

HONG KONG'S LARGEST WHISKY EVENT RETURNS- HONG KONG WHISKY FESTIVAL 2018 AT INTERCONTINENTAL GRAND STANFORD HONG KONG

(Hong Kong, 9 March 2018) – The largest whisky event - Hong Kong Whisky Festival is back by popular demand. Organized by InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong and Tiffany's New York Bar, the third Hong Kong Whisky Festival will return on **14 April 2018**. Featuring the biggest number of amazing brands ever and over 500 different whisky expressions, alongside an array of exciting master classes hosted by diverse brand ambassadors, The Hong Kong Whisky Festival will definitely appeal to whisky lovers of all levels.

Mr. John Drummond, Resident Manager and Whisky Ambassador of InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong said "Born and raised in Scotland, whisky is inevitably in my blood. When we held our first ever Hong Kong Whisky Festival in 2016, it was an idea of bringing whisky lovers together with brands and master classes, unexpectedly huge tons of positive feedback has been received," he continued, "coming to the third year of the event, I reassured that this year's event will be by far the largest among the previous ones as well as in Hong Kong. We have also increased the quantity and variety of master classes; especially there are some Hong Kong's first-ever releases and exclusive bottles."

Key Highlights

- **Largest whisky event in Hong Kong ever with over 120 whisky brands participating**

Largest among the past three whisky festivals, this year's event features more than 500 outstanding whisky expressions from over 120 brands around the globe. Besides the well-known Scottish and Japanese whiskies, the Whisky Festival will also showcase brands from Taiwan, France, Italy, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, India, the USA and The Netherlands, to name a few.

Participants will be able to mingle with producers, distillers, independent bottlers and brand ambassadors. The sheer range of whiskies shown on the day will appeal to beginners in the same way as they will challenge serious whisky connoisseurs.

- **Master Classes** (*appendix 1*)

There will be over 30 master classes hosted by renowned whisky ambassadors. Charlie Maclean, the renowned leading whisky expert in the world and consultant for leading whisky brands, is sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge by hosting two master classes at the festival. Another top highlighted master class conducted by Richard Urquhart from Gordon & MacPhail serves very rare whisky from the brand, aged minimum half a century, is able to let participants to taste whisky which many could only try once a life.

The list of highlighted speakers includes:

Mr. Charlie Maclean	- Independent Whisky Expert
Dr. Ian Chang	- Kavalan
Mr. Jim McEwan	- Ardnahoe Distillery
Mr. Brendan McCarron	- Glenmorangie

Mr. Martin Markvardsen	- Highland Park
Mr. Richard Urquhart	- Gordon & MacPhail & Benromach
Ms. Lucie Stroesser	- Isle of Arran
Ms. Chloe Wood	- Bruichladdich
Mr. Mathieu Jeannin	- Hine Cognac
Mr. Justine Ames	- Heaven Hill Distillers
Mr. Madha Kannu	- Paul John
Mr. Ewan Henderson	- Lost Distillery
Mr. Adam Knox	- The Dalmore
Mr. David Ding	- The Balvenie & Glenfiddich
Mr. Craig Johnstone	- The GlenDronach, The BenRiach & Glenglassaugh
Mr. Michael Hsieh	- The Whisky Agency

- **Highball Garden Lounge by Johnnie Walker Black Label**

The alfresco Johnnie Walker Bar will take place at the garden lounge of Tiffany's New York Bar where it will provide an excellent atmosphere to match Johnnie Walker's rejuvenating and refreshing Highballs by professional mixologist.

- **Special Bottling/ New Releases/ Old&Rare/ Exclusive Bottles**

The list of highlighted whiskies includes:

- Highland Park The Light
 - Highland Park The Dark
 - Highland Park Full Volume
 - Glenmorangie Spios
 - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask
 - Gordon & Macphail – Longmorn 1967
 - Gordon & Macphail – Glen Grand 1954
 - Gordon & Macphail – Strathisla 1949
- and many more to be discovered...

- **Award-winning Mixologist Hiroyasu Kayama**

Participants will get to enjoy the chance to interact with the dazzling mixologist, Mr. Hiroyasu Kayama from Ben Fiddich Bar in Japan. He will feature some original and exclusive creations of cocktails, showcasing the latest trends from Japan at the event. Ben Fiddich Bar was recognized as Asia's 50 Best Bar as well as World's 50 Best Bar in 2017, voted by drinking experts from across the globe.

