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www.archanian.com

Mekhong export website:

www.thespiritofthailand.com

Interbev:

www.interbevgroup.com

Inver House:

www.inverhouse.com

www.oldpulteney.com

www.balblair.com

www.ancnoc.com

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www.oishigroup.com

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News

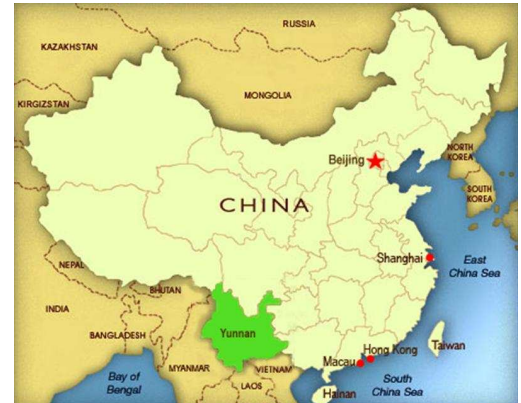
Acquisition of Yunnan Yulinquan

On 15 May 09, ThaiBev's board of directors passed a resolution for its subsidiary, International Beverage Holdings Limited to acquire Yunnan Yulinquan Liquor Co. Ltd. (YLQ), a local white spirits distillery located at Eshan district in Yuxi town, which is south of Kunming. The acquisition will be funded internally, with the total consideration of RMB 69 million for the distillery being expected to be paid out by November 30, 2009.

Boasting of the leading brand "Yulinquan", YLQ produces white spirits and covers the economy to premium market segments. Its key geographical markets are Yuxi, Kunming and other cities in Yunnan province. YLQ has an annual production capacity of 5,000 tonnes at 50 degree for base spirit and 6,500 tonnes for finished products.

For ThaiBev, this latest acquisition opens up a gateway into the alcoholic beverage business in China and its ownership in one of the oldest and most widely-recognised spirits brands gives it a platform for expansion into other businesses in future. Yunnan is an especially strategic location, given its proximity to the Thai border, which enables ThaiBev to easily truck its products from Thailand, into Yunnan and thereafter distribute them through YLQ.

For more information regarding the acquisition, please see the summary of the announcement sent to SGX on page 9.



Picture of a view in Yunnan from www.elvincountry.com/travel/yunnan



Chawang elephant at Singapore Night Safari

Chawang sponsorship renewal

In April this year, ThaiBev renewed its commitment of support to the Wildlife Reserves Singapore by extending its adoption agreement for Chawang, the Thai elephant, pledging S\$50,000 to the reserve's Wildlife Conservation Fund. This is the third year that ThaiBev has pledged its commitment, having previously donated S\$100,000 over a period of two years.

ThaiBev inaugurates the first whisky product packaging line of Inver House Distillers

In May this year, InverHouse opened a new bottling facility at its headquarters in Airdrie, Scotland. Costing an estimated £1 million, the facility boasts a production capacity of 4,000 bottles an hour or 200,000 cases annually. This investment is the latest initiative in Inver House's plans to turn its Airdrie operations into a commercial hub for its global drinks business.

Inver House owns five distilleries across Scotland – Pulteney, Balblair, Speyburn, Knockdhu and Balmenach. It manages the production, distillation and maturation of a broad portfolio of drink brands in markets across the globe.



Mr. Thapana Sirivadhanabhakdi, ThaiBev's President and CEO (third from left) with other executives at the opening ceremony



Inver House's new bottling line

ThaiBev wins awards on energy conservation and energy management

Breweries of Beer Thai (1991) Co. Ltd., and Beerthip Brewery (1991) Co. Ltd., subsidiaries of Thai Beverage PLC (ThaiBev), recently bagged two highly-recognized awards from "Thailand Energy Awards 2009", recognised as the 'Outstanding' and 'Honorable mention' in the 'off-grid' renewable energy project category. The award was initiated by the Ministry of Energy in order to promote energy-sufficiency awareness among various public and private sectors.



Beer Thai (1991) Plc once again achieved recognition for its excellent power usage, winning a coveted industry award in the Prime Minister Industry Award 2009 in the category of power management. The prestigious awards have been held annually since 1993 by the Ministry of Industry to honour industries that have demonstrated outstanding achievement in productivity, environmental quality preservation, safety, quality and small and medium-sized industry management.



