

Scotch Whisky: Investing in Scotland



The Scotch Whisky industry makes a vital contribution to the Scottish economy – our distillers support over 40,000 jobs, contribute in excess of £1bn in tax revenue, and export nearly £3bn of whisky worldwide every year.

Many local communities - from Glasgow to the Highlands & Islands - are supported by the global success of Scotch Whisky. Scotland's distillers are investing in those communities and in whisky's future sustainability, including:

- In excess of £500m in new capital investment across Scotland over the last 18 months.
- New distilleries opened or planned in Speyside and the north-east, Argyll & Bute, Ayrshire, Galloway, the Lothians, and the Highlands & Islands.
- 'Silent' distilleries brought back into production and current distilleries expanded in Argyll & Bute, Fife, Speyside, and the Highlands & Islands.
- State of the art bottling facilities, blending and warehousing expanded in Glasgow, Lanarkshire, the Lothians, Speyside and the Highlands & Islands.
- Major new investments in energy efficiency, bio-energy and other sustainable technologies. Distillers have exceeded challenging government climate change targets at a time when production has increased.
- New capital expenditure is additional to over £700m annual investment with Scottish suppliers of goods and services across the industry supply chain, including with farmers, packaging manufacturers, plant & machinery, and transport providers.



Stills being installed at the new Roseisle distillery in Speyside



The Scotch Whisky industry's investment in Scotland, and its commitment to a sustainable future, is good news for the wider Scottish economy.

Further information from: The Scotch Whisky Association