Details and ticketing

Date:	14 April 2018 (Saturday)
Time:	12:30pm – 7:30pm
Venue:	InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong 70 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Official Event Website:	www.hkwhiskyfestival.com
Online Ticketing:	bit.ly/hkwf2018-tickets-fb
Ticket Prices:	Entry ticket: HK\$320 each (includes a HKWF Glencairn whisky glass, 3 tokens of HK\$25 each, a lanyard, a tote bag, an event brochure and a bottled water) Token: HK\$25 each Master Class: from HK\$200 to HK\$2,000 each

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The master class tastings provided a unique insight into the world of whisky and chances to ask all those hidden questions.



The alfresco Highball Johnnie Walker Bar will take place at the garden lounge of Tiffany's New York Bar



Master mixologist from Bar Ben Fiddich at Tokyo, Mr. Hiroyasu Kayama will demonstrate original and exclusive cocktails from Japan

About InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong

Nestled in the heart of the bustling shopping, business and entertainment district of Tsimshatsui East, InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong, being a member of InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG), is an acclaimed five-star hotel that offers sophistication and heritage.

Set against the stunning backdrop of Victoria Harbour, half of the hotel's 572 luxuriously appointed guest rooms and suites boast sweeping views of picturesque Hong Kong skyline and breathtaking Victoria Harbour. Located in the proximity of the world-famous Star Ferry and within easy reach of all major transportation systems such as the Mass Transit Railway (MTR) and Guangzhou-Kowloon Through Train Station, the hotel offers easy accessibility within the city and entry into China.

InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong provides the finest selection of world-class dining outlets from famed Cantonese cuisine at Hoi King Heen crafted by award-winning native Chef Leung, unfussy yet utterly delicious Italian delicacies by British celebrity Chef at Theo Mistral by Theo Randall, to contemporary international buffet at Café on M and Tiffany's New York Bar, known as Capital of Whisky with the largest whisky capacity in town. The sheer flexibility of the hotel, with its ample choice of venues complement the state-of-the-art meeting facilities in a comfortable and stylish setting, caters for functions of diverse size.

About Tiffany's New York Bar

Located by the lobby, Tiffany's New York Bar, the capital of whisky in Hong Kong, is the most popular spot for the most discerning whisky connoisseurs. Intimate and cozy, the vibrant and inviting New York-style bar environment is perfectly complemented by tasty snacks and Hong Kong's finest live performances by 5th Dimension – 6 nights a week.

About John Drummond, Resident Manager

Born and raised in Scotland it was inevitable that whisky would be in the blood, falling in love with Scotch whisky industry at a young age and has been pursuing that passion ever since. John was fortunate enough to spend his career traveling the globe, during which time he developed the kind of wanderlust that would become a central part of his career. he started to take his first steps into the world of food and drinks as a chef, later getting into hotel management, during his travels the passion for whisky never faded, his spare time focused on his family and his love of Single Malts sharing his knowledge and tasting experiences with seasoned experts as well as curious beginners to the world of Malts.

As a whisky aficionado, John tastes, collects and teaches.

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Appendix 1 – Master Classes Highlights

Master Class	Brand	Tasting Range	Time	Price
Hine Grande Champagne Cognac	Hine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domaines Hine, Hine Bonnevil 2005 Limited Edition (18Casks) - Domaines Hine, Hine Bonnevil 2006 Limited Edition (19Casks) - Domaines Hine, Hine Single Cask 2003 Limited Edition (only 450 bottles) 	1:00pm-1:30pm	HK\$280 per guest
Discover Paul John - The Great Indian Single Malt	Paul John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul John Brilliance - Paul John Edited - Paul John Bold - Paul John Kanya 	3:45pm-4:30pm	HK\$280 per guest
A Beginner's Guide to Whisky	Glenlivet, Aberlour, Ballantines, Chivas and Jameson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenlivet 12 Year Old - Glenlivet 15 Year Old - Aberlour 12 Year Old - Ballantines 12 Year Old - Chivas Extra - Jameson Irish Whiskey 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$300 per guest
Lost Whisky Legends, 5 Senses Pairing	The Lost Distillery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Lost Distillery Stratheden Archivist (Lowland) - The Lost Distillery Towiemore Archivist (Speyside) - The Lost Distillery Jericho Archivist (Highland) - The Lost Distillery Dalaruan Archivist (Campbeltown) - The Lost Distillery Lossit Archivist (Islay) 	4:00pm-4:45pm	HK\$300 per guest