Chaired by Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva, this year the award presentation ceremony recently took place at Santi Maitri Building, the Royal Thai Government House, in which representatives from 29 award-winning companies attended the event.



Dr. Pisanu Vichaijanth, ThaiBev's Director and SVP received the award at Prime Minister Industry Award 2009



Mr. Somchai Suthikulpanich ThaiBev's SVP received the award at Thailand Energy Award 2009

H1 2009 Results
Audio Webcast
 14 August 2009



You may view the recorded webcast from the results briefing on 21 August 2009 by visiting www.thaibev.com/ir.html and go to the menu item called 'Multimedia,' then the sub-menu called 'Results Briefing'. Audio recordings of the H1 2009 Results conference call and Q&A are also available in the same webpage.

Events

ThaiBev holds Half Year 2009 Results Briefing in Singapore

ThaiBev held its 1HFY2009 results briefing on 21 August 2009 at the Raffles Hotel Singapore. The event was a full-house of over 80 attendees who comprised of the local media, analysts, institutional and retail investors.

The briefing kicked off with a presentation by Richard Jones, Head of Investor Relations, on Thai consumer behavior. He unveiled the buying behavior and consumer psychology of the fascinating Thai beer and spirits market in a special session before the results presentation.

Mr. Thapana Sirivadhanabhakdi, President and CEO then went on to host the rest of the meeting, providing updates on the consolidated financial statements and business segments, as well as devoting time to answer as many queries and concerns from the audience, along with his team of Directors/SVPs, Mr. Sithichai Chaikriangkrai, Mr. Ueychai Tantha-Obhas, Dr. Pisanu Vichiensanth, Mr. Jean Lebreton and Mr. Barrie Jackson.



ThaiBev's senior Management team answered questions from investors



Over 80 attendees at the briefing

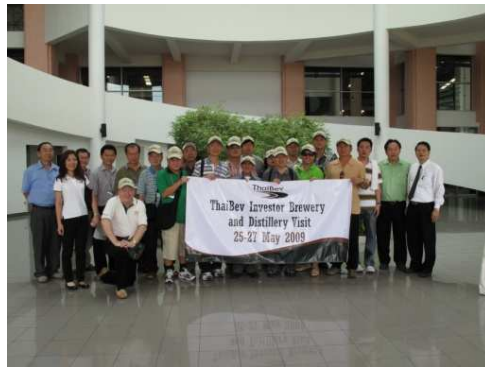
ThaiBev's Chang the Official Beer at Singapore Food Festival

What better drink to wash a spicy mouthful of chilli crab than with Chang? Singapore's Food Festival organizers must surely have thought so too, when they invited Chang to be the official beer at Singapore's landmark annual food festival.

Chang was a prominent feature at the festival, which ran from 17-26 July. Three Chang booths in Clarke Quay (at Read Bridge, Central Square, and River Promenade) dispensed Chang beer to hundreds of thirsty festival-goers.



Investors in Singapore Get a Taste of ThaiBev's Distilleries and Breweries



Group picture of investor visit



Production team at the brewery explains about beer production



Visitors take a tour at Beer Thai Brewery

In May this year, 15 lucky ThaiBev shareholders in Singapore had the opportunity to visit ThaiBev's factories. They toured both the Red Bull Distillery and Beer Thai Brewery in Samut Sakorn and Kamphaeng Phet, Thailand, respectively.

The Red Bull Distillery which was acquired in 1988, produces a variety of ThaiBev's alcoholic beverages including white spirits, brown spirits, malt whisky, sake, etc. and the Beer Thai Brewery, which is situated north of Thailand, creates the award-winning Chang and Archa beer.

Besides offering an exclusive operational tour of how these products were manufactured, investors also got the chance to taste an assortment of ThaiBev's beer. Many were impressed with the high-quality machinery and excellent techniques used to produce these beverages.

ThaiBev, today, has 18 distilleries and three state-of-the-art breweries in Thailand and five Scotch whisky distilleries in Scotland.



