

IPCPR: WHO WE ARE

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WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL PREMIUM CIGAR & PIPE RETAILERS (IPCPR)?

Founded in 1933, the IPCPR is a not-for-profit trade association representing premium retail tobacconists and their suppliers. Representing over 3,000 retail stores across the United States and more than 350 manufacturers, distributors and service providers, IPCPR is the ultimate authority on the premium cigar and pipe tobacco industry. IPCPR's mission is to protect and grow the premium cigar and pipe tobacco industry through innovation, education, advocacy, market research, and the facilitation of relationships.

WHAT IS A PREMIUM CIGAR?

Premium cigars are the handcrafted, artisanal tobacco leaf product on the market. Unlike other products, a premium cigar takes 3–5 years to hit the market, and is only comprised of three ingredients; 100% natural whole tobacco leaf, water and natural vegetable gum—no flavorings or other additives that are found in other tobacco products. That is why premium cigars represent .01% of the entire tobacco product market. Data from the NIH & FDA show that unlike other tobacco products, premium cigars are a luxury item, not a nicotine delivery device.

WHO DOES IPCPR REPRESENT?

IPCPR represents small business mom & pop shops that for decades have made up the backbone of mainstreet America. Premium cigar retailers, also known as tobacconists, are located in all 50 states. Many of IPCPR members' businesses are family-owned small businesses, spanning several generations that employ an average of 6–7 members of the local community. IPCPR member retailers are specialty brick and mortar store fronts and lounges where Americans from all walks of life come together in a shared passion.

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