

Press release

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Glenfarclas launches limited edition single malt - the oldest whisky in its history

The Glenfarclas distillery has launched a 58-year-old whisky – the oldest spirit ever to leave its walls. Only 400 numbered single cask bottles will be put on the market.

The single cask whisky launched by Glenfarclas is the oldest spirit released so far by the distillery. The privilege of exclusive access to the distillery's rarest and oldest stock, the remaining 4 casks distilled in 1953, were given by George Grant, of Glenfarclas to a panel comprised of Serge Valentin, a whisky connoisseur and a key member of the internationally renowned Malt Maniacs, Ben Ellefsen, Sales Director for Master of Malt (Whisky Magazine's 'Global Online Retailer of the Year' 2012), Michał Kowalski of Wealth Solutions and George Grant himself. The panel was unanimous in their selection, and cask #1674 was selected to be bottled.

The carefully chosen cask began its life in Spain, where it was used to mature and then transport fine sherry to Scotland. It was bought by Glenfarclas and filled with whisky on 20 November 1953. After 58 years of slow maturation in Glenfarclas' traditional Highland Dunnage warehouses, the 1953 cask yielded only 400 full 70 cl bottles. The whisky was bottled at cask strength of 47.2% abv and, of course, is naturally coloured and non-chill filtered.

Layer upon layer of flavour. A splendid old whisky; still lively, and not displaying any woodiness. Much influenced by the American oak cask, but wholly beneficially. Best enjoyed unreduced. Cheerful and friendly at natural strength, said Charles MacLean, a writer and whisky connoisseur, summarising his appraisal of the spirit. This exceptional whisky deserves a special setting. Each bottle is accompanied by a special book written by Ian Buxton, a well-known Scotch whisky enthusiast and writer, the author of the official history of the Glenfarclas distillery entitled *Glenfarclas – An Independent Distillery*. The whole set is enclosed in a plain oak box.

This limited edition Glenfarclas whisky has been selected specially for customers of Wealth Solutions, a company providing products for the most demanding Polish collectors and investors. *We are very excited to offer one of the oldest casks of whisky which we have in Glenfarclas to Polish whisky lovers. It's fantastic to see so many Polish people interested in such an old and rare whisky,* said George Grant, Brand Ambassador at Glenfarclas. *It is a real honour for us to offer our customers the ability of purchasing that exceptional whisky. So far, our offer has met with their huge interest,* said Michał Kowalski, Vice President of Wealth Solutions.

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About the Glenfarclas distillery:

- Glenfarclas Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky has been distilled on Speyside for six generations by one family – the Grants.
- The Glenfarclas Distillery was legally established in 1836, on the Recherlich Farm at Ballindalloch, in the heart of Speyside.
- In 2011, J. & G. Grant celebrated the 175th Anniversary of licensed distilling at Glenfarclas.
- In 1865, John Grant purchased the distillery for £511.19s.0d. Fifth generation John L. S. Grant, Chairman, and his son George S. Grant, Director of Sales, look set to continue the legacy of their forefathers.
- Situated in the heart of Speyside – the malt whisky country – Glenfarclas, translated from the Gaelic as “Glen of the green grassland”, nestles at the foot of the Ben Rinnes mountain.
- The Glenfarclas Distillery Visitor Centre, which opened in 1973, is one of the original distillery visitor centres. In addition to the regular tour, a Connoisseurs Tour is offered on Fridays in the summer.

George Grant – is the sixth generation of the family and the company's Brand Ambassador. George joined the family business in 2000 after working for another Scotch whisky distiller and the Glenfarclas distributor in Hong Kong, Fine Vintages (Far East) Ltd. George is passionate about Glenfarclas and particularly enjoys introducing whisky lovers to the older expressions of Glenfarclas, those distilled by his grandfather and watched over by his father.

Ian Buxton – a whisky connoisseur and writer. On the occasion of cooperation between Wealth Solutions and the legendary distillery, he has prepared an exceptional book on Glenfarclas which will accompany each bottle. Ian has been engaged in the market for almost 25 years, and has written a number of articles and books devoted to whisky, including the bestseller *101 Whiskies to Try Before You Die*. In recognition of the many years of his accomplishments for Scotch whisky, in 1991 he was elected to the exclusive circle of the Keepers of the Quaich. He is also a member of the chapter in the World Whisky Awards competition.

About Wealth Solutions:

Wealth Solutions was established in 2007 with a mission to provide unique products for Polish collectors and investors. It was created by real enthusiasts for luxury goods such as fine Bordeaux wines, top quality Scotch whisky and art.

These assets are perceived not only as sound alternative investments but also as an important element of prestigious private collections and the luxury lifestyle. Today, with more than £30m worth of fine wines purchased by its clients, Wealth Solutions is regarded as one of the top wine banking advisors in Europe. The company has also introduced a unique group investment in real estate allowing individuals to profit from the increases in value of land in Poland.

Over the past five years, more than 6,500 clients have trusted Wealth Solutions by purchasing top quality collectibles and using the company's expertise in alternative investments.