

HE bloodstock world contains few greater contrasts than those dividing the towns of Deauville and Doncaster in August. One is a cosmopolitan seaside resort famed for boutiques and casinos, parasols and boardwalks, langoustines and calvados. The other faces post-industrial challenges typical of other Victorian railway boom towns.

Yet each contains a few square yards, beneath an auctioneer's gavel, that might be transposed more or less unnoticed in the affections of a high-spending elite. For they (or their agents, at the very least) are about to resume another cycle in the hunt for a champion thoroughbred: a Barney Roy, Harry Angel or Rajasinghe from Goffs UK; an Almanzor, Wings Of Eagles or Le Brivido from Arqana.

Those cognisant of the robust and classy genes available in German families, moreover, can proceed to the BBAG sale at Baden-Baden – where they had the chance, a couple of years ago, to buy any of the first four home in this year's German Derby.

The setting, after all, is immaterial to the challenge: to discover, between the pedigree and physique of an unbroken, adolescent horse, the ingredients that might someday come together to make a stakes winner. We hope that the following pages will at least help you to enjoy the quest; and perhaps even to diminish, however slightly, the odds against success.

#### Chris McGrath

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## Showcasing, Le Havre and Siyouni – they're on the up and all set to fly once again



**Martin Stevens** runs the rule over the sires whose fees – for good reason – have seen hefty increases

OOKING back at which sires excelled with their progeny in 2014 to earn a fee increase and accompanying upgrade in quality of mares covered in the following year – when this season's yearlings were conceived – is an instructive exercise.

In theory, agents and trainers should notice an improvement on the pages of those sires' offerings at the sales in the coming months, while bargain hunters might find one or two names whose profiles have slipped in the intervening period with an

associated dip in demand for their stock – even though their current yearlings were bred to be better than their predecessors.

Significantly, in a supplement that focuses on sales at Goffs UK and Arqana, the sire who was given the biggest price hike in percentage terms in 2015 was Showcasing, whose three best offspring by Racing Post Ratings – Quiet Reflection, Tasleet and Toocoolforschool – were all presented for sale at Doncaster.

Two of the others who were hot on the heels of Showcasing that year, Le Havre and Siyouni, stand at studs a short drive from Deauville and are the key figures in a golden era for the Normandy stallion ranks.

There are 11 lots by
Showcasing at the Goffs UK
Premier sale, including a
half-sister to a Shamardal filly
who made 320,000gns at this
year's Craven Breeze-up Sale
(lot 126), from Fernham
Farm and a half-brother to
stakes winners Chil The Kite
and Pastoral Player (450) from
Salcey Forest Stud.

Arqana boasts three by Showcasing, including a half-brother to this season's Poule d'Essai des Pouliches third Heuristique (270), while there is also one up for grabs – a colt related to Silvano – at Baden-Baden (151).

The redoubled faith placed in Le Havre and Siyouni in 2015, when both had fee increases from €7,000 to €20,000, is plain to see at Arqana, where there is no shortage of choice of lots by both in the August Sale: 23 and 25 respectively, to be precise.

For an example of just one Le Havre at Deauville with an impressive pedigree, how about the filly who is the first foal out of a winning half-sister to Ervedya from Haras des Capucines (152)? And none has had a better pedigree update than the half-sister to last month's Prix de Psyche winner Vue Fantastique (318) from Haras de Grandcamp.

The BBAG catalogue contains two exceptionally well-bred colts by Le Havre (171 and 211), and one is

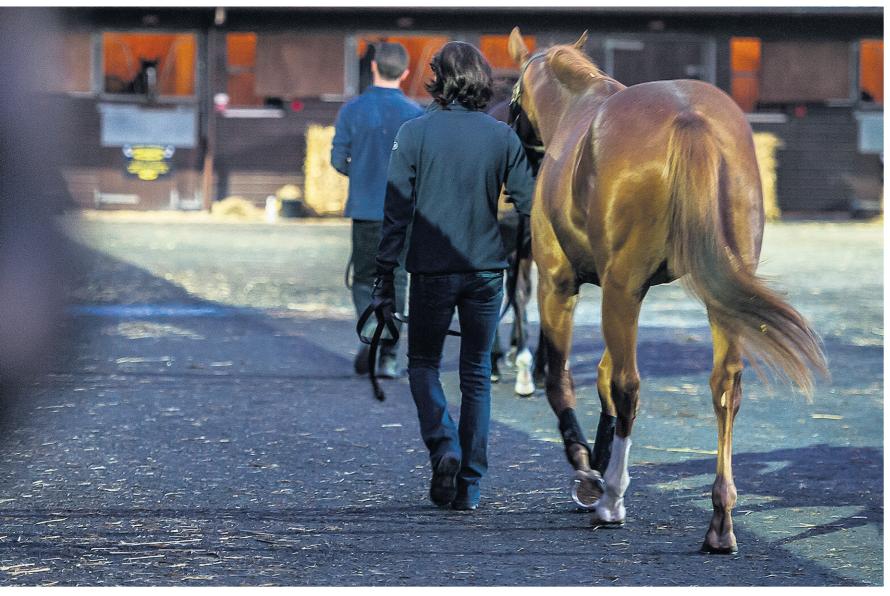
going under the hammer at Doncaster – a colt out of a Listed-placed half-sister to Sandiva (**90**).

