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# KUDOKE WINS OSCAR OF HOROLOGY!

Last Thursday (7.11.2019) the price-winning Ceremony for the best watches of the year 2019 took place in Geneva, Switzerland.



As first independent watchmaker from Germany Stefan KUDOKE has been awarded the prestigious GRAND PRIX D'HORLOGERIE DE GENÈVE (GPHG). GPHG can be considered as the „OSCAR“ of the horological industry and therefore represents the highest award in this sector. A high-class independent jury elects the winner models within each of the 14 categories every year.

Ev and Stefan KUDOKE gladly accepted the prize in the categorie „Petite Aiguille“ during the solemn ceremony in Geneva. Within this category, that includes watches retailing between 4,000 and 10,000 CHF, they were rewarded by the jury for their new model „KUDOKE 2“.

„To win through as a small family business against huge competitors like IWC, Zenith or Maurice Lacroix in the finals is a great honour and recognition of our work“, the couple says.



## KUDOKE 2

Based on KALIBER 1, Stefan Kudoke developed and executed a modification on the dial side of the movement, facilitating a 24-hour indication at 12 o'clock. The hand finished movement - KALIBER 1 in version 24H - is visible through the glass bottom of the case. At the front the eye is caught immediately by the rotating domed sky disk. Handengraved and electroplated in three colors it demonstrates the familiar creativity of Stefan Kudoke. A small gold-plated triangle indicates the hour of day or night. But even if you can only take a quick glance at the watch, the upper half of the 24-hour-indication shows intuitively the current day or night time:

	Noon 12 pm		Evening 6 pm sunset		Midnight 12 am		Morning 6 am sunrise
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The dial quietly remains in the background, combining roman as well as arabic numerals at the two rhodium plated rings put on. As another eye-catcher the attentive observer can find the infinity sign included in the hour hand as well as balance cock engraving in the movement – the symbol of time itself, interpreted as deceleration and relaxation here due to the non-existence of a second-indication. Price excl. tax: 7,807 EUR.



## STEFAN KUDOKE



15 years ago I said to my wife „ I have a crazy idea! I will manufacture my own watches.“ At that time Stefan Kudoke was a student, who already had finished his master-watchmakers degree and had worked for renowned brands like Glashütte Original, Breguet or Blancpain before. With the foundation of KUDOKE in 2008 he then pursued his dream full-time and made a name as creator of exceptional, handskeletonized and – engraved artistic watches. „After more than 10 years I refined my skeletonizing skills to peak and found myself in a position, where I wanted to develop my watchmaking skills further.“ explains Stefan Kudoke his

decision to establish a second collection named „HANDwerk“ next to his existing „KUNSTwerk“ line. „To use old techniques and keep the practical know-how of traditional watchmaking alive has always been very important to me.“ And that he proves with the first two models of this new collection KUDOKE 1 & 2, that have been launched this year with great success. With his first own movement Stefan Kudoke has fulfilled his dream. Valuable impulses were provided by the old Masters – in particular those of the German-English traditional handcraft of precision watchmaking.

„During the development of Kaliber 1 I got inspired by the design of historical English pocket watches whose use of forms I deliberately incorporated into my movement. Ages ago I bought an old English pocket watch movement, that lay unused in a drawer for a long time. One day it fell into my hands again – just as the idea of an own movement began to take shape.

As with his skeleton models, Stefan Kudoke sets great value upon the refinement of the watch components by hand. Be it the polishing of edges at bridges or steel parts, the engravings or the surface treatment of the wheel bridge using a special reaming technology – all steps during the finishing process are carried out by hand exclusively. This is how handcrafted pieces of art are created – in miniseries with a lot of attention to detail.

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