Beer tasting session

Share Data

(All data as of 4 Sep 09)

Price S\$ 0.255

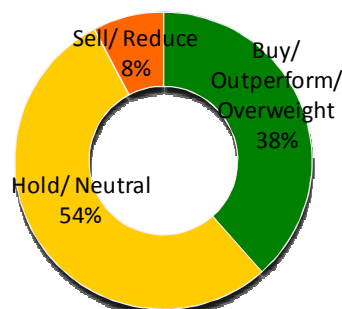
3 Month Avg Daily Vol:
6.5 million shares

Current Mkt Cap:
S\$ 6,403 million
US\$ 4,450 million

Three-month price range
S\$ 0.25 - 0.26

Source: www.shareinvestor.com,
Reuters

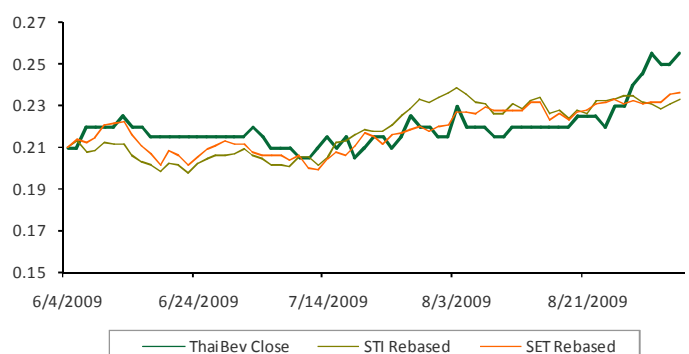
Analyst Recommendations



Source: Analyst reports from 13 brokerage houses

As of 4 September 09

3-Month Performance



Source: www.shareinvestor.com 4 Jun 09 – 4 Sep 09

Shares outstanding:
25,110 million shares

IPO date 30 May 06

Share offered at IPO:
4,888.9 millions shares

IPO offer price S\$ 0.28

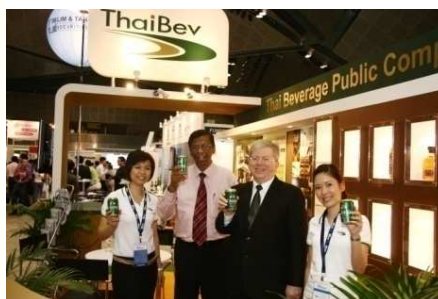
Source: Reuters

ThaiBev Reaches Out to Retail Investors

In its efforts to strengthen awareness of the company among the retail investment community, ThaiBev engaged in a series of remisier luncheons with local brokerages and participated in a key conference – the Securities Investors Association of Singapore Asian Investment Conference and Exhibition, to raise the level of understanding and knowledge that retail investors in Singapore have of the beverage industry

The Investor Relations team, led by Richard Jones presented a company overview to the following brokerages – CIMB-GK, Lim & Tan and Kim Eng. Earlier this year, ThaiBev also met with remisiers from OCBC Investment, following the release of their first quarter financial results.

During these sessions, remisiers were candid about their concerns, including the declining beer business in Thailand and the impact of excise tax on beer volume. However, proving the fruitfulness of these meetings, the remisiers were able to get satisfactory answers to their queries and walked away with a better understanding of the business.



On 18 and 19 July 2009, ThaiBev participated in the first ever Asian investment conference-cum-exhibition organized by the Securities Investors Association of Singapore (SIAS).

The exhibition featured many industry speakers from financial institutions as well as leading listed companies in Singapore and the region. Richard Jones, ThaiBev's Head of Investor Relations also educated the public on the trends in the beverage business and importantly on ThaiBev's business model and future outlook. Titled, "Delivering returns in challenging times", he shared how the economic growth of Thailand in 2009 was widely expected to slow due to persistent political turbulence as well as sagging global and domestic demand. However, ThaiBev has been tenacious in stabilising its cost structure with an improvement in its profit margins. Richard also added that ThaiBev acquired several non-alcohol beverage companies and a restaurant chain recently to diversify its business model.

The event which was graced by Singaporean Guest-of-Honour, Mrs. Lim Hwee Hwa, Minister of the Prime Minister's Office and Second Finance Minister & Transport, attracted more than 25,000 visitors over the course of two days, including retail, mass affluent and high net worth local and international investors.



