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U-BOAT ITALO FONTANA: CHIMERA COLLECTION

U-BOAT creations even from different collections are often characterized by a rugged and masculine “retro-style look”. Following his passion for designs coming from the past and the great success of the latest Skeleton model, today Italo Fontana, creator of U-BOAT, unveils the Chimera Net. Developed on the iconic Chimera B&B and Chimera Bronze, the watch comes in two different versions. In the first version the case features bezel and caseband constructed of blackened steel, whereas the short lugs and caseback are formed of naturally aged bronze. The other version developed on the Chimera Bronze boasts instead a naturally aged bronze case. The dial consists of three superimposed discs with the last layer made of a laser cut fine wire mesh in stainless steel which allows the movement to be half-seen. U-BOAT means always innovation and Italo added an extra patented fourth counter on the dial showing the 24 hours of the day and marked by a little bronze hand. Ready to be admired under the thick, flat optic sapphire glass is the U-77 Valjoux Top Soigné automatic mechanical movement, modified and personalized to U-BOAT specifications.

The back of the case boasts a personalized 925 sterling silver rotor with subsequent coating PVD opaque black with blue screws. Last but not least, nestled between the iconic left hand crown and its crown guard, a patented sculpted pusher can be depressed to eject the inner-crown from its recessed position and enabling ease of adjustment for both the date and time. 300 items limited edition.

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