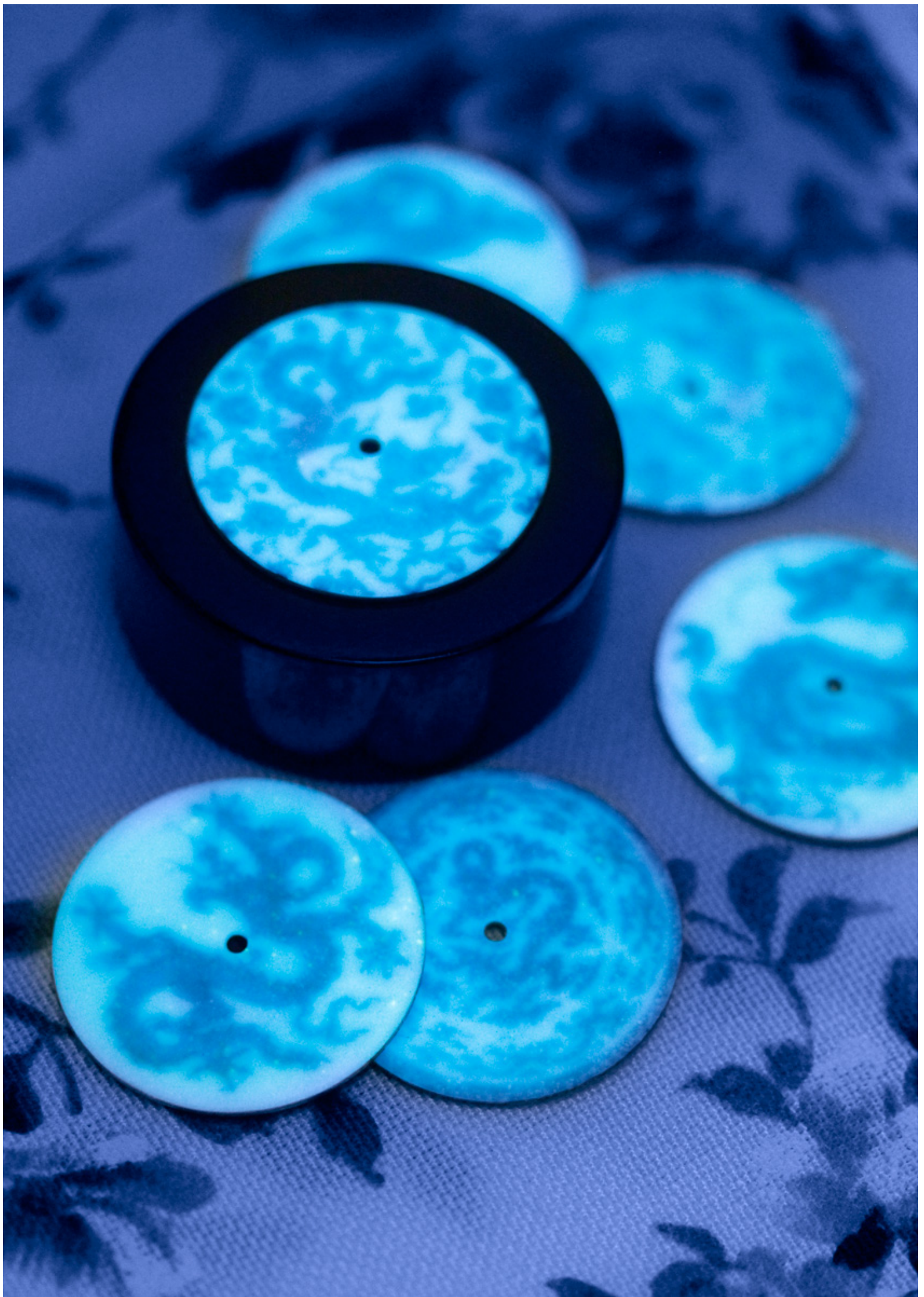
Illuminated Dragon Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement. The dial a dragon, hand painted with indigo blue ink on white ground, covered with cold enamel mixed with blue glowing luminous oyster powder. The powder or granulate is coarse and not completely homogeneous in larger areas and the result sometimes appears somewhat blotchy. The powder is 100% natural and impresses with its strong and long-lasting luminosity, which will last for years if not forever.

The powder is loaded by daylight and artificial light.

The most enchanting glow is experienced during sunset.













Coiling Dragon Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement. **The coiling dragon** is said to live on the earth and not be able to fly to the sky. It is said that the coiling dragon can control time.



Horned Dragon Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement.

The horned dragon, according to Chinese legend, is a dragon that has lived more than 500 years, and at that age developed horns. It is a powerful and evil dragon that often makes floods.



Cloud Dragon Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement.

The cloud dragon, according to legends, lives in the cloud. It can fly through thick cloud and make rain. It is also a popular dragon that Chinese painters like to paint.



Treasure Dragon Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement.

The treasure dragon, it is said, can protect hidden treasures or personal wealth.



Dragon King Timepiece

42 mm stainless steel case with brushed sides and mirror polished bezel, open back, single curved sapphire crystal, crown with luminous cabochon. Swiss self-winding Movement.

The dragon king, or old dragon, is the most powerful and intelligent Chinese dragon in China's mythology. It can change into different shapes, even human beings'. It is said that it can control all the seas of China in all directions.



