



TAMER HASSAN CROWNED CIGAR SMOKER OF THE YEAR

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The Annual Cigar Smoker of the Year Awards returned to the stage at Boisdale of Canary Wharf, on Sunday 3rd December. For the fifth time this illustrious event for cigar fans celebrated iconic cigars, producers, writers, terraces and smokers. Hailed as one of the biggest exports to Hollywood from the East End of London, acclaimed actor Tamer Hassan was crowned the Zenith Watches Cigar Smoker of the Year 2017.

The award was presented to Tamer by last year's winner – US star of the screen and stage, Kelsey Grammer. The prize was an engraved Rose Gold Zenith El Primero Cohiba Edition Watch. In his acceptance speech Tamer Hassan spoke of his lifelong fondness for the Cuban stick which he shared with “many smokers big and small with the biggest of them all, dear friend and mentor the great Bob Hoskins”.

220 guests of the evening including BBC presenter Andrew Neil, James Cosmo, Mark Hix, Nancy Dell’Olio, Nigel Farage and Made in Chelsea star Stephanie Pratt on arrival received one of each of the five cigars, nominated for Cigar of the Year 2017 including the Romeo y Julieta Short Churchill which took the win. The British canapé reception featured the multi award winning English sparkling wine Jenkyn Place Vineyard, Brut, 2013 from Hampshire. The sumptuous dinner comprised of Hebridean shellfish accompanied by the

outstanding Alpha Domus, The Wingwalker Viognier 2014, Hawkes Bay wine, New Zealand and the main course of grass fed dry aged Aberdeenshire fillet of beef "Wellington", perfectly complemented by The Chocolate Block 2015, Boekenhoutskloof, Swartland. Bringing together cigar enthusiasts and celebrity cigar smokers, the esteemed evening harnessed Boisdale's uniquely eclectic style, hosted by Tom Parker Bowles and Boisdale founder Ranald Macdonald with entertainment from Natasha Hamilton of Atomic Kitten.

Boisdale of Canary Wharf couldn't have been a better venue in which to host the event as it offers the most comprehensive choice of handmade cigars of any restaurant in Europe. Boisdale has nurtured close relationships with suppliers over the years, enabling the opportunity for customers to sample old and rare Havana cigars in this unique destination for cigar enthusiasts.

AWARDS 2017

Zenith Watches Cigar of the Year

WINNER: Romeo y Julieta Short Churchill

Nominees: 92 Rated Daniel Marshall Red Label Cigar Box-Aged 1Year, Davidoff Winston Churchill The Late Hour Robusto, Joya de Nicaragua Robusto, AVO Heritage Short Robust

Davidoff Cigar Terrace or Cigar Lounge of the Year

WINNER: The Garden Lounge at The Corinthia

Nominees: The Arts Club, Alfred Dunhill, The Garden Room at the Lanesborough, The Bulgari, The Churchill

Puro Prestige Cigar Writer of the Year

WINNER: Nick Foulkes

Nominees: Dean Pullen, Tobias Gorn

The Cigar Retailer of the Year

WINNER: Havana House

Nominees: Cigars Unlimited, Havana Cigar Exchange, Segar and Snuff Parlour, Robert Graham Ltd

The Cigar Producer of the Year

WINNER: Davidoff

Nominees: Joya De Nicaragua, Hanbanos, Alec Bradley, Macanudo, Regius, Daniels Marshall

Zenith Watches Cigar Smoker of the Year

WINNER: Tamer Hassan

RUNNER UP James Cosmo

Nominees: Andy Garcia, Alexander Armstrong, Sam Torrance, Steven Seagal, Jim Belushi

Boisdale Lifetime Achievement Award

WINNER: Edward Sahakian

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