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£15m distillery plan will raise spirits in Stirling

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Plans: An artist's impression of the new distillery.

A £15 million Scotch whisky distillery has been proposed for Stirling which could see the creation of 50 full-time jobs.

The Wolfcraig Distillery project is founded by Michael Lunn, former chairman and chief executive of Whyte and Mackay Group, and co-directors John Moore and Jamie Lunn.

The application lays out plans for a whisky experience near the city that will incorporate the distillery, an interactive, education-focused family visitor attraction, private tasting room and 180-cover bistro restaurant and bar.

Working alongside the management team will be a trio of industry experts: Dr Alan Rutherford, former production director at Diageo, former Bacardi UK operations director Iain Lochhead and master distiller Ian Macmillan.

Subject to planning approval, construction is expected to get underway in spring 2021 with the distillery set to open its doors in summer 2022.

Designed by Opfer Logan Architects, the building will enjoy views across to the Wallace Monument and Stirling Castle. It will also harness the latest technologies to ensure that sustainability is at its core.

The distillery will have the capacity to produce up to 1.5 million litres of spirit per year and will focus on producing premium Wolfcraig Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky in addition to a range of other associated spirits.

Mr Lunn said: "Our distillery will encourage visitors and tourists to spend more time in and around Stirling, helping to boost both the local and national economies.

"In addition to producing a premium Highland Single Malt, we want to offer a state-of-the-art immersive experience for people of all ages and knowledge levels.

“Our research indicates the distillery could attract around 90,000 visitors in its first year given its proximity to Glasgow and Edinburgh.”

Alyn Smith, MP for Stirling, said: “This is a great opportunity for Gargunnoch, Cambusbarron and Stirling as a whole. I think there is great potential for a top quality, local, sustainable business which will be good news for farmers, locals and visitors.”

Initial private investment has been secured with further investment opportunities being made available to the public via a variety of founder membership packages.