Theme of the 50-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 50-franc note focuses on the wealth of experiences Switzerland has to offer – expressed by the wind, the note's key motif.

It holds the paraglider aloft in the mountains and carries forth the seed of the dandelion, which is held playfully in the hand. The arrows on the globe show the direction of the winds that connect Switzerland with other regions and continents.

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

Discover the note for yourself.

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The new 50-franc note
A new take on a Swiss original

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The new 50-franc note

The new 50-franc note has arrived. It is the first of six banknotes to be phased in by the Swiss National Bank.

More than 20 years have passed since the last banknote series was issued. A new series is required in order to maintain our high security standards.

This booklet introduces you to the look and feel of the first new 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'.
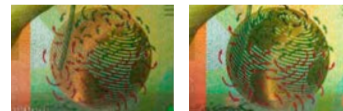
Check if your note is genuine

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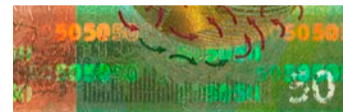
1 GLOBE TEST

Tilt the note from left to right: a golden arc moves across the globe.
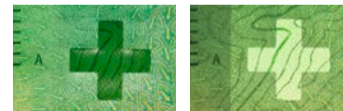
2 SECURITY STRIP TEST

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 50 or the bank's name: you will be able to feel the raised print.