



**HONG KONG'S LARGEST WHISKY EVENT -
HONG KONG WHISKY FESTIVAL 2019 WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD
AT INTERCONTINENTAL GRAND STANFORD HONG KONG**

(Hong Kong, 9 April 2019) – The largest whisky event - Hong Kong Whisky Festival was back by popular demand – the only whisky event in Hong Kong to take up **four storeys for exhibition**. Organized by InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong and Tiffany's New York Bar, the fourth Hong Kong Whisky Festival was successfully held on **30 March 2019**, the event welcomed more than 2,100 whisky lovers. This amazing occasion featured the biggest number of amazing brands ever with **over 1,000 different whisky expressions**, alongside an array of **over 30 exciting master classes** hosted by diverse brand ambassadors. Hong Kong Whisky Festival offers whisky enthusiasts at all levels an opportunity to mingle and meet with world-renowned whisky experts with rare distilleries that can hardly be found elsewhere.

“With an uprising hunger for whisky in Hong Kong in the past few years, we do hope Hong Kong Whisky Festival could promote and educate everyone from novice to experience through numerous industries’ biggest movers and shakers. This whisky festival was well-rounded unlike others, featuring exhibitors of well-known brands, old and rare independent bottles, different brand ambassador and master classes of diverse prices and tasting range, especially with some of Hong Kong’s first ever releases and exclusive bottles. Looking forward to bring another amazing show to Hong Kong next year,” said Mr. John Drummond, Resident Manager and Whisky Ambassador of InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong.

Key Highlights

- **Largest whisky event in Hong Kong with more than four storeys**
Largest among the past four whisky festivals, this year’s event featured more than 1,000 outstanding whisky expressions around the globe. Besides the well-known Scottish and Japanese whiskies, the Whisky Festival also showcased brands from Taiwan, France, Italy, Germany, Ireland, Sweden, India, the USA and The Netherlands, to name a few.

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

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

More than 30 master classes hosted by renowned whisky ambassadors.

The list of highlighted speakers includes:

Mr. Richard Urquhart	- Gordon & MacPhail
Mr. Alan McConnochie	- The GlenDronach & BenRiach
Mr. Martin Markvardsen	- Highland Park
Mr. Antonio Blevé	- Samaroli
Mr. Mark Watt	- Cadenhead's
Mr. Bert Bruyneel	- Asta Morris
Mr. Oliver Chilton	- Elixir Distillers
Mr. Gordon Dundas	- Glengoyne & Rosebank
Mr. Aasdair Stevenson	- GlenAllachie
Mr. David Ding	- The Balvenie & Glenfiddich
Mr. Matt Wright	- Old Pultney & Balblair
Mr. Adam Knox	- The Dalmore
Ms. Chloe Wood	- Bruichladdich
Mr. Michael Hsieh	- The Whisky Agency

Class highlights

- Chivas Blending Class
- Gordon & MacPhail Class
- Cadenheads & Asta Morris class
- Chichibu class
- Samaroli class

- **Bourbon Alley and the great American Barbeque**

The alfresco garden lounge of Tiffany's New York Bar provided an excellent atmosphere and amazing American smokers and BBQs which matched with some of the finest Bourbons.

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

Kavalan 10th Anniversary Bottling – the only place in the world to launch this after Taiwan

Balvenie TUN – one of the most sought after whisky specially crafted for Asia

Gordon & Macphail Private Collection Glenlivet 1954 64 year old, Private Collection

Glen Grant 1948 70 year old – very old whiskies, price of the latter up to **HK\$200,000** per bottle

Glenrothes Vintage 1988/2011 – very rarely to be seen in Hong Kong market

Other highlighted whiskies include:

Macallan 40 year old, Port Ellen 39 year old, Glenmorangie Allta, Glengoyne Teapot Dram, Highland Park Twisted Tattoo, Whisky Agency Bottlings 1960s & 70s, Samaroli bottlings, Scotch Malt Whisky Society Bottles, Ichiro's Malt Chichibu, Ichiro's Malt Hanyu and many more to be discovered...

