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Favre Leuba Chief Skeleton Nominated for the GPHG 2026 Challenge Category

Grenchen, September 1, 2026: Favre Leuba is proud to announce that the Chief Skeleton (Ref: 00.20105.103.02.302) has been nominated for 2026 Grand Prix d'Horlogerie de Genève (GPHG) under the Challenge category. This is the brand's first GPHG nomination, achieved within just two years of the global relaunch.

A Major Recognition for Favre Leuba

Selected among the top 84 timepieces across 14 categories by a jury comprising the watch industry's most distinguished figures. This year's nominations were drawn from hundreds of competing timepieces worldwide. The Chief Skeleton has been nominated by the GPHG Jury in the Challenge category, as one of only 6 timepieces selected from 62 competitors in this highly contested field, making it the most competitive category this year.

The Challenge category recognises maisons that achieve an exceptionally challenging feat at a price point under CHF 4,500. True to its name, it celebrates watches that deliver something remarkable within this bracket, making it one of the most fiercely contested categories at the GPHG. The Chief Skeleton stands

out with its fully open-worked, customised caliber, layered architecture, as well as immaculate decoration and finishing, bringing a level of mechanical expression and contemporary watchmaking to a category designed to recognise accessible excellence.

“To receive Favre Leuba's first-ever GPHG nomination is a tremendous honour for everyone involved in the brand's revival. The Chief Skeleton represents an important step in our contemporary watchmaking, combining an entirely open-worked movement with the distinctive design of the Chief collection. To see it recognized alongside some of the finest watches in the industry is something we are immensely proud of,” Patrik Hoffmann, CEO, Favre Leuba.

The Chief Skeleton

The Chief Skeleton is the first fully skeletonized timepiece in Favre Leuba's 289-year history. It wears the cushion-shaped case inspired by the Chief collection's 1970s design. At 40mm, the multi-faceted case combines brushed and polished surfaces beneath curved sapphire crystal.

The Movement: Open-Worked and Decorated

Favre Leuba developed the open-worked manufacture caliber FLS01 in collaboration with AMT. Its architecture sits across several levels. The mainspring barrel is semi-exposed at 12 o'clock and the balance wheel at six o'clock, decorated with horizontal brushing. Snailing, a pattern of concentric circles cut by a rotating tool, decorates the bridges against satin and sandblasted surfaces elsewhere. On the balance wheel bridge is the horizontal brushing that Favre Leuba treats as a design signature.

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About the GPHG:

Created in 2001 and overseen since 2011 by a foundation recognized as a public interest organization, the Grand Prix d’Horlogerie de Genève (GPHG) has, for over 25 years, been pursuing its mission to celebrate and promote the art of watchmaking, thanks to the support of its public and private partners, notably its main partner, FGP Swiss & Alps, as well as the involvement of industry stakeholders. The GPHG is regarded as the highest honor in watchmaking.

About Favre Leuba:

Founded in 1737 in Le Locle, Favre Leuba is the second-oldest Swiss watchmaking brand. With a legendary history spanning nearly three centuries,

the maison has been a pioneer in creating mechanical instruments for "Conquering Frontiers."

Following a global relaunch in 2024, Favre Leuba has entered a new "Renaissance" era. The brand's contemporary catalog is built on five distinct pillars—Chief, Sea Sky, Deep Raider, and the recently introduced collections Harpoon and 1737—which blend historic design codes with modern mechanical advancement. In 2026, Favre Leuba marked a defining milestone by exhibiting at Watches and Wonders Geneva for the first time ever.

Headquartered in Grenchen, Switzerland, Favre Leuba remains dedicated to providing exceptional value and Swiss-made precision to a new generation of explorers and watch enthusiasts.