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International Beverage Celebrates More Big Wins as San Francisco Results Announced

International Beverage Holdings has continued its remarkable winning streak this year with a clutch of eleven medals at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition – including the highest award for a recently launched expression of anCnoc Highland single malt Scotch whisky.

Results from these most respected and influential global awards saw anCnoc's dark and smoky 'Rascañ' – launched late last year as the fourth global expression in anCnoc's successful Peaty Collection - take the highly coveted 'Double Gold Medal', indicating an outstanding product earning top marks from all competition judges.

In a field of more than 1,850 entries, the business scooped a further four Gold Medals across its exceptional portfolio - for anCnoc 12 Year Old, Old Pulteney 12 Year Old, Balblair Vintage 2005 and Hankey Bannister Original Blend.

Silver Medals were awarded to Old Pulteney Navigator, Balblair Vintage 1999, Speyburn 10 Year Old, Speyburn Arranta Casks and Caorunn Small Batch Scottish Gin, with Speyburn Bradan Orach taking Bronze.

Since its introduction in 2000, the San Francisco World Spirits Competition has grown to become one of the most respected and influential spirits competitions in the world. Winners are chosen during a rigorous four day blind tasting process, and achieving a medal indicates a spirit of the highest quality that is amongst the very best that the global industry has to offer.

These prized accolades for International Beverage come just days after 'Maritime Malt' Old Pulteney won another of the industry's most prestigious prizes, with its 1989 Vintage crowned 'World's Best Single Malt' at the 2016 World Whiskies Awards.

International Beverage Marketing Director Karen Walker commented: *"This has been an extraordinary start to the year for everyone in our business. Spirits are still high following our huge win at the World Whiskies Awards, so this news from San Francisco means that the celebrations across our five distilleries will continue. These awards really are the top honours*



in our industry, and the tough judging process and strict criteria mean that a medal of any colour is very special. My congratulations and thanks go to our hard working and dedicated distillery teams who continue to craft spirits of such quality and character. We are all very proud to see their efforts recognised on the global stage in this way.”

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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.