- **Hong Kong Whisky Festival Exclusive Bottle – Clynelish 2010**

Specially bottled for Hong Kong Whisky Festival, the beautiful 9 years old Single Malt Scotch Whisky was exclusively available for sale at Tiffany's New York Bar. The whisky was distilled in 2010 and matured for 9 years in a Barrel Cask. This bottle was limited to 60 bottles, product of Scotland.

Details and ticketing

Date:	30 March 2019 (Saturday)
Time:	1pm – 8pm
Venue:	InterContinental Grand Stanford Hong Kong 70 Mody Road, Tsimshatsui East, Kowloon, Hong Kong
Official Event Website:	www.hkwhiskyfestival.com
Ticket Prices:	Entry ticket: HK\$320 each (includes a HKWF Glencairn whisky glass, 2 tokens of HK\$30 each, a lanyard and a bottled water) Token: HK\$30 each Master Class: From \$300 to \$2,800 each

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The Hong Kong Whisky Festival 2019 featured more than 1,000 outstanding whisky expressions around the globe



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

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 boasting more than 350 whisky labels, 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 – 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
Gordon & MacPhail Masterclass	Gordon & MacPhail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rare Vintage Mortlach 1986 - Rare Vintage Longmorn 1973 - Rare Vintage Glen Grant 1965 - Private Collection Glenlivet 1954 - 64Year Old Private Collection Glen Grant 1948 70Year Old 	4:00pm-5:00pm	HK\$2,800 per guest
Samaroli Masterclass	Samaroli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glentauchers 1996 22yo Samaroli Coilltean - Sherry 2003 14yo Samaroli Coilltean - Peaty Samaroli Coilltean - Caol Ila (HK Edition) 2007 11yo Samaroli Coilltean - Jamaica Rhapsody Samaroli Coilltean - Over the Word Samaroli Coilltean 	3:30pm-4:15pm	HK\$400 per guest
Chivas Blending Workshop	Chivas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floral - Single Grain - Fruity – Malt - Creamy – Malt - Citrus – Malt - Smokey - Malt 	1:00pm-2:00pm	HK\$300 per guest
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Chivas Blending Workshop	Chivas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Floral - Single Grain - Fruity – Malt - Creamy – Malt - Citrus – Malt - Smokey - Malt 	4:45pm-5:45pm	HK\$450 per guest

1963: Origin of Single Malt Whisky Category	Glenfiddich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenfiddich 12 Year Old - Glenfiddich 15 Year Old - Glenfiddich 18 Year Old - Glenfiddich 21 Year Old - Glenfiddich 30 Year Old 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$350 per guest
Five Rare Crafts: Handcrafting Whiskies the Traditional Way	The Balvenie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Balvenie DoubleWood Aged 12 Years - The Balvenie Caribbean Cask Aged 14 Years - The Balvenie DoubleWood Aged 17 Years - The Balvenie PortWood Aged 21 Years - The Balvenie Thirty Aged 30 Years - The Balvenie Tun 1858 	2:30pm-3:15pm	HK\$450 per guest
Classic Highland and Unconventional Speyside – One Tasting, Two Regions	The GlenDronach and BenRiach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The GlenDronach Allardice Aged 18 Years - The GlenDronach Parliament Aged 21 Years - The BenRiach 21 Years Old - The BenRiach Temporis 21 Years Old Peated - The BenRiach 25 Years Old 	4:15pm-5:00pm	HK\$400 per guest
Exquisite Cask Curation of The Dalmore	The Dalmore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Dalmore 18 Year Old - The Dalmore Cigar Malt - The Dalmore King Alexander III - The Dalmore 20 Year Old 	5:00pm-5:45pm	HK\$300 per guest
An introduction to GlenAllachie Distillers	The GlenAllachie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GlenAllachie 10 Year Old - GlenAllachie 12 Year Old - GlenAllachie 18 Year Old - GlenAllachie Single Cask 13 Year Old - GlenAllachie Single Cask 11 Year Old 	1:45pm-2:30pm	HK\$300 per guest