Mars – A Taste of Japan	Mars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mars Komagatake Yakushima Aging - Mars Komagatake Tsunuki Aging - Mars Komagatake Double Cellar - Mars Komagatake Shinanotanpopo 	5:15pm-6:00pm	HK\$280 per guest
The Dalmore - Gifted with Greatest Sherry Cask	The Dalmore and Matusalem	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Dalmore 12 Year Old - The Dalmore 15 Year Old - The Dalmore Cigar Malt - The Dalmore 18 Year Old - The Dalmore King Alexander III - Matusalem Sherry - Apostles Sherry - Amaroso Sherry 	5:30pm-6:15pm	HK\$300 per guest
The Balvenie - The Magical Chemistry Between Wines, Spirits and Whisky	The Balvenie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Balvenie DoubleWood Aged 12 Years - The Balvenie Caribbean Cask Aged 14 Years - The Balvenie Single Barrel Aged 15 Years - The Balvenie DoubleWood Aged 17 Years - The Balvenie PortWood Aged 21 Years 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$300 per guest
Glenfiddich - The Single Malt Whisky Journey of Excellence	Glenfiddich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenfiddich 12 Year Old - Glenfiddich 15 Year Old - Glenfiddich 18 Year Old - Glenfiddich 21 Year Old - Glenfiddich Excellence 26 Year Old 	2:30pm-3:15pm	HK\$300 per guest
Kavalan – Beyond Your Imagination	Kavalan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kavalan Classic - Kavalan Concert Master - Kavalan Solist Ex Bourbon Cask Cask Strength - Kavalan Solist Sherry Cask Cask Strength - Kavalan Solist Vinho Barrique Cask Strength 	4:00pm-4:45pm	HK\$280 per guest

Benromach - The Classic Speyside Single Malt	Benromach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benromach 35 Year Old - Benromach 1977 - Benromach 15 Year Old - Benromach Triple Distilled - Benromach 2006 Sassicaia Wood Finish 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$650 per guest
Edradour/Signatory - How does the last original "Farm Distillery" work?	Edradour and Signatory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edradour 10 Year Old - Edradour 2006/7 Straight from the Cask Sherry - Edradour Ballechin 10 Year Old - Signatory - Glen Elgin 1995, 21 Year Old - Signatory - Mosstowie 1979, 37 Year Old - Signatory - Clynelish 20 Year Old 	2:30pm-3:15pm	HK\$400 per guest
The Single Malts of Speyside - Glenlivet, Aberlour and Longmorn	The Glenlivet, Aberlour and Longmorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Glenlivet 18 Year Old - The Glenlivet Blenthermen - Aberlour 18 Year Old - Aberlour A'bunadh - Longmorn 16 Year Old - Longmorn 23 Year Old 	5:30pm-6:15pm	HK\$300 per guest
Gordon & Macphail - The Wood Makes the Whisky	Gordon & Macphail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gordon & Macphail - Longmorn 1967 - Gordon & Macphail - Glen Grant 1954 - Gordon & Macphail - Glenlivet 1955 - Gordon & Macphail - Speymalt Macallan 1950 - Gordon & Macphail - Strathisla 1949 	3:00pm-4:00pm	HK\$2,000 per guest
The Macallan - Exceptional Single Cask	The Macallan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask-2017/ESB-9182/01 - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask-2017/ESB-11650/02 - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask-2017/ESB-8841/03 - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask-2017/ESB-5235/04 - The Macallan Exceptional Single Cask-2017/ESB-2339/05 	5:30pm-6:15pm	HK\$2,000 per guest

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Highland Park - The Viking Sound Bite Cask	Highland Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highland Park Viking Scars 10 Year Old - Highland Park Full Volume - Highland Park The Dark 17 Year Old - Highland Park The Light 17 Year Old 	1:30pm-2:10pm	HK\$200 per guest
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The Macallan - The Natural Colour, The Classic	The Macallan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Macallan 1824 Series Gold - The Macallan 1824 Series Amber - The Macallan Limited 2017 Edition Classic Cut - The Macallan 1824 Series Rare Cask - The Macallan 1824 Series Reflexion 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$200 per guest
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The Glenrothes - Disappearing Vintages	The Glenrothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Glenrothes Vintage Reserve 12 Year Old - The Glenrothes Vintage 2004 - The Glenrothes Vintage 1992 - The Glenrothes Vintage 1988 - The Glenrothes Vintage 1976 	5:30pm-6:15pm	HK\$400 per guest