You can see the most recent interview with Mr. Richard Jones, ThaiBev's Head of IR, under the topic 'ThaiBev - Life in Thailand goes on, despite political turmoil' from the AICE event by visiting www.thaibev.com/ir.html then choose to menu item 'Multimedia' followed by the sub-menu 'Other Video and Audio'.

News Summary

Information provided here was released to the SGX. For more information, please visit the Newsroom on ThaiBev IR's website (www.thaibev.com => 'Investor Relations' Menu) or check for the announcements on the SGX's website (www.sgx.com).

Feb 23, 2009

Cancellation Of Memorandum Of Understanding For Acquisition Of Energy Drink Business (Carabao and Red Carabao)

- This refers to ThaiBev's announcement to the SGX on February 1, 2008 regarding the entering into a Memorandum of Understanding for acquisition of energy drink business under the trade name "Carabao" and "Red Carabao".
- The MOU was between Pan Alcohol Company Limited, our indirect subsidiary, and the existing shareholders of Carabao Tawandang Company Limited.
- After intensive discussion, both parties could not conclude the principles for collaboration as a joint venture, resulting in the cancellation of the MOU.

Feb 23, 2009

Approval in Principle for Oishi Trading Co. Ltd., on the Aseptic Line Project

- ThaiBev's Executive Committee approved in principle Oishi Trading's proposed implementation of the aseptic line project.
- **Objective:** To introduce a new production line to increase the production capacity of green tea and gain the utmost benefit, including tax privileges from the Board of Investment of Thailand ("BOI")
- **Benefit:**
 1. increase ability to produce more types of non-alcohol beverages, in particular, beverages with dairy ingredients
 2. to be more efficient in operation costs, such as reduce packaging costs, lowering production overheads and higher production outputs
 3. obtain tax privilege from BOI
- **Scope of the Project:**

Construction of a new factory building, installation of mechanical and electrical works, utilities equipment and "cold aseptic filling" production equipment
- **Optimal production capacity:** expected to be 180 million bottles per year
- The aseptic line will be located at the Oishi Trading's land at Navanakorn Industrial Estate, Pathumthani Province
- Total investment: 1,430 million baht for the building, construction, production equipment, utilities equipment, electrical work and other related fees
- Source of funding: Oishi Trading's cash flow. Intercompany loan in company group of Oishi and bank term loan
- The transaction is not expected to have material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for this current financial year.

Feb 24, 2009

Company Rating By TRIS Rating Co. Ltd.

- ThaiBev engaged TRIS Rating Co. Ltd., a rating agency in Thailand, for a domestic credit rating.
- Rating “AA-” and outlook “Stable” as previous year’s rates
- Thailand Country Rating from TRIS is AAA.

Mar 19, 2009

Incorporation Of New Subsidiary - Chang International Co. Ltd.

- Thai Beverage Marketing Co. Ltd., a direct subsidiary of ThaiBev, has incorporated a new subsidiary, Chang International Co. Ltd., in Thailand.
- Thai Beverage Marketing holds 99.97% in Chang International while the three remaining shareholders hold one share each.
- Chang International will be principally engaged in advertising, public relations, exhibition and other related business.
- The investment was funded through internally generated funds and is not expected to have any material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for this financial year.

Mar 19, 2009

Incorporation Of New Subsidiary - Chang Corp Co. Ltd.

- Thai Beverage Marketing Co. Ltd., a direct subsidiary of ThaiBev, has incorporated a new subsidiary, Chang Corp Co. Ltd., in Thailand.
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Apr 29, 2009

Resolutions Of The 2009 Annual General Meeting Of Shareholders (AGM)

- At the 2009 AGM, all resolutions relating to the matters as set in the invitation to the 2009 AGM were duly passed according to the opinion of the Board of Directors.



