



LAICHMORAY

— HOTEL —

Malt Whisky Lounge

Welcome to the Laichmoray



The Laichmoray Hotel started its life as the Great Northern Station Hotel and the Victorian building has been tastefully and continually upgraded without losing any of its character.

Warmth of atmosphere is the priority of the day at the Laichmoray for business guests and those wishing to relax and discover Moray alike. We offer personal attention and a professional service second to none.



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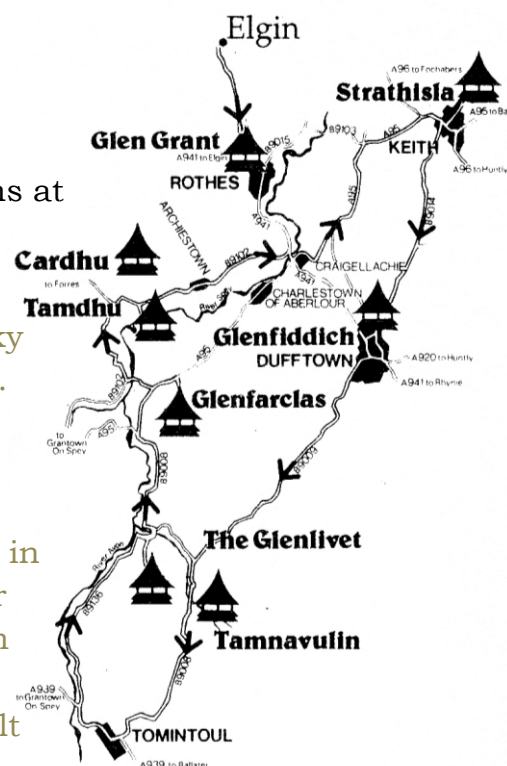
Open throughout the day and well into the evening the Laichmoray's Malt whisky Lounge is a calm and relaxing space to enjoy a dram at the end of a long day.

With over 130 malt whiskies for you to sample (not all at once..) we hope you find the perfect malt to suit your pallet! If you are having trouble finding that special malt then why not consult our bar staff who are on hand to part knowledge on the whiskies which we have in house.

The Adventure begins

Here at the Hotel we believe the Malt Whisky trail begins at the Laichmoray and ends at the Laichmoray.

Situated in prime position, Elgin is an ideal pit stop for those daring to adventure along the famous Malt Whisky Trail encompassing eight distilleries and one cooperage. Each whisky distillery on the tour follows its own traditions, lore and recipes for everything from malting barley to the height and size of its stills. The unique characteristics of each Speyside whisky distillery result in delightful, hand-crafted whisky from each one. All offer visitors a sample of the finished product and include an informative nosing and tasting while others give an insight into the complex art of blending whisky and malt



A brief history of Scotch Whisky

The Gaelic "usquebaugh", meaning "Water of Life", phonetically became "usky" and then "whisky" in English. However it is known, Scotch Whisky, Scotch or Whisky (as opposed to whiskey), it has captivated a global market.

Scotland has internationally protected the term "Scotch". For a whisky to be labelled Scotch it has to be produced in Scotland. If it is to be called Scotch, it cannot be produced in England, Wales, Ireland, America or anywhere else. Excellent whiskies are made by similar methods in other countries, notably Japan, but they cannot be called Scotches. They are most often referred to as "whiskey". While they might be splendid whiskies, they do not captivate the tastes of Scotland.

"Eight bolls of malt to Friar John Cor wherewith to make aqua vitae"

The entry above appeared in the Exchequer Rolls as long ago as 1494 and appears to be the earliest documented record of distilling in Scotland. This was sufficient to produce almost 1500 bottles, and it becomes clear that distilling was already a well-established practice.

The distilling process was originally applied to perfume, then to wine, and finally adapted to fermented mashes of cereals in countries where grapes were not plentiful. The spirit was universally termed aqua vitae ('water of life') and was commonly made in monasteries, and chiefly used for medicinal purposes, being prescribed for the preservation of health, the prolongation of life, and for the relief of colic, palsy and even smallpox. There were monastic distilleries in Ireland in the late-12th century.

