



BOXING CLEVER

Reposo by metrica

THE PURPOSE OF a humidor – the airtight container for keeping cigars moist – is to recreate the climatic conditions of a cigar’s country of origin. If this is done well, the contents will not only last for many years, but will mature with time.

“It is vital that the best cigars are kept in the right ambience,” says Kai Dittmar, CEO of metrica®INTERIOR, the 300-year-old prestige design business that recently acquired the humidor maker Reposo. “If cigars are allowed to dry, the outer layers can split and become flaky,” says Kai. “Too much moisture and they develop mildew.”

The Reposo’s humidity is kept constant by a fine, sterile vapour, which infuses the cigars with the aroma of the cabinet’s cedar wood lining. It took Reposo’s designer, Carsten Schroeter, several years to perfect. He sourced the finest cedar wood and metals; worked with specialist craftsmen; consulted with climate experts; and adopted an antibacterial technology used in operating theatres.

Then he had the good fortune to meet Kai Dittmar. “I met Carsten in a bar,” says Kai, “and we started talking about cigars. We soon got on to his invention – which I thought was a cool idea – and suggested we work together.”

From the start, the concept was to keep Reposo completely exclusive, so only between seven and 11 units are made each year. “We have no wish ever to go into mass production,” says Kai. And for those fortunate enough to own a super yacht, Reposo’s “Nautic” model is guaranteed perfectly seaworthy.

“A cigar is the ultimate statement of luxury, and a Reposo is a work of art which can be customised,” says Kai. “For our clients it can be an expression of themselves and of their taste. Even those who don’t smoke are pleased to be able to offer cigars to their friends – in perfect condition.”

The Reposo 12 bears a stainless steel plate, signed by the master craftsmen who worked on it. “These people have created a masterpiece,” says Kai. “The signed plate expresses that it’s just for you – as masters honouring a special client.”

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