May 07, 2009

Increase Of Excise Taxes On Alcoholic Beverages In Thailand

- On May 6, 2009, the Ministry of Finance issued a Ministerial Regulation declaring an increase in the excise taxes of certain categories of alcoholic beverages.
- The Management is considering the effect of these tax rises but would like to remind investors that tax rises are a normal part of business in this industry and advise investors to look at investments in ThaiBev in the long term.
- We expect the excise tax and accompanying municipal, health and Thai PBS taxes, which remain unchanged, to cause a rise of approximately 2-3 baht per bottle of white spirits, approximately 6 baht on compound spirits and approximately 5 baht on beer.
- Please see the table below for details of excise taxes on alcoholic beverages. New rates are in green highlight.

Excise Taxes		
Product	Ad Valorem Rate (Ex-factory)	Specific Rate Bt/ Liter of pure alcohol
Fermented Liquor:		
	<i>Ceiling Rate 60%</i>	<i>Ceiling Rate 100</i>
• Beer	60%	100
• Wine & Sparkling wine from grapes	60%	100
• Local fermented liquor	25%	70
• Other	25%	70
Distilled Liquor		
	<i>Ceiling Rate 50%</i>	<i>Ceiling Rate 400</i>
• White spirits	50%	120
• Compounded spirits (Hong Thong, Mungkorn Thong, Chinese Herb)	50%	300
• Special blended spirits (Mekhong)	50%	400
• Special spirits		
Brandy	48%	400
Whisky	50%	400
Other (Sangsom, Crown99, Blue)	50%	400
• Absolute alcohol:		
Used in industry	2%	1/ liter
Used in medicine, pharmaceuticals, science	0.10%	0.05/ liter
Other	10%	6

+ Municipal Taxes: 10% of Excise + Health Promotion Fund Contribution: 2% of Excise

+ Thai Public Broadcasting Service Fund Contribution: 1.5% of Excise *

* TPBS Funds Applied from 14 Jan 2008

Source: IPO Prospectus, Ministry of Finance Announcement no. 78/2550

Sample Tax Calculation

	Ad Valorem Rate		Specific Rate
	% of Ex-factory Price (640 ml. bottle of beer)		Rate x % of Alcohol x Volume (White Spirit)
Excise Tax	$0.6 \times 31.61 = 18.97$	Excise Tax	$120 \times 0.4 \times 0.625 = 30$
Municipal Tax 10%	$0.1 \times 18.97 = 1.9$	Municipal Tax 10%	$0.1 \times 30 = 3$
Health Fund 2%	$0.02 \times 18.97 = 0.38$	Health Fund 2%	$0.02 \times 30 = 0.6$
TPBS Tax 1.5%	$0.015 \times 18.97 = 0.28$	TPBS Tax 1.5%	$0.015 \times 30 = 0.45$
Total Tax (baht)	$18.97 + 1.9 + 0.38 + 0.28 = 21.53$	Total Tax (baht)	$30 + 3 + 0.6 + 0.45 = 34.05$

The Company will be charged at whichever rate is higher. For example, for a 640 ml. bottle of beer, excise tax calculated by the Ad Valorem rate is Baht 18.97, while it is Baht 4.1 when calculated using the Specific Rate. Therefore, the Ad Valorem Rate will be used in this case as it is higher.

May 15, 2009

The Acquisition Of Yunnan Yulinquan Liquor Co. Ltd., In China

- The Board of Directors of ThaiBev passed a resolution for International Beverage (InterBev), a wholly owned subsidiary of ThaiBev, to acquire all the equity interest in Yunnan Yulinquan Liquor Co. Ltd. (YLQ), through ThaiBev's new subsidiary in Hong Kong.
- The acquisition is 69 million RMB.
- The acquisition is a part of the resolution that was passed in the Extraordinary General Shareholders' Meeting of ThaiBev on May 4, 2006, approving the acquisition of Best Spirits China that owns YLQ and Ning Bo distillery in China.
- However, the Ning Bo facility may be relocated due to the local government's policy. As a result, ThaiBev decided to only purchase YLQ.
- YLQ is a local white spirits distillery located in Eshan district, Yuxi town, in the south of Kunming. It is primarily engaged in producing Chinese white spirits.
- Key benefits:
It would provide a gateway into the alcoholic beverage business in China at a strategic location with high growth potential.
This is one of the oldest and most widely recognized spirits brands in Yunnan.
It is also a platform for expansion into other business in the future by leveraging on YLQ's distribution network establishments and human resources.
- The acquisition price is in line with the fair value indicated in the valuation report of YLQ prepared by an independent financial advisor, Deloitte & Touche Financial Advisory Services Limited.
- The fair value, based mainly on the income approach and the market approach, is 70.5 million RMB, representing the value of the YLQ business in total, including production, sales and distribution.
- The total consideration of 69 million RMB to be paid to the seller will be satisfied through a one-time cash payment, expected to be completed by November 30, 2009.
- The acquisition will be funded through an increase in capital of IBHL from ThaiBev's internal fund.
- It is not expected to have any material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for the second quarter of the current financial year.
- *Note: Please see announcement of Sep 1, 2009 on page 10.*

