

## TRADER TALK

■ MICRO-cap trader and tipster Tom Winnifrith has ramped up his stake in drinks marketing and distribution business Blavod Wines & Spirits. Winnifrith lifted his stake in the business from 8.77 million shares to 9.29 million or 10.59% worth around £1.85 million at a share price of 2.7p. The shares are held in his SF Tips Smaller Companies Growth fund, one of the most successful funds in the sector over the three years since launch, although it remains untested across the market cycle. Winnifrith is a former journalist, trader and tipster, who presently edits the website tips.com. His biography claims an average 68% upside on stocks he has tipped over a three year holding period. Blavod, best known in the UK for its Blavod Black Vodka and Blackwood's Gin and Vodka, posted a net loss for the six months to the end of September, on increased marketing and distribution costs. The company said that the prior year had been flattered by one-off events and added that it had seen double-digit growth in core-brand sales.

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