The Arqana auction is replete with Siyouni offspring with dazzling pages.

O NAME just a few, there is the half-brother to Prix de l'Opera heroine Lily Of The Valley and UAE Derby scorer Mubtaahij from Haras d'Hotellerie (41), the half-brother to Prix de Diane second Sistercharlie from Monceaux (79) and the filly out of Prix d'Astarte winner Turtle Bow from Colounces (90).

Coulonces is also responsible for one of the four by Siyouni set to sell at Doncaster, while the sire also has one at Baden-Baden.

Look out, too, for yearlings by Lope De Vega. His current yearlings were bred after his glittering first season with two-year-old runners and many of his representatives at the sales illustrate how, in



#### SIRES WITH THE BIGGEST FEE INCREASES IN 2015

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Showcasing £4,500 £15,000 233 **Lope De Vega** €12,500 €40,000 220 €7,000 €20,000 186 Le Havre Siyouni €7,000 €20,000 186 Kodiac €10,000 €25,000 150 Champs Elysees £5,000 £10,000 100 €3,000 €6,000 100 Evasive €5,000 €10,000 100 Zebedee Archipenko £6,000 £10,000 67 Big Bad Bob €6,000 €9,000 **Fast Company** €5,000 €7,500 50

breeders' eyes at least, he joined the premier league of sires in 2015.

The 13 at Arqana include first foals out of Irish Oaks runner-up Venus De Milo, a colt from Coulonces (96), and brilliantly bred Grade 3 winner Aigue Marine, a filly from Haras du Mezeray (105).

Among the trio at Goffs UK is a colt out of a winning Kodiac half-sister to Kingsgate Native from Houghton Bloodstock (**189**) and, once again, there is one blueblooded colt by the sire at BBAG (**65**).

Those by Kodiac and Zebedee at the sales this year are worthy of close attention too, as they had their prices inflated in 2015.

Yearlings by Kodiac have never been out of fashion since he established himself as a dependable source of two-year-old talent, but Zebedee could be on the verge of a resurgence, with son Barraquero an impressive winner of the Richmond Stakes this month to boot.

And remember what I said about looking for bargains among this category of sires?

How about Champs Elysees? His yearlings were bred after his fee had been doubled to £10,000 and, although he is now billed as a dual-purpose sire, that has not changed the genetic make-up of his earlier stock and his yearlings, not exactly jamming up select sales this year, could turn out to be good value for buyers unconcerned by fashion.



## Feet firmly on the ground in ultimate numbers game



**Isabel Mathew** finds out first hand about the sales strategy employed by Jean-Claude Rouget

E'S widely revered as an outstanding judge of a horse. By the ultimate measure – results on the track - there can be little doubt that Jean-Claude Rouget's skills as a trainer must be matched by those he has shown in purchasing Almanzor, Avenir Certain and Le Havre, among many other future stars of the track, as raw vearlings. Speak to the man himself, however, and you will find him resolute in humble dissent.

Early into our conversation, it quickly becomes clear Rouget is unhappy with any notion that he might have an especially astute eye for a horse. His success, he shrugs, is simply "due to a numbers game".

In short, the Pau-based champion trainer of France would prefer to produce a list of purchases who have failed to make the grade, down the years, rather than talk about the those who have made it to the top

Rouget's reticence illustrates his sense of reality as well as his modesty. While a spot of arrogance might be permitted after a top-flight success – of the kind achieved this year with dual Classic winner Brametot – his attention, invariably, is quickly drawn to the next generation.

"I buy more horses at auction than any other French trainer," he says. "Bloodstock agents do this for owners instead here. I take on a lot of risk by purchasing them myself rather than waiting for someone else to.