May 15, 2009

Incorporation Of Wholly Owned Subsidiaries In Hong Kong And China And Capital Increase of International Beverage Holdings Limited

- InterBev received approval to incorporate two new subsidiaries:
International Beverage Holdings (China) Limited in Hong Kong (IBHL-China)
and InterBev Trading (China) Limited in China (InterBev Trading – China)
- **IBHL – China**
It will be incorporated in Hong Kong as a holding company and will be principally engaged in all the capital investment activities of ThaiBev in China.
- **InterBev Trading – China**
It will be principally engaged in trading activities for the products in the ThaiBev group. InterBev Trading-China will be incorporated in China with a registered address in Eshan county, Yunnan*.
** This information has just been changed according to the announcement on 18 Sep 09. Previously, the registered address was Kunming.*
- IBHL-China will be a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of IBHL while InterBev Trading-China will be a wholly-owned subsidiary of IBHL-China
- IBHL-China is expected to hold all the equity interest in Yunnan Yulinquan Liquor Co. Ltd., in China.
- The investment of IBHL were funded through an increase in capital by ThaiBev.
- It is not expected to have any material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for this financial year.

May 15, 2009

Corporate Rating By Moody's Investors Service (Moody's)

- ThaiBev engaged Moody's Investors Service for a corporate credit rating for the purpose of establishing the Company's overseas credit flexibility in the financial markets.
- Moody's has released the latest Global Credit Research – Credit Opinion for ThaiBev with the same level as the previous rate, which is "Baa2" with a "Stable" outlook.
- Please note that at present Thailand Country Rating from Moody's is "Baa1" with a "Negative" outlook.

May 27, 2009

Incorporation Of Wholly Owned Subsidiary - Pomnakorn Co. Ltd.

- ThaiBev has incorporated a new subsidiary, Pomnakorn Co. Ltd., in Thailand.
- ThaiBev group holds 100% in Pomnakorn.
- Pomnakorn will be principally engaged in the distribution of beer.
- The investment was funded through internally generated funds and is not expected to have any material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for this financial year.

Jun 04, 2009

Incorporation Of Wholly Owned Subsidiary - Pompalang Co. Ltd.

- ThaiBev has incorporated a new subsidiary, Pompalang Co. Ltd. in Thailand.
- ThaiBev group holds 100% in Pompalang.
- Pompalang will be principally engaged in the distribution of beer.
- The investment was funded through internally generated funds and is not expected to have any material impact on the earnings per share and net tangible assets of ThaiBev for this financial year.

Jul 14, 2009

ASEAN Regional Scale Rating By Standard & Poor's Ratings Services

- ThaiBev engaged Standard & Poor's Rating Services for an ASEAN regional scale rating, in addition to the existing ratings assigned on Standard and Poor's global scale credit rating.
- The purpose is to establish the Company's regional credit flexibility in the financial markets.
- Standard and Poor's assigns its ASEAN regional scale rating to ThaiBev for long-term rating at **axA** and short-term rating at **axA-2**.

Jul 23, 2009

Incorporation Of Wholly Owned Subsidiary - International Beverage Holdings (China) Limited

- ThaiBev would like to announce that International Beverage Holdings Limited (IBHL) has completed the incorporation of IBHL-China in Hong Kong.
- As for InterBev Trading – China, the incorporation is still in process.

