

NEW TWILIGHT scents

Our signature fragrance may work for a day at the office or brunch with your besties, but does it cut it on the party scene? Make a stylish entrance at your next soiree with Grazia's top evening aromas

THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS IN LIFE THAT ARE BETTER UNDER AN EVENING SKY – the Burj Qatar, a stroll along the Corniche and a glitter-embellished Edie Parker clutch are some. A fragrance specifically created for a night on the town is another. “Strong, long lasting and voluptuous fragrances are more for the evening,” says Luc Gabriel, CEO of niche French perfume brand The Different Company that recently launched exclusively at Blue Salon in Doha. “When going out, we want to make sure our fragrance is noticed, one that screams ‘It’s me!’ and not somebody else.” Think of your evening scent like your jar of night cream - you wouldn’t apply an SPF-packed day cream before hitting the hay, so why spritz on a wispy perfume before putting on your dancing shoes?

SPICE IT UP

When heading out after sunset, reach for an olfactory delight that boasts notes of oud, rose, sandalwood and amber, says renowned scent expert Michael Edwards, author of *Fragrances of the World 2014* (30th Edition). Musks, spicy orientals and mouth-watering gourmand scents are better paired with a glass of champagne than your morning cup of coffee not just because of their aroma but also because of their formulation. “Oil formats hold on to your skin better than an alcohol-based fragrance,” says Edwards.

WARM FRONT

Not all evening scents are created equal though. Parisian perfumer Stephane Humbert Lucas 777, who often looks to the Middle East for inspiration, recently created *Une Nuit à Doha* (translation: one night in Doha), a warm vanilla, tobacco and mandarin-based fragrance that is not as rich as most gourmand fragrances but still smells best come twilight.

LAYER AWAY

To ensure your signature scent lasts as long as your Louboutins can carry you, regardless of the formulation, try layering it with a matching body lotion, says perfume expert Nick Gilbert. “If it’s available, I’d also suggest that you use a matching bath product such as a shower gel, bath oil or soap as this will help the fragrance last. These layers of scent evaporate more slowly when they are built up.” Or spritz your perfume directly on to your party dress (spot test first to make sure it doesn’t cause any damage) or even your blowout. “Hair is more porous than skin and [scent] will evaporate slower,” says Gilbert. ▶

**NARCISO
RODRIGUEZ
NARCISO**

Over a decade after creating his hit fragrance For Her, the American fashion designer returns with a warm eau de parfum crafted from rose, gardenia and cedar notes. **QR410** for 50ml

**CALVIN KLEIN
ETERNITY NIGHT**

Ridiculously good-looking couple Christy Turlington and Ed Burns star in the ad campaign for this twilight take (think sandalwood, pink pepper and frangipani) on the legendary fragrance. It launches January. **QR305** for 100ml

**BOTTEGA
VENETA KNOT**

A perfect accent to your woven leather clutch from the fashion house? A light misting of their new rich floral scent on your wrists. It's an intense combo of lavender, rose and peony mixed with musk and tonka beans. **QR520** for 75ml

**THE DIFFERENT
COMPANY
UNE NUIT
MAGNETIQUE**

This unique eau de parfum took nine months and 14 different trials to get the ginger, amber wood and Damascus rose blend just right. **QR795** for 90 ml at Blue Salon in Doha

**STEPHANE
HUMBERT LUCAS 777
UNE NUIT A DOHA**

Inspired by the hot summer nights of Qatar's capital city, an exotic evening on the town is only a spritz away thanks to this caramelised unisex parfum extrait. **QR800** for 50ml, www.luckyscent.com

**CHLOE
LOVE STORY**

Chloe's latest gift to the fragrance counter is a jasmine, cedar and orange blossom delight. It takes inspiration from the twinkling stars of Paris. **QR495** for 50ml

**YVES SAINT
LAURENT BLACK**

Coffee, pink pepper, vanilla and musk intermingle deliciously in this "rock 'n' roll" inspired interpretation of YSL's classic 1977 scent, Opium. Pair with your favorite leather mini dress. **QR515** for 50ml

**TOM FORD
COSTA AZZURRA**

What to wear with that show-stopping velvet LBD from Mr. Ford's fall runway? A smooth scent heavy on ambery citrus and smoky frankincense finished with a sprinkling of intoxicating vanilla. **QR892** for 50ml

**GIVENCHY
DAHLIA DIVIN**

This luxe eau de parfum is rich in colour and aroma thanks to golden Mirabelle plums, jasmine, sandalwood. With Alicia Keys as the face, it's high in star power too. **QR436** for 50ml