The primitive equipment used at the time and the lack of scientific expertise meant that the spirit produced in those days was probably potent, and occasionally even harmful. During the course of the 15th century, along with better still design, the dissolution of the monasteries contributed to an improvement in the quality of the spirits produced. Many of the monks, driven from their sanctuaries, had no choice but to put their distilling skills to use. The knowledge of distilling then quickly spread to others.

The increasing popularity eventually attracted the attention of the Scottish parliament, which introduced the first taxes on malt and the end product in the latter part of the 17th century. Ever increasing rates of taxation were applied following The Act of Union with England in 1707, when England set out to tame the rebellious clans of Scotland. The distillers were driven underground.

A long and often bloody battle arose between the excisemen, or gaugers, as they were known, and the illicit distillers, for whom the excise laws were alien in both their language and their inhibiting intent. Smuggling became standard practice for some 150 years and there was no moral stigma attached to it. Ministers of the Kirk made storage space available under the pulpit, and the illicit spirit was, on

occasion, transported by coffin - any effective means was used to escape the watchful eyes of the Excise men.

Clandestine stills were cleverly organised and hidden in nooks and crannies of the heather-clad hills, and smugglers organised signaling systems from one hilltop to another whenever excise officers were seen to arrive in the vicinity. By the 1820s, despite the fact that as many as 14,000 illicit stills were being confiscated every year, more than half the whisky consumed in Scotland was being swallowed painlessly and with pleasure, without contributing a penny in duty.

This flouting of the law eventually prompted the Duke of Gordon, on whose extensive acres some of the finest illicit whisky in Scotland was being produced, to propose in the House of Lords that the Government should make it profitable to produce whisky legally.

In 1823 the Excise Act was passed, which sanctioned the distilling of whisky in return for a license fee of £10, and a set payment per gallon of proof spirit. Smuggling died out almost completely over the next ten years and, in fact, a great many of the present day distilleries stand on sites used by smugglers of old.

The Excise Act laid the foundations for the Scotch Whisky industry, as we know it today. However, two further developments put Scotch Whisky on firmly on the world map.

Until now, we have been talking about what we now know as Malt Whisky. But, in 1831 Aeneas Coffey invented the Coffey or Patent Still, which enabled a continuous process of distillation to take place. This led to the production of Grain Whisky, a different, less intense spirit than the Malt Whisky produced in the distinctive copper pot stills. The lighter flavored Grain Whisky, when blended with the more fiery malts, extended the appeal of Scotch Whisky to a considerably wider market.

The second major helping hand came unwittingly from France. By the 1880s, the phylloxera beetle had devastated the vineyards of France, and within a few years, wine and brandy had virtually disappeared from cellars everywhere. The Scots were quick to take advantage of the calamity, and by the time the French industry recovered, Scotch Whisky had replaced brandy as the preferred spirit of choice.

Since then Scotch Whisky has survived. It has survived Prohibition, wars and revolutions, economic depressions and recessions, to maintain its position today as the international spirit of choice, extending to more than 200 countries throughout the world.

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Malt Whisky Lounge collection

Highland Malts

The Highland region includes most of Scotland above an imaginary line drawn from the Clyde estuary to the Tay estuary, with the exception of the Islands, and thus its malts vary greatly in character. Generalisations about the Highland region are less valid, as its whiskies will range from dry to sweet and some even have a touch of smoke and peat. The Speyside region is home to approximately half of Scotland's malt whisky distilleries. This small area of land located to the north west of Aberdeen produces mellow, sweet, and particularly fruity malt whiskies

