Theme of the 20-franc note

The inspiration behind the new banknote series is 'The many facets of Switzerland'. Each note depicts a typically Swiss characteristic, which is then illustrated graphically using a key motif.

The 20-franc note focuses on Switzerland's creativity – expressed by light, the note's key motif.

The hand holds a prism through which light is dispersed into various colours. Light reveals the colour of the butterfly's wings and allows us to behold the rich diversity of nature, but it also enables us to enjoy the creative displays of a film festival, for instance. The motif of light is echoed in the constellations over the globe.

There are many other design elements on the note, all of which illustrate its theme of creativity and its key motif, light.

Discover the note for yourself.

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The new 20-franc note has arrived. Following the launch of the 50-franc note in April 2016, this is the second of six denominations in the new banknote series to be released by the Swiss National Bank.

The ninth series is both more modern and more secure than the previous generation.

This booklet introduces you to the look and feel of the new 20-franc note, showing you how it is designed and explaining its easily verifiable security features.

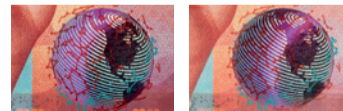The inspiration behind the new banknote series is 'The many facets of Switzerland'.

Check if your note is genuine

You can easily check if your note is genuine using the following five security features.

1 GLOBE TEST

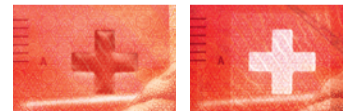Tilt the note from left to right: a violet arc moves across the globe.

2 SECURITY STRIP TEST

Tilt the note from left to right: red and green numbers move in opposite directions along four lines.

3 CROSS TEST

Hold the Swiss cross up to the light: it will turn into the Swiss flag.

4 TRIANGLE TEST

Hold the triangle up to the light: the security thread forms a continuous line.

5 HAND TEST

Run your fingers over the hand, the number 20 or the bank's name: you will be able to feel the raised print.