Sep 1, 2009

Update of the Acquisition of Yunnan Yulinquan Liquor Co. Ltd., in China (YLQ)

- This refers to the announcement to the SGX on May 15, 2009 regarding the acquisition of YLQ.
- The business license for InterBev Trading (China) Ltd., was issued on August 21, 2009.
- Relevant government approvals are in the process of being obtained for the acquisition of YLQ and payment of the acquisition price is expected to be completed by November 30, 2009.

Products

New Super Premium Scottish Brand Caorunn is Inspired by Celtic Traditions

UK gin lovers may now experience the much anticipated super premium gin brand, Caorunn Scottish Gin (pronounced 'ka-roon'), recently launched into the UK market just in time for summer. This small batch distilled Scottish Gin, which is infused with five Celtic botanicals, will inspire even the most discerning, sophisticated drinker with its dry and crisp, and naturally balanced taste.

The blend infusion

Caorunn is the Gaelic name for the Rowan Berry - the botanical that forms the soul of the gin. The naturally balanced flavour comes from a unique mix of Rowan Berries, Coul Blush Apple, Heather, Bog Myrtle and Dandelion along with a further six traditional gin botanicals that create its unrivalled taste.

The serves

The classic Caorunn Gin & Tonic is best enjoyed with a slice of apple. The apple not only represents one of the key Celtic botanicals of Caorunn but also accentuates its clean, sweet flavor as well as its crisp and slightly drying finish.

Caorunn's signature serves celebrate the revival of the Martini and the Punch Cocktails.

For more details, please go to www.caorunngin.com



Caorunn becomes Gold Award Winner

14 July 2009

Caorunn super premium small batch distilled Scottish Gin has been recognised for its quality in the Super Premium Category of The Gin Masters 2009.

'The Spirits Business' along with a panel of leading spirits and on-trade specialists judged Caorunn Gin worthy of the Gold award recognising it as one of the finest brands in the gin category.

The full story was published in the August issue of 'The Spirits Business'. There will also be special features on cocktails to get you inspired.





MEKHONG MALI

The hibiscus, known for its beauty is used as an offering to Lord Ganesha, a God known for his wisdom and presence of mind. This cocktail has it all, wonderful to look at and divine to drink.

INGREDIENTS

2 shots Mekhong
1/2 shot Grand Marnier Cordon Rouge
1 shot Fresh squeezed Lime Juice
3/4 shot Hibiscus Syrup **

METHOD

Pour Mekhong and the rest of the ingredients into a mixing glass. Add ice and shake vigorously for 7-8 seconds. Strain into a chilled martini-cocktail glass. Garnish with an hibiscus flower or an edible orchid.

** HIBISCUS SYRUP

Bring 1 cup of water to boil. Add 2 tablespoons of hibiscus tea. Let steep for 10 minutes. Take the tea bag out and add 1 cup of superfine (not powdered) sugar. Stir until all sugar dissolves.

Source: www.thespiritofthailand.com

What is beer made of?

There are four basic ingredients that make a good beer: malt, hops, yeast and water

Malt: Of the five cereals, i.e. barley, wheat, oats, rye and rice, malted barley gives the best flavour, which explains its widespread use. The barley seed contains nutrients that can sustain its growth until it can produce its own nutrients, i.e. starch using photosynthesis. Enzymes released by the plant convert these starches into sugars that can feed the plant while it grows. The key to the malting process is to stop the germination of the barley at a point when the sugar-producing enzymes are present but most of the starch is still unconverted. Eventually, these enzymes will produce the sugars that will feed the yeast to make the alcohol in the beer.



Picture from www.blueberryhill.com



Picture from www.hgca.com



Picture from www.vancouverseedbank.ca

Hops: These are the flower of the hop vine. Hops contain acids, which give beer its bitterness, as well as oils that give beer some of its flavor and aroma. Adding hops to beer also inhibits the formation of certain bacteria that can spoil the beer.

Yeast: Different types of beer yeast help to give beer its various tastes. There are two main categories of beer yeast: ale yeast and lager yeast. Ale yeast is top fermenting, meaning it rises near the surface of the beer during fermentation, and typically prefers to ferment at temperatures around 70 F (21 C). Lager yeasts are bottom fermenting. They ferment more slowly and prefer colder temperatures, around 50 F (10 C).



Picture from www.foodsubs.com