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## **International Beverage Celebrates Outstanding Success at Four Global Spirit Competitions**

The team at International Beverage is proud to reveal a truly outstanding performance by their spirits portfolio following news that they have won a total of 47 medals across four annual international competitions: the International Spirits Challenge, San Francisco World Spirits Competition, Ultimate Spirits Challenge and the World Whisky Awards.

Three of the company's single malt whiskies scooped gold at the esteemed International Spirits Challenge this month: Balblair Single Malt Scotch Whisky Vintage 1983, Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky 17 Year Old and anCnoc Single Malt Scotch Whisky 12 Year Old. The distiller also received 15 silver rankings across its single malt range, and for its high quality blends Catto's and Hankey Bannister. Now in its 20th year, the International Spirits Challenge is regarded as one of the world's leading competition of its kind, with an independent judging panel blind tasting more than 1000 entries to reward only the highest calibre of spirit each year.

At the prestigious Ultimate Spirits Challenge in New York, where spirits are marked out of 100 and given a ranking from 'Recommended' to 'Extraordinary', Balblair received an 'Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation' for its Balblair Vintage 2003 expression, scoring a total of 95 points. anCnoc 12 Year Old, Balblair Vintage 1983, Old Pulteney Navigator, Old Pulteney 12 Year Old, Speyburn 10 Year Old and Phraya Deep Matured Gold Rum also received recognition in the 'Excellent' category, awarded from a panel of highly experienced judges from the spirits industry.

Following this success in New York, International Beverage continued its winning streak over in the West Coast with eight more gold and silver awards at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition. Both Balblair Vintage 1999 and Speyburn Bradan Orach won double gold medal accolades, with Old Pulteney picking up a gold and silver medal for its core 12 Year Old and the Navigator expressions respectively. Gold and silver honours also went to and Phraya Deep Matured Gold Rum and anCnoc 12 Year Old.

After heading back to the UK for the World Whisky Awards, 'maritime malt' Old Pulteney received further recognition - this time for the limited edition Old Pulteney 1990 Vintage and its much loved Stroma liqueur. Speyburn, one of the top 10 single malt Scotch whisky brands in the USA, won gold for its Speyburn Bradan Orach expression and silver for the beautifully packaged Speyburn 10 Year Old Single Malt.

Hankey Bannister, the excellent blended Scotch whisky crafted using single malts from all five International Beverage distilleries, also won gold for its brilliant 21 Year Old Partners Reserve and was named a category winner in the Best Scotch Blended 21 Years and Over section. Within the Best Highland Single Malt No Age category, anCnoc's peated Cutter expression received a gold accolade and category winner status.

**Karen Walker, Marketing Director at International Beverage Holdings, commented:**

*'We are extremely proud to have so many of our leading brands recognised and highly rewarded across some of the world's top competitions this year. These outstanding rankings are testament to the continued dedication and craftsmanship of our team and it is their expertise and passion that allows us to produce such distinctive and high quality flavour profiles for the global market.'*

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**Full list of awards**

**International Spirits Challenge**

anCnoc 12 year old	Gold
Old Pulteney 17 year old	Gold
Balblair Vintage 1983	Gold
Speyburn Bradan Orach	Silver

Speyburn 10 year old	Silver
Old Pulteney 12 year old	Silver
Balblair Vintage 1999	Silver
anCnoc 18 year old	Silver
Old Pulteney 21 year old	Silver
Old Pulteney 35 year old	Silver
Speyburn 25 year old	Silver
Balblair Vintage 1990	Silver
Hankey Bannister Original	Silver
Catto's Rare Old Scottish Blended Scotch Whisky	Silver
Catto's Deluxe 12 year old	Silver
Hankey Bannister 12 year old	Silver
Hankey Bannister 21 year old	Silver
Catto's 25 year old	Silver
anCnoc Cutter	Bronze
Old Pulteney Navigator	Bronze
anCnoc 22 year old	Bronze

