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Richard Paterson joins Wolfcraig Distillery as master blender

Richard Paterson to continue work with Whyte & Mackay alongside new master
blender role



Richard Paterson has been named master blender at the new Wolfcraig Distillery in Scotland.

Whisky veteran Richard Paterson is to take up a new role as master blender at Scotland's Wolfcraig Distillery.

Richard is set to play a leading role in the foundation of the new Wolfcraig Distillery, which has set itself a mission to redefine the Scotch whisky category through new technologies and already has a weight of industry expertise behind it.

Alongside the new position, Richard will continue his commitments with Whyte & Mackay, with whom he recently celebrated his 50th anniversary.

Nicknamed 'The Nose' for his olfactory gifts, Richard is a stalwart of the Scotch whisky industry and is a third-generation master blender, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Through passion, tenacity and a touch of unconventionality, he has pushed boundaries in the industry and helped to develop some of the world's most collectable and valuable single malts.

His expertise and dedication have been rewarded through numerous industry commendations, including the Icons of Whisky Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the *Whisky Magazine* Hall of Fame.

Of his new appointment, Richard said: "This will be an opportunity for me to use all the knowledge I have learned over 55 years in the business to create a truly exceptional Highland single malt – one that can be enjoyed the world over."

Founded by Michael Lunn, former chairman and CEO of Whyte & Mackay Group, John Moore and Jamie Lunn, Wolfcraig Distillery is supported by 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.

Michael Lunn said: "We are honoured and proud to welcome Richard as Wolfcraig's master blender. Together with our already formidable team, his knowledge, commitment and long-term vision will help establish the Wolfcraig brand both at home and internationally."

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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 alongside a range of other associated spirits.