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## Barra ready to make real whisky galore

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THE Hebridean isle where author Compton MacKenzie wrote Whisky Galore is set to get its first legal distillery.

About £3.5million of public sector funding and bank backing is being sought to build Barra's first distillery and finance the production of 26,220 litres of whisky per year.

Edinburgh-born businessman Peter Brown, who has lived on Barra for 20 years, came up with the idea of a distillery owned and run by islanders.

He is working with fellow directors Neil MacKinnon and Malcolm Fraser to bring the plans to life.

Formed as a Community Benefit Society, Barra Distillery is expected to employ seven staff.

It is hoped a crowd-funding initiative will bring in £1.5million towards the project costs.



**HOOCH PLAN** Peter Brown