

# Isle of Harris Distillery to spread its wings overseas with £10m funding

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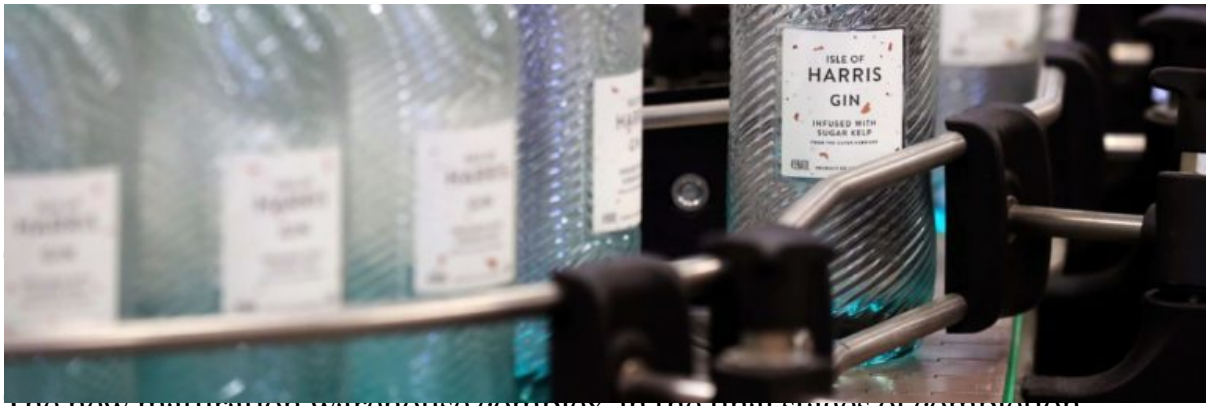


Isle of Harris Distillery is looking to expand to 20 overseas markets. Image: Grayling.

Isle of Harris Distillery has secured a £10 million funding package to boost international expansion plans.

The finance from from HSBC UK will be used to widen the company's distribution of [Isle of Harris Gin](#) and, when launched, its [Hearach malt whisky](#) to more than 20 international markets including the US, Canada, France and Germany.





The new maturation warehouse complex, in the final stages of completion represents around a £3m investment.

## Major Isle of Harris employer

Isle of Harris Distillery is one of the island's largest employers with 45 staff and recently floated the idea of the [Hebrides or Outer Hebrides potentially becoming a whisky region](#) in its own right.

Isle of Harris Distillery managing director Simon Erlanger said: “That’s always been something at the back of our minds as a long-term vision and we’ve touched on it once or twice with the [Scotch Whisky Association](#) (SWA), which has – quite rightly – responded by saying the region needs to develop a reputation for making whisky as a distinct area.”

Isle of Harris Distillery executive chairman and chief financial officer Ron MacEachran added: “As a business focused on the future, we’re venturing into new markets and expanding our international footprint – and introducing more of the world to the bottled spirit from our special island.



The then Prince of Wales visited Isle of Harris Distillery. Image: DCT Media.

“HSBC UK has supported us in our ambitions to grow our business. Achieving ongoing commercial success stimulates global interest and visitors to this beautiful island, assisting it to survive and flourish in the 21st century.”

The operation has twice been named Distillery of the Year in the [Scottish Gin Awards](#).

## **‘Distillery on the map’**

For his part, HSBC relationship director Neal Tully added: “Scotland’s food and drink industry is thriving on the Isle on Harris.

“The distillery is a great example of a dedicated and robust Scottish business which has put itself on the map, not only in Scotland, but on a global scale too.”

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