"Each year, I buy around 50



yearlings for prices between €30,000 to €150,000. If, for example, you bought only three horses a year, the law of averages shows you're almost never going to find the likes of Almanzor. I believe this is the only reason why I've had success, as it's to do with numbers."

Almanzor, last year's Cartier champion three-year-old colt, was bought by Rouget for €100,000 at Arqana in August 2014.

"I did think he was expensive at the time, and that's why I asked two partners to come in with me," he says of the son of Wootton Bassett. "Obviously now he doesn't look it!"

Rouget took the decision to follow in his father's footsteps when taking out his licence in 1978. The 64-year-old's first Group 1 winner came with Millkom in 1994, in the Prix Jean Prat, while he broke his Classic duck with Le Havre in 2009

HE latter was also a dual winner as a juvenile before going on to finish runner-up in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains and then gaining his finest hour in the Prix du Jockey-Club.

The son of Noverre was also bought by his trainer for €100,000 as a yearling, this time in August 2007.

Encouraged to elaborate on the reasons for Le Havre's purchase, Rouget simply says: "I bought 15 yearlings at that sale, and it turned out he was the best of them. In addition to numbers, success is also being able to buy the horses you want."

Rouget's link with Le Havre did not stop on the racetrack, and the current French champion sire has without doubt given him some of his best days – whether through his own exploits, or those of his progeny.

Avenir Certain, a daughter from his first crop who went on to win the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and the Prix de Diane in 2014, was another yearling purchase by Rouget.



Knocked down for €45,000, she ran – like Almanzor – in the colours of Gerard Augustin-Normand and Antonio Caro before being sold to Shadai Farm.

Since the glory days of Le Havre, French champion owner Augustin-Normand now counts as Rouget's principal patron by numbers – albeit, with around 16, Sheikh Joaan Al Thani's Al Shaqab Racing is not far behind. In addition to buying yearlings for other clients, Rouget – second leading purchaser at Arqana August last year with 21 yearlings at €2.34 million – is also involved in the Al Shaqab inspection process at the sales. This has resulted in him training the likes of subsequent Group 1 winners Qemah, Mekhtaal, Zelzal and Jemavel in the last couple of

years – all of whom were knocked down to Nicolas de Watrigant.

"I say whether I like them or not," he explains. But Heshem is "an example of one that slipped through the net", he admits of the Group 2 winner, who also finished runner-up in the Dubai Turf at Meydan in March for Christophe Ferland.

Another Rouget purchase is juvenile Group 1 winner

Morandi, a €65,000 August yearling who went on to finish runner-up in the Jockey Club.

"There are those who dare to buy, and those who don't," Rouget explains. "I really enjoy purchasing horses at the sales and it gives me a lot of pleasure to train horses I like.

"Obviously you need to have the clients to buy them, which wasn't always the case at the beginning. "Logically there are always some who are going to be very good, some average, while the rest will probably be useless. If you look at my string, there are also a lot of bad ones I've bought. It is for this reason I believe that you shouldn't necessarily buy expensively."

A slight grimace appears, and he adds: "At €200,000, they are just as fragile as the others, and just as bad as the others."

He continues: "I don't think it's any more difficult to buy the same standard of yearling for the same price than before. My best two-year-old filly cost €12,000 last year from Arqana's October Yearling Sale, so there's no rule."

This was Feralia, a daughter

This was Feralia, a daughter of Pedro The Great who won a Listed race by two and a half lengths at La Teste de Buch earlier this summer for former PMU president Bertrand Belinguier.

So however insistently Rouget may dismiss the success of previous purchases as "yesterday's news", nobody would be surprised to see him come away from Deauville this summer with yet another group of yearlings fit to make the headlines of tomorrow.



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## Wings Of Eagles gives staff good reason for a little extra swagger

STAFF of the illustrious Haras de Montaigu have always shown off their stock on the Arqana sales ground with pride, but they might do so this August with just a little extra swagger.

The reason is the famed Normandy nursery bred this year's Derby hero Wings Of Eagles – the first winner of the Blue Riband since the legendary Sea Bird in 1965.

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Wings Of Eagles, a son of
Pour Moi out of the Kendor
mare Ysoldina, was bought by
Coolmore at Deauville two
years ago for €220,000.

The 14-strong draft that Montaigu takes to the Arqana August Yearling Sale this year is headed by the Kingman half-sister to Wings Of Eagles as well as Listed-placed pair Gyrella and Torentosa (lot 101).

The consignment also includes a filly out of Gyrella by Camelot – like Pour Moi, a son of Montjeu (166) – and a Sea The Stars colt out of Causa Proxima, a Listed-placed sister to Ysoldina (125).

