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## **International Beverage continues bumper medal year at ISC and Global Spirits Masters**

2016 is set to be a record-breaking year for International Beverage Holdings as it scooped an impressive 35 medals at two of the world's leading spirit competitions.

At the **International Spirits Challenge** – billed as the most authoritative, respected and influential spirits competition in the world – each of the company's single malt whiskies was awarded a gold tasting medal: Old Pulteney 21 Year Old, anCnoc 12 Year Old, Balblair Vintage 1990 and Speyburn Arranta Casks.

The limited edition blend Hankey Bannister 40 Year Old also won gold, with twenty further silver medals secured across the International Beverage portfolio at the same competition.

There was more to celebrate at the 2016 **Global Spirits Masters** - another of the world's most renowned independent blind tasting competitions. Both anCnoc Black Hill Reserve and Speyburn 10 Year Old scooped gold, with a further five silver medals awarded to anCnoc, Balblair and Speyburn.

International Beverage's winning streak began earlier this year at the 2016 World Whiskies Awards where the 'Maritime Malt' Old Pulteney's 1989 Vintage was crowned 'World's Best Single Malt', and anCnoc 18 Year Old won 'World's Best Whisky' in the Highland 13 – 20 Year Old category. There were also eleven medals at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition – including anCnoc's peated 'Rascan' winning the highly coveted 'double gold medal'.

International Beverage Marketing Director Karen Walker commented: "*Our thanks go once again to our distillery teams for their skill and dedication in crafting our fine portfolio of malt whiskies – which is increasingly recognised around the world for quality, excellence and superb taste. We are very proud to see our whiskies take so many of these top honours in what looks like being an exciting year of wins and celebration for our business.*"

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### **International Spirits Competition**

Balblair Vintage 1999	Silver
Balblair Vintage 2004 Sherry Matured Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
Balblair Vintage 1990	Gold
AnCnoc 18 Year Old	Silver
Balblair Vintage 2004 Bourbon Matured Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
Balblair Vintage 1999 Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
AnCnoc 24 Year Old	Silver
Balblair Vintage 1983	Silver
AnCnoc Rascan	Silver
AnCnoc 12 Year Old	Gold
Old Pulteney 12 Year Old	Silver
Old Pulteney Navigator	Bronze
Balblair Vintage 2005	Silver
AnCnoc Barrow Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
AnCnoc Black Hill Reserve Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
Old Pulteney 35 Year Old	Silver
Old Pulteney 17 Year Old	Silver
Old Pulteney 21 Year Old	Gold
Speyburn 10 Year Old	silver
Old Pulteney Dunnet Head Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
Old Pulteney Vintage 1989	Bronze
Old Pulteney Duncansby Head Travel Retail Exclusive	Silver
Speyburn Bradan Orach	Silver
Hankey Bannister Heritage Blend	Silver
Hankey Bannister 21 Year Old	Bronze
Blairmhor 8 Year Old Blended Malt Scotch Whisky	Silver
Speyburn Arranta Casks	Gold
Hankey Bannister 40 Year Old	Gold

### **Global Spirit Masters**

Speyburn 10 Year Old – Single Malt – Speyside Up to 12 Years	Gold
Speyburn Bradan Orach – Single Malt – Speyside NAS	Silver
Balblair Vintage 2005 – Single Malt – Highlands & Islands Aged up to 12 Years	Silver
AnCnoc 24 Year Old – Single Malt – Highlands and Islands 19-30 Years	Silver



Ancnoc Rascan – Single Malt – Highlands and Islands NAS	Silver
Ancnoc Barrow – Single Malt – Highlands and Islands NAS	Silver
Ancnoc Black Hill Reserve – Highlands and Islands NAS	Gold

### **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.