

Robb Report

The Watch Man, Part 1: The Fixer



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Just as there are only certain names you want on your wrist, so there should be even fewer names you trust to take apart what's on your wrist. And one that keeps cropping up is watch repairer Dimitrie Vicovanu at the unassuming shop [Master of Time](#), in midtown Manhattan. Known for his encyclopedic knowledge, deft hand and a workshop in Queens stuffed with an array of repair parts, Vicovanu has become not just the surgeon for ailing chronometers but also a vital resource to a new generation of watch repairers. He's also been tapped by auction houses such as Sotheby's to help fix antique models hitting the block. Cleanings start at \$175; restoration can cost as much as \$2,000.