

## MEDICIS XXL • HANS VAN BENTEM

"For me visiting the Baccarat manufactory was like a dream come true. Through this creation, I set out to show the sheer force of Baccarat, at once rich with an uncommon heritage and distinctly oriented towards the future."

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Drawing his inspiration from the masterpieces presented by the manufactory at the major Universal and International Exhibitions of the XIX and XX centuries, Hans van Bentem continues to shape the legend of crystal with a monumental contemporary creation.

Fascinated by the exceptional history and know-how of the manufactory, the Dutch artist known for his grandiose installations, creates an impressive reinterpretation of the Medicis vase created by Baccarat in 1909, inspired by the famous antique vase.

Erected like a real sculpture of light some 2.50 meters tall, this exceptional creation, adorned with 13,000 octagons, is a glorious tribute to extravagance and van Bentem's artistic talent. Between newness and tradition, classicism and avant-garde, the artist invites us to a land of wonderment, where Baccarat makes the most extraordinary dreams come true.

Limited edition 8 pieces

## ABOUT HANS VAN BENTEM

Hans van Bentem is worldwide renowned known for his monumental sculptures, large installations and objects, both free work and commissioned, in public spaces, galleries and museums all over the world. He is always searching for collaborations with traditional craft studios to make his contemporary pieces in classical materials, as if to freeze time and create the antiques of the future.

