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*A Century
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THE FIRST Cartier (cartier.com) panther motif appeared in 1914, in a striking black-and-white watch design. A few years later, Jeanne Toussaint, Cartier's director of high jewelry at the time, transformed the feline into a glamorous, playful, and seductive design motif and made it one of the brand's iconic symbols. Since then Cartier has presented the cat in an astounding number of imaginative, artistic, and stylish designs. To celebrate the motif's centenary, Cartier has produced 20 unique High Jewelry Panthère de Cartier creations that include masterpieces such as the pendant necklace shown here (price upon request). The mosaic of black and gray agate that forms the panther is assembled on a concealed metal grid so that it appears as though the cat is carved from a single stone. Another new design features a diamond-coated panther crawling atop a diamond-and-onyx bangle. Under Cartier's creative eye, the animal remains an unpredictable figure.

—JILL NEWMAN