Aberfeldy	12 Year Old	40%	£4.20
Aberlour	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Aberlour	A'bunadh	60.9%	£5.35
Aberlour	16Year Old	40%	£6.20
Allt-a-Bhainne		40%	£4.70
AnCnoc	12 Year Old	40%	£3.55
AnCnoc	18 Year Old	46%	£9.00
Ardmore Legacy		40%	£4.35
Aultmore 12	12 Year Old	46%	£6.20
The Arran Malt	10 Year Old	46%	£5.35
The Arran Malt	12 Year Old	53.2%	£5.35
Auchroisk	10 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Aultmore	2000	46%	£6.20
Balblair	2005 Vintage	46%	£4.70
Balmenach	2004	46%	£4.20
Balvenie Caribbean Cask	14 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Balvenie Double Wood	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Balvenie Double Wood	17 Year Old	43%	£9.55
Balvenie Port Wood	21 Year Old	40%	£14.70
Ben Nevis	10 Year Old	46%	£4.20
Benriach	12 Year Old	46%	£4.35
Benrinnes	15 Year Old	43%	£8.00
Benromach	10 Year Old	43%	£4.35
Benromach	Organic	43%	£5.35
Blair Atholl	12 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Braeval	14 Year Old	48%	£8.00
Cardhu	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Cardhu	21 Year Old	54.2%	£22.55
Clynelish	14 Year Old	46%	£5.35
Craigellachie	17 Year Old	46%	£12.60
Cragganmore	12 Year Old	40%	£4.35

Cu Dhub		40%	£4.35
Dailuaine	16 Year Old	46%	£3.55
Dalmore	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Dalmore	18 Year Old	43%	£12.60
Dalmore	Cigar Malt	44%	£8.00
Dalwhinnie	15 Year Old	43%	£4.70
Deanston	12 Year Old	46.3%	£4.70
Edradour	10 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Fettercairn	Fior	42%	£4.70
Glenallachie	12 Year Old	46%	£4.70
Glenburgie	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Glencadam	10 Year Old	46%	£4.20
Glen Coe	8 Year Old	58%	£4.20
Glen Deveron	12 Year Old	40%	£4.20
Glendronach	12 Year Old	43%	£4.35
Glendronach Allardice	18 Year Old	46%	£6.20
Glen Elgin	12 Year Old	43%	£4.70
Glenfarclas	10 Year Old	40%	£4.20
Glenfarclas	15 Year Old	46%	£5.35
Glenfarclas 105	Cask Strength	60%	£5.35
Glenfiddich	12 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Glenfiddich	15 Year Old	40%	£5.35
Glenfiddich	18 Year Old	40%	£8.00
Glenfiddich	21 Year Old	40%	£14.70
Glenfiddich Experimental	Fire & Cane	43%	£5.33
Glenfiddich Experimental	IPA	43%	£6.20
Glenfiddich Experimental	XX	47%	£5.35
Glenfiddich Experimental	Winter Storm	43%	£30.00
Glen Garioch	12 Year Old	48%	£4.70
Glenglassaugh	Revival	46%	£4.70
Glengoyne	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Glen Grant	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Glen Grant	12 Year Old	43%	£4.20
Glen Grant	The Mjors Reserve	40%	£3.55
Glenlivet	18 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Glenlivet	Founders Reserve	40%	£4.20
Glenlossie	10 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Glenmorangie	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Glenmorangie Quinta Ruban	12 Year Old	46%	£6.20
Glenmorangie Lasanta	12 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Glenmorangie Nector D'or	12 Year Old	46%	£9.00
Glenmorangie Milsean		46%	£12.60
Glenmorangie Extra Rare	18 Year Old	43%	£12.60
Glen Moray Classic		40%	£3.55
Glen Moray Chardonnay	10 Year old	40%	£3.55
Glen Moray	15 Year Old	40%	£4.70

