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## India Joins the Scotch Malt Whisky Society

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The Scotch Malt Whisky Society (SMWS) opened its India chapter with whisky evenings in Mumbai and Pune last month. The members-only club, whose only aim is to make sure aficionados enjoy more whisky, plans to introduce Indian drinkers to between 10 and 16 exclusive whiskies - these aren't available commercially - a year.

The Society's other USP? They have access to exclusive single cask whiskies from across the world and produce about 300 bottles per cask, making their releases very limited edition.

We spoke to SMWS ambassador Georgina Bell, who was in Mumbai to take drinkers through a tasting, about drinking whisky, drinking whisky in India and Indian whisky.

### Can you tell us about the Scotch Malt Whisky Society?

A maverick and eclectic syndicate of whisky lovers joined together in the late 1970s and bought a cask of whisky from a