### Ultimate Spirits challenge

Score	Accolade	Product Name
95	Extraordinary, Ultimate Recommendation	Balblair Vintage 2003
94	Excellent, Highly Recommended	anCnoc 12 year old
94	Excellent, Highly Recommended	Old Pulteney Navigator

94	Excellent, Highly Recommended	Old Pulteney 12 year old
94	Excellent, Highly Recommended	Phraya Deep Matured Gold Rum
93	Excellent, Highly Recommended	Speyburn 10 year old
93	Excellent, Highly Recommended	Balblair Vintage 1983
88	Very Good, Strong Recommendation	BlackMask Original Spiced Rum
88	Very Good, Strong Recommendation	Speyburn Bradan Orach
86	Very Good, Strong Recommendation	Mekhong Spirit of Thailand Rum

### **San Francisco World Spirits Competition**

#### Balblair

- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, Balblair Vintage 1999 Single Malt Scotch , Highland , Scotland
- GOLD MEDAL, Balblair 2003 Single Malt Scotch , Highland , Scotland

#### Old Pulteney

- GOLD MEDAL, Old Pulteney 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch, Highland, Scotland
- SILVER MEDAL, Old Pulteney Navigator Single Malt Scotch, Highland, Scotland

#### anCnoc

- SILVER MEDAL, anCnoc 12 Year Old Single Malt Scotch , Highland, Scotland

#### Speyburn

- DOUBLE GOLD MEDAL, Speyburn Bradan Orach Single Malt Scotch , Speyside, Scotland
- SILVER MEDAL, Speyburn 10 Year Old Single Malt Scotch , Speyside, Scotland

#### Caorunn

- BRONZE MEDAL, Caorunn Gin, Speyside, Scotland

#### Phraya

- GOLD MEDAL, Phraya Deep Matured Gold Rum, Thailand

#### Black Mask

- BRONZE MEDAL, Black Mask Spiced Pacific Rum , Thailand

## **World Whisky Awards**

### Hankey Bannister

- GOLD CATEGORY, Hankey Bannister 21 year old

### anCnoc

- GOLD CATEGORY, anCnoc Highland Single Malt Scotch, Cutter expression

### Old Pulteney

- GOLD CATEGORY, Old Pulteney Single Malt Scotch Whisky 1990 Limited edition
- GOLD CATEGORY, Old Pulteney Stroma liqueur

### Speyburn

- GOLD CATEGORY, Speyburn Bradan Orach Single Malt Scotch Whisky
- SILVER CATEGORY, Speyburn Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky 10 year old

## **About International Beverage Holdings**

International Beverage Holdings Limited is one of the industry's most dynamic global drinks businesses. Established in 2006 as the international arm of ThaiBev, the company specialises in developing distinctive, premium local brands for global growth, with a portfolio that is led by a range of high quality Scotch whiskies and includes some of the fastest growing and most prestigious beers, spirits and whiskies on the market today. These high quality brands are enjoyed by consumers in over 85 global markets and include:

- Chang, Thailand's iconic global beer brand
- Single Malt Scotch Whiskies: Old Pulteney, Balblair, anCnoc, Speyburn
- Blended Scotch Whiskies: Hankey Bannister, Catto's, MacArthur's
- Caorunn, a super premium small batch distilled Scottish Gin infused with 5 Celtic botanicals
- Thai spirits: Phraya, Mekhong

International Beverage's international operation is headquartered in Hong Kong, with two major bases in China and Scotland and a growing number of regional hubs around the world. The business is focused on the delivery of winning investment, sales and marketing strategies and is committed to producing brands of character, representing the care and craftsmanship of the people that make them - from the brewers of Chang Beer in Thailand, to the distillers of the fine single malt Scotch whisky Old Pulteney in Scotland. Crucially, the global development of every brand continues to be rooted in its home territory, supporting the company's mission to build authentic brands of outstanding character.

International Beverage is investing in ambitious growth across its global operation, employing over 850 highly skilled people across production, sales, marketing and finance, together forming an effective and expert international team.