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THE ULTIMATE WHISKY COLLECTION PART II

**To Headline Sotheby's Inaugural Annual "Halloween" Spirits Sale in
London on 31 October 2020**



***Sale to Open with A Unique Offering at Auction of
A New Collection of Six Classic Aged Single Malt Whiskies
from The Macallan Distillery, Launching on 15 October***

Proceeds to be Donated to Global Food Charity, City Harvest



LONDON, 2 October 2020 – Almost one year ago, Sotheby's made history in the world of collectible spirits when the sale of *The Ultimate Whisky Collection* achieved £7.6 million (\$10 million), the highest total for any whisky

collection ever offered at auction. Headlined by a bottle of The Macallan Fine & Rare 60-Year-Old 1926, which set an auction record for any bottle of wine or spirit at £1.5 million (\$1.9 million), the sale was 100% sold, with all 391 lots snapped up by collectors eager to acquire sought-after and iconic bottlings.

Now, on Saturday, 31 October in London, Sotheby's will offer The Ultimate Whisky Collection Part II, as part of a wider sale of spirits – *The Ultimate Whisky Collection Part II + More* – that will bring together whiskies from renowned distilleries in Scotland, Ireland and Japan. The sale marks Sotheby's first annual auction of Spirits to fall on day that Halloween is celebrated around the world.

Jonny Fowle, Sotheby's Spirits Specialist, said: *"After launching Sotheby's Spirits business last year, this segment of the wine and spirits market has seen the fastest growth, not least during these past six months, with three new world auction record prices, and an increase in buying and bidding from both new and young collectors. The appreciation for whisky is incredibly diverse and our younger collectors are showing a keen interest in understanding the nuances of age, rarity and provenance, whether acquiring bottles for current drinking, special occasions, or to treasure for the future."*

This season, we are thrilled to present the first of our annual spirits sales to take place on Halloween, not least with the second part of the Ultimate Whisky Collection and an opportunity for collectors to get their hands on a complete set of The Macallan's new collection, so soon after its official launch. Our sale of part one a year ago – our first-ever single-owner spirits auction – marked an historic moment for the spirits market, with new benchmark prices and a fresh approach to selling whisky. This year's offering, though lower in value, is testament to the quality of the collection in its depth and breadth. With The Macallan continuing to take the dominant pole position in our spirits sales, it is a real pleasure for us to open the auction with one of the most exciting launches in the world of collectible whisky in recent years."

In a collaboration with The Macallan, to mark the launch of a new classic aged collection of single malt from The Macallan Distillery, the sale will open with a complete set of six whiskies from age 40 Years Old to the oldest whisky ever released by the brand. The proceeds generated from this one-off offering at auction will be donated to global food charity, City Harvest, which redistributes surplus from the food industry to vulnerable people internationally. *Full details will be revealed on 15 October, to coincide with The Macallan's official launch.*

Assembled by a private American Connoisseur over some 20 years, The Ultimate Whisky Collection was most comprehensive catalogue of whisky ever to be offered by a single owner in a single auction. This year's offering will present 190 lots of Scotch, Japanese and Irish whiskies, estimated to bring in the region of £800,000. The roll-call of all 37 distilleries represented in the sale is equally extensive, including: Ardbeg, Auchentoshan, The Balvenie, The BenRiach Benrinnes, Benromach, Bowmore, Brora, Bruichladdich, Bunnahabhain, Caol Ila, Cragganmore, The Dalmore, Glen Grant, Glen Mhor, Glenburgie, Glendronach, Glenfarclas, Glenfiddich, Glengoyne, The Glenlivet, Glenlossie, Glenturret, Hibiki, Highland Park, Imperial, Knappogue Castle, Laphroaig, Linkwood, The Macallan, Milntown, Mortlach, Mosstowie, North British, Springbank, Strathisla and Tomatin.

ULTIMATE WHISKY COLLECTION PART II AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

63 Macallan Lots with a low estimate of £501,000

Including:

4 bottles from The Macallan in Lalique 6 Pillars Collection (Combined low estimate: £215,000)



The Macallan 50 Year Old 1928 (Estimate: £30,000-45,000)



20 bottles of The Macallan Fine & Rare (Combined low estimate: £153,400)



The Macallan Red Ribbon 1938 (Estimate: £10,000-13,000, illustrated on page 1)

The Macallan Millennium Decanter 50 Year Old 1949 (Estimate: £15,000-20,000)



21 Bowmore lots with a combined low estimate of £124,000

Including:

The full Bowmore Trilogy (Combined low estimate: £36,500)



Bowmore 50 Year Old Last Cask 1964 (Estimate: £32,000-38,000)

Bowmore 52 Year Old 1965 (Estimate: £24,000-30,000)

Bowmore Samaroli Bouquet 1966 (Estimate: £20,000-30,000)



Other highlights:

Dalmore Candela (Estimate: £19,000-24,000)



Glenfiddich 50 Year Old Original Release (Estimate: £15,000-20,000)

Glenfiddich 50 Year Old Second Release (Estimate: £15,000-20,000)



Glenlivet Gordon & Macphail Generations 70 Year Old 1940 (Estimate: £14,000-19,000)



The Balvenie 50 Year Old 1963 (Estimate: £13,000-19,000)



Laphroaig Samaroli 1970 (Estimate: £9,000-13,000)



The Glenlivet Samaroli 27 Year Old 1955 (Estimate: £8,000-11,000)



'...+ MORE' AUCTION HIGHLIGHTS

Whiskies from an Important Italian Collector

43 bottles (Combined low estimate: £210,000)

16 bottles of Samaroli



Whisky from the Collection of a European Gentleman

66 bottles (Combined low estimate: £70,000)

27x Macallan, 13x Ardbeg, 12x Glenmorangie, 8x Port Ellen

Other Highlights:

Port Ellen 40 Year Old Cask #1885 – only 78 bottles produced (Estimate: £20,000-26,000)

Springbank Limited Edition Millennium Collection (Estimate: £18,000-26,000)

4x Gordon & MacPhail Private Collection Ultra Decanters from Glenlivet, Mortlach, Linkwood and Strathisla
(To be sold individually for £6,000-8,000 each)

Macallan 52 Year Old Select Reserve 1956 (Estimate: £10,000-14,000)

11 bottles of The Macallan 18 1958, sold as individual lots (Combined low estimate: £26,400)



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Notes to editors

Full results of The Ultimate Whisky Collection, Sotheby's London, 24 October 2019, available [here](#). Post-sale press release available on request.

About Sotheby's Wine

Sotheby's Wine's annual worldwide sales in 2019 significantly exceeded \$100 million for the second consecutive year, led by a 20% increase in auction sales to a total of \$118 million – the highest-ever annual total in Sotheby's history.

Sotheby's Wine, with a store located within the auction house's worldwide headquarters on New York's Upper East Side, offers a carefully curated selection of wines from the world's most prestigious producers and important regions. Expertly assembled by Sotheby's' experienced specialists, the ever-evolving selection is built upon lasting relationships with winemakers from across the globe, with prices beginning at just \$13.95. With bottles that are ready for immediate consumption, in addition to investment-worthy wines from highly sought-after vintages, each wine is chosen for its

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