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'The nose' takes key role at new Wolfcraig distillery

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Master blender: Richard Paterson

Veteran whisky maker **Richard Paterson** will take on the role of master blender at the new Wolfcraig Distillery to be built near Stirling.

He will take up the position alongside his continuing commitments with Whyte & Mackay with whom he recently celebrated his 50th anniversary.

Following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, Mr Paterson is regarded as one of the greatest whisky makers of his generation. Nicknamed “the nose” for his olfactory skills, he is regarded as a giant of the Scotch Whisky industry.

He has been key to the development of some of the world’s most collectable and valuable Single Malts and it is his lifelong passion for Scotch Whisky which drew him to the Wolfcraig project, and to play a leading role in the foundation of a new distillery.

The project is led by founders Michael Lunn, a former chairman and chief executive of Whyte and Mackay Group, along with John Moore and Jamie Lunn.

Mr 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.”

Mr Paterson added: “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.”