Meet the new James Bond: Robert Pattinson



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The Internet has been abuzz for months about which actor would replace Daniel Craig as British agent 007 James Bond in the franchise. We finally have the answer: Robert Pattinson, who built on his 2005 role as the doomed Cedric Diggory in *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* into an illustrious career mixing roles in franchises and Hollywood blockbusters with daring arthouse fare.

“James Bond is one of the most legendary characters in cinema, and to be entrusted with 007 is the honor of a lifetime,” Pattinson said in a statement. “To say this role is a dream come true is an understatement. I couldn’t be more excited about this partnership and the work ahead with this fantastic team.”

The choice will reunite Pattinson with Denis Villeneuve, who recently worked with him on the forthcoming *Dune: Part III* and

will direct the next (as yet untitled) Bond installment. “I want to express my deep gratitude to the remarkable actors who joined us on this journey,” Villeneuve said in a statement. We were surrounded by extraordinary talent, but there can only be one 007. I am overjoyed to welcome Robert Pattinson as our new James Bond. He has the timeless soul of 007 and brings a spirit that is completely new. I cannot wait to begin.”

Not everyone is happy with the casting choice; some have never forgiven Pattinson for the Twilight franchise, despite the actor’s impressive recent films. Pattinson has played darker roles in recent years, often as a villain. And at 40, Pattinson is a bit older than the actors he beat out, most notably Nicholas Hoult, Jack Lowden (*Slow Horses*), Josh O’Connor (*Wake Up, Dead Man*), and Callum Turner (*Fantastic Beasts*).

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