Glen Ord	12 Year Old	43%	£22.55
Glenrothes	Select Reserve	43%	£5.35
Glen Spey	12 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Glentauchers	1991	43%	£12.60
Inchgower	14 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Knockando	12 Year Old	43%	£4.20
Linkwood	12 Year Old	43%	£9.00
Linkwood	15 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Loch Lomond	18 Year Old	43%	£8.00
Longmorn	16 Year Old	48%	£6.20
Macallan	Gold Dbl Cask	40%	£4.70
Macallan	Quest	40%	£8.00
Macallan	Lumina	41.3%	£12.00
Macallan	Terra	43.8%	£22.80
Macallan	Enigma	44.9%	£30.00
Macallan	12 Year Old	40%	£6.20
Mannachmore	12 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Milntoduff	10 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Monkey Shoulder		40%	£4.35
Mortlach	18 Year Old	43.4%	£30.00
Oban	14 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Old Pulteney	12 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Old Pulteney	21 Year Old	46%	£30.00
Royal Brackla	12 Year Old	40%	£5.35
Royal Lochnager	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Singleton of Dufftown	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Speyburn	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Strathisla	12 Year Old	40%	£4.20
Strathmill	12 Year Old	43%	£5.35
Tamdhu	10 Year Old	40%	£4.20
Teaninich	10 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Tomatin	CuBacan	46%	£5.35
Tomatin	18 Year Old	46%	£8.00
Tomintoul	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Tormore	14 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Tullibardine 500	Sherry Finish	43%	£4.70
Wolfburn	3 Year Old	46%	£5.35

Lowland Malts

Lowland malts are dry, when compared with their Highland counterparts, and although often quite spirit are light whiskies with generally fewer individual differences than those of other regions

Ailsa Bay	3 Year Old	48.9%	£6.20
Auchentoshan	12 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Bladnoch	10 Year Old	43%	£22.55
Glenkinchie	12 Year Old	43%	£4.35
Glen Scotia	8 Year Old	40%	£12.60
Kilkerran	2008	58.6%	£14.70
Springbank	10 Year Old	46%	£4.35

Deluxe Whisky

Deluxe blends, blended from a combination of malt and grain whisky spirits, lighter in style than most single malt whisky.

Chivas	12 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Chivas	18 Year Old	40%	£5.35

Island Malts

The island produces very distinct malts, generally heavily peated and smoky in taste. Medium to full bodied.

Highland Park	12 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Highland Park	18 Year Old	43%	£12.60
Highland Park – Freya	15 Year Old	51.2%	£30.00
Isle of Jura	10 Year Old	40%	£3.55
Isle of Jura	Superstition	43%	£4.70
Ledaig	10 Year Old	46.3%	£4.70
Scapa	Glansa	40%	£5.35
Talisker	10 Year Old	45.8%	£4.35
Tobermory	10 Year Old	46.3%	£4.20

Islay Malts

Islay malts have a smoky character derived from peat, considered a central characteristic of the Islay malts, and ascribed both to the water from which the whisky is made and to the peating levels of the barley. Many describe this as a “medicinal” flavour. They also possess notes of iodine, seaweed and salt. Caol Ila, on the northern side of the island, across from Jura, also produces a strongly peated whisky.

Ardbeg	10 Year Old	46%	£4.70
Ardbeg	Uigeadail	54.2%	£8.00
Ardbeg	ANOA	46.6%	£5.35
Bowmore	12 Year Old	40%	£4.35
Bruichladdich	The Classic Laddie	50%	£4.70
Bunnahabhain	12 Year Old	46.3%	£4.35
Caol Ila	12 Year Old	43%	£4.70
Kilchoman	Cask Strength 16	56.9%	£8.00
Lagavulin	16 Year Old	43%	£6.20
Laphroaig	10 Year Old	40%	£4.70
Laphroaig	Quarter Cask	48%	£5.35
Port Charlotte	Scottish Barley	50%	£5.35

Stocking every malt distillery in Scotland...