A Taste of Japan- Masterclass	Mars	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited Edition 2018 - Tsunuki Aging 2018 - Double Cellars 2019 - Yakushima 2019 - New Make 408 Days 	4:15pm-5:00pm	HK\$350 per guest
Kavalan 10 th Anniversary Masterclass	Kavalan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kavalan Classic - Kavalan Solist Vinho Barrique - Kavalan Solist Amontillado - Kavalan 10th An. Margaux Cask - Kavalan 10th An. Pauillac Cask 	12:30pm-1:15pm	HK\$350 per guest
Michel Couvreur Masterclass	Michel Couvreur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michel Couvreur Clearach - Michel Couvreur Overaged - Michel Couvreur Candid - Michel Couvreur Special Vatting 	5:45pm-6:30pm	HK\$350 per guest
Elixir Distillers Masterclass	Elixir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port Askaig 10 year old - new release to celebrate Port Askaig's 10th Anniversary 2019 - Port Askaig 28 year old - new release to celebrate Port Askaig's 10th Anniversary 2019 - SMOS Aird Mhor 8 year old for Whiskies & More 2nd Anniversary - SMOS Clynelish 9 year old for Hong Kong Whisky Festival 2019 - SMOS Miltoduff 17 year old 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$350 per guest
What are Bert's or are Mark's the preferred? - a friendly whisky tasting competition between two whisky lovers!	Asta Morris Cadenhead's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glenburgie 10 Years - Glenburgie 13 Years - Fettercairn 2006/2016 - Fettercairn 2008/2018 - Pete'Series - An Islay Distillery 	3:15pm-4:00pm	HK\$400 per guest

Old Pulteney Masterclass	Old Pulteney	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Old Pulteney 12 Year Old - Old Pulteney Huddart - Old Pulteney 15 Year Old - Old Pulteney 18 Year Old - Old Pulteney 25 Year Old - Old Pulteney New Make Spirit 	5:45pm-6:30pm	HK\$300 per guest
The Real Flavour of Taiwanese Whisky	Omar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Omar - Cask Strenght Malt Whisky - Lychee Liqueur - Omar - Cask Strenght Malt Whisky - Plum Liqueur - Omar - Cask Strenght Malt Whisky - Black Queen Wine Liqueur - Omar - Cask Strenght Malt Whisky - Orange Brandy 	5:00pm-5:45pm	HK\$300 per guest
Whiskies over a quarter of a Century Old	The Scotch Malt Whisky Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SMWS G1.16 North British 1991 26yo - CHARDONNAY FLAVORED WHITE WINE GUMS - SMWS 105.24 Speyside 1992 25yo - SUCH STUFF AS DRAMS ARE MADE ON - SMWS 38.23 Caperdonich 1992 26yo - KISSING A PEAR - SMWS 39.174 Linkwood 1990 28yo - THE SHAMAN WILL SEE YOU NOW... 	5:00pm-5:45pm	HK\$450 per guest
The Viking Resonance	Highland Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valkyrie - Valknut - Leif Eriksson Release - Twisted Tattoo - Hkexcl. 	1:00pm-1:45pm	HK\$300 per guest
The Viking Resonance	Highland Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Valkyrie - Valknut - Leif Eriksson Release - Twisted Tattoo - Hkexcl. 	2:45pm-3:30pm	HK\$300 per guest

The Macallan Masterclass	The Macallan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Macallan Double Cask Gold - The Macallan Double Cask 12 - The Macallan Terra - The Macallan Enigma - The Macallan Rare Cask Batch 1 - The Macallan Rare Cask Black 	1:45pm-2:30pm	HK\$350 per guest
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Disappearing Vintages	The Glenrothes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Glenrothes 12 year old - The Glenrothes Whisky Makers Cut - The Glenrothes Elders' Reserve 18 year old - The Glenrothes 18 year old - The Glenrothes Vintage 1988/2011 - The Glenrothes 25 year old 	5:45pm-6:30pm	HK\$400 per guest