Karl Lagerfeld collaborates with Faber-Castell for the 'Karlbox'

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Karl Lagerfeld is no youngster, but he is unstoppable and, as he has recently confirmed, has no intention of retiring. He is busy with the launch of new labels and of his children’s line, and continues to collaborate with Chanel and Fendi. Yet, for years, Lagerfeld has found the time for the most diverse collaborations, for shooting various campaigns as a photographer and taking part in video adverts.

It is now the turn of historic, premium writing instrument manufacturer Faber-Castell from Germany to collaborate with the couturier, by announcing the launch of the 'Karlbox', an exclusive collection of artist tools and high-quality articles for painting and creative design. The 'Karlbox' was styled by Karl Lagerfeld himself, in a virtuoso display of handicraft. It is presented as a rare, limited-edition chest whose design is inspired by traditional Chinese wedding trunks.

Lagerfeld personally selected the writing and drawing instruments contained in the 'Karlbox'. In the course of his career, the German designer has used Faber-Castell products to create countless sketches, drafts and creative projects. The 'Karlbox' is intended as a celebration of the link between Faber-Castell's heritage of manufacturing expertise, dating back to the XVIthcentury, and Karl Lagerfeld's extraordinarily innovative and contemporary outlook.

On 1st September 2016, the 'Karlbox' will be launched as a worldwide exclusive at Faber-Castell and Karl Lagerfeld stores, and at Harrods department store in London. From 19th September 2016 it will also be available at selected department stores and specialised shops, for a retail price of approximately €2,500.

Faber-Castell is a German company founded in 1761 in Stein, near Nuremberg. It is one of the world's most ancient industrial groups, a leader in the manufacturing and distribution of premier quality instruments for writing, painting and creative design. The group is present in 120 countries and has a staff of approximately 7,500, spread across its production sites, located in 9 countries, and its 23 distribution subsidiaries. Each year Faber-Castell produces over 2 billion wood-cased graphite pencils. The wide range of Faber-Castell products includes other articles, from children's colouring pencils to the most exclusive fountain pens.