<u>Distillery</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Whisky in stock</u>
Aberfeldy	Aberfeldy, Perth and Kinross	Aberfeldy 1990
Aberlour	Charlestown,of,Aberlour	Aberlour 10 Year Old Aberlour A'bunadh
Abhainn Dearg	Isle of Lewis	Abhainn Dearg Spirit of lewis
Ailsa Bay	Girvan Ayrshire	Yet to be bottled
Allt-à-Bhainne	Glenrinnnes	Allt-à-Bhainne 21 Year Old
Ardbeg	Port Ellen	Ardbeg 10 Year Old Ardbeg Blasda
Ardmore	Kennethmont	Ardmore traditional 1991
Arran	Lochranza	The Arran malt 12 Year Old
Auchentoshan	Dalmuir	Auchentoshan 12 Year Old
Auchroisk	Mulben	Auchroisk 10 Year Old
Aultmore	Banffshire	Aultmore 2000
Balblair	Edderton	Balblair 2003 Vintage
Balmenach	Cromdale	Balmenach 2004
Balvenie	Dufftown	Balvenie Port Wood 21 Year Old Balvenie Caribbean Cask 14 Year Old Balvenie Double Wood 12 Year Old Balvenie Single Barrel 15 Year Old
Ben Nevis	Fort William	Ben Nevis 10 Year Old
BenRiach	Morayshire	BenRiach 12 Year Old
Benrinnnes	Banffshire	Benrinnnes 15 Year Old
Benromach	Forres	Benromach 15 Year Old Benromach organic
Bladnoch	Wigtown	Bladnoch 10 Year Old
Blair Athol	Pitlochry, Perthshire	Blair Athol 12 year Old
Bowmore	Isle of Islay	Bowmore 12 Year old
Brackla	Nairn	Royal Brackla 16 year Old
Braeval	Ballindalloch	Braeval Signature 12 year Old
Bruichladdich	Isle of Islay	Bruichladdich The Laddie Ten Bruichladdich The Classic Laddie
Bunnahabhain	Port Askaig	Bunnahabhain 12 Year old
Cardhu	Knockando	Cardhu 12 Year Old Cardhu 21 Year Old
Caol Ila	Port Askaig	Caol Ila 12 Year Old
Clynelish	Brora	Clynelish 14 Year Old
Cragganmore	Ballindalloch	Cragganmore 12 Year Old
Craigellachie	Craigellachie,Moray	Craigellachie 1997
Daftmill	Fife	Yet to be bottled
Dailuaine	Aberlour	Dailuaine 1998
Dalmore	Alness	Dalmore 12 Year Old Dalmore Gran Reserva
Dalwhinnie	Dalwhinnie	Dalwhinnie 15 Year Old
Deanston	Doune	Deanston 12 Year Old
Dufftown	Banffshire	Singleton of Dufftown 12 Year Old

<u>Distillery</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Whisky in stock</u>
Edradour	Pitlochry	Edradour 10 Year Old
Fettercairn	Laurencekirk	Fettercairn Fior
Glenallachie	Banffshire	Glenallachie 21 Year Old
Glenburgie	Morayshire	Glenburgie 10 Year Old
Glencadam	Angus	Glencadam 10 year Old
Glendronach	Aberdeenshire	Glen Dronach 12 Year Old
		Glen Dronach Revival 15 Year Old
Glendullan	Banffshire	Glendullan 12 Year Old
Glen Elgin	Morayshire	Glen Elgin 12 Year Old
Glen Grant	Roths	Glen Grant 10 year Old
Glenfarclas	Ballindollach	Glenfarclas 10 Year Old
		Glenfarclas 15 Year Old
		Glenfarclas 105
Glenfiddich	Dufftown	Glenfiddich 12 Year Old
		Glenfiddich 15 Year Old
		Glenfiddich 18 Year Old
		Glenfiddich 21 Year Old
Glen Garioch	Oldmeldrum	Glen Garioch 12 Year Old
Glenglassaugh	Portsoy	Glenglassaugh revival
Glengoyne	Dumgoyne	Glengoyne 10 year Old
Glengyle	Campbeltown	Killkerran 2004
Glenkinchie	Pencaitland	Glenkinchie 12 Year Old
The Glenlivet	Ballindalloch	Glenlivet 12 year Old
		Glenlivet 18 Year Old
Glenlossie	Elgin	Glenlossie 10 Year Old
Glenmorangie	Tain	Glenmorangie 10 Year Old
		Glenmorangie QuintaRuban 12YO
		Glenmorangie Lasanta 12YO
		Glenmorangie Ealanta 1993
		Glenmorangie 18 Year Old
Glen Moray	Elgin	Glen Moray classic
		Glen Moray 16 Year old
Glen Ord	Muir of Ord Northern	Glen Ord 12 year old
Glenrothes	Roths	Glen Roths Special Reserve
Glen Scotia	Mull of Kintyre	Glen Scotia 8 Year Old
Glen Spey	Roths	Glenspey 12 year old
Glentauchers	Mulben	Glentauchers 1991
Glenturret	Crieff	Glenturret 12 Year Old
Highland Park	Kirkwall	Highland Park 12 Year Old
		Highland Park 18 Year Old
Inchgower	Buckie	Inchgower 14 year Old
Isle of Jura	Jura	Isle of Jura 10 Year Old
		Isle of Jura Superstition
Kilchoman	Kilchoman	Kilchoman 2007 vintage
Kininvie	Dufftown	Monkey Shoulder
Knockando	Knockando	Knockando 12 Year Old
Knockdhu	Huntly	AnCnoc 12 Year Old

<u>Distillery</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Whisky in stock</u>
Lagavulin	Port Ellen	Lagavulin 16 Year Old
Laphroaig	Port Ellen	Laphroaig 10 Year Old
		Laphroaig 18 Year Old
		Laphroaig Quarter cask
Linkwood	Elgin	Linkwood 12 Year Old
		Linkwood 15 Year Old
Loch Lomond	Alexandria	Lochlomond 18 Year Old
Lochnagar	Ballater	Royal Lochnagar 12 Year Old
Longmorn	Elgin	Longmorn 16 Year Old
The Macallan	Craigellachie	Macallan gold
Macduff	Banff	Glen Deveron 10 Year Old
Mannochmore	Elgin	Mannochmore 12 Year Old
Miltonduff	Elgin	Miltonduff 12 Year Old
Mortlach	Keith	Mortlach 16 Year old
		Mortlach Vintage
Oban	Oban	Oban 14 Year Old
Port Charlotte	Port Charlotte	Port Charlotte Scottish Barley
Pulteney	Wick	Old Pulteney 12 Year Old
		Old Pulteney 21 Year Old
		Yet to be bottled
Roseisle	Roseisle	Scapa 16 Year Old
Scapa	Kirkwall	Speyburn 10 Year Old
Speyburn	Roths	CuDhub
The Speyside	Drumguish	Springbank 18 Year Old
Springbank	Mull of Kintyre	Yet to be bottled
Strathearn	Methven	Strathisla 12 Year Old
Strathisla	Keith	Strathmill 12 Year Old
Strathmill	Keith	Talisker 10 Year Old
Talisker	Carbost, Isle of Skye	Tamdhu 10 Year Old
Tamdhu	Knockando	Teaninch 10 Year Old
Teaninich	Alness	Tobermory 10 Year Old
Tobermory	Isle of Mull	Tomatin CuBacan
Tomatin	Tomatin	Tomatin 15 Year Old
		Tomintoul 10 year Old
Tomintoul	Ballindalloch	Tormore 14 Year Old
Tormore	Grantown N Spey	Tullibardine 500
Tullibardine	Blackford	Yet to be bottled
Wolfburn	Thurso	

The Glencairn whisky glass is a style of glass developed by Glencairn Crystal Ltd, Scotland for drinking whisky. Originally designed by Raymond Davidson, managing director of the company, the shape of the glass is derived from the traditional *nosing copitas* used in whisky labs around Scotland. The glass design was concluded with the aid of master blenders from five of the largest whisky companies in Scotland. The glass first came into production in 2001.

Old Fashioned tumblers, snifters, and nosing copitas are other types of glasses that are commonly used for drinking whisky. The traditional style of whisky glass is a cut crystal Old Fashioned whisky tumbler, an iconic design that remains the most commonly used type of whisky glass. However, a tumbler does not hold and focus the aromas as much for the experience of the drinker as the Glencairn glass, which curves inwards towards the top of the glass. While not all drinkers may find the strong aroma produced by such glasses desirable, inward-curved glasses are often preferred by connoisseurs who consider the aroma especially important to the experience of a whisky.



Enjoy your malt at home

Here at the Laichmoray Hotel we strive to make sure that your visit has been as relaxing as possible. As a souvenir we are now offering you the chance to have your own set of Laichmoray Hotel branded Glencairn nosing glasses.

“Strange Awa”

G. Henderson
Managing Director