The treasures from Montaigu are not confined to Wings Of Eagles' family. Also set to shine are the Frankel



half-brother to Group 3-placed Chemical Charge (1); the Galileo colt out of a Group 3-placed half-sister to Perfect Soul (138); and a So You Think half-brother to Criterium International winner and 2,000 Guineas second French Fifteen (**263**).

All in all, plenty more to look forward to from the Derby-winning breeders.

Star turn: lot 101, a Kingman half-sister to Wings Of Eagles Kingman: the multiple Group 1-winner has a filly out of Listed-placed Shamardal mare Wittgenstein who catches the eye

#### Plenty catch the eye from crack Newsells team

NEWSELLS PARK STUD sends its customary crack team of yearlings from Hertfordshire across the Channel to Normandy this August.

Eight are on offer but the one whose pedigree leaps off the page is the Dubawi colt who is the first produce of the Group 3-winning Authorized mare Daksha (136).

The Iffraaj filly out of the Listed-winning Kodiac mare Sweet Cecily (81) could be a sharp performer and has clear broodmare potential for the future, while the Kingman filly out of the Listed-placed Shamardal mare Wittgenstein (100) also catches the eye.

## Scat Daddy colts from final crop sure to be hot

AFTER the late Scat Daddy supplied no fewer than four stakes winners at Royal Ascot in June, including the enormous talents Caravaggio and Lady Aurelia, his final crop of yearlings are bound to sell like hot cakes.

Buyers have the chance to buy two at Deauville: a colt out of the Listed-placed Exceed And Excel mare Excelente (153) from Haras d'Ommeel and just two lots later another colt out of the Grade 1-placed Zieten mare Flip Flop, making him a half-brother to Listed scorer Qurbaan (155). Camas Park and Glenvale Studs consign that one.

## Charm Spirit's first yearlings under hammer

CHARM SPIRIT was sourced as a yearling at Arqana – by Freddy Head for €140,000 in 2012 – and now the wheel has turned so the son of Invincible Spirit has first yearlings of his own coming up for sale.

Haras du Cadran has two of the most alluringly bred offerings by the sire at Deauville: half-brothers to dual Group 1 heroine Qemah (10) and Group 3 scorer Trois Lunes, the dam of recent Prix Jean Prat runner-up Trais Fluors (275).

ECURIE DES MONCEAUX has ruled recent editions of the Arqana August Yearling Sale – last year it accounted for ten per cent of the number of yearlings sold but a quarter of the total takings.

The stud's draft of 34 yearlings is flawless on pedigree; so many offspring of elite sires and top-class racemares, and siblings to Group 1 winners, that picking out highlights is a difficult task indeed.

The best place to start, perhaps, is the Galileo filly out of the cash machine Prudenzia (51). Her dam has produced Irish Oaks heroine Chicquita and – get this – four yearlings who have fetched seven-figure prices in Deauville including last year's €1.4 million top lot, also by Galileo.

From the same family is the Invincible Spirit filly out of Prudenzia's Group 3-winning half-sister Pacifique (37), whose winning colt by Dubawi, Parabellum, holds the record for the most expensive lot sold at Arqana at €2.6m, and the Kingman filly out of Prudenzia and Pacifique's winning dam Platonic (47).

Prepare for fireworks, too,

# Flawless offering hints recent sale ruler will be leading way once more

Get ready for fireworks: Galileo half-brother to Ectot and Most Improved sure to be a highlight

when Monceaux presents its War Front colt out of a Galileo half-sister to Dutch Art (27); the Dubawi filly out of Grade 1 winner Royal Highness, so a half-sister to Group 2 scorer Free Port Lux (55); and the Galileo half-brother to two top-level winners in Ectot and Most Improved (88).

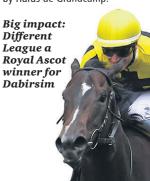


#### Six Dabirsims on offer at Deauville

IT IS impossible to ignore the flying start former joint-champion juvenile Dabirsim has made with his first two-year-old runners — plenty of winners at a formidable strike-rate, one of them Royal Ascot heroine Different League — and there are six by the young sire on offer at Deauville.

The best-bred Dabirsims in the catalogue are arguably Haras du Quesnay's colt out of a half-sister to Brametot (32) and Haras du Mezeray's half-brother to German Group 2 winner Alianthus (107).

There is also the chance to take home a Frankel half-brother to Dabirsim (57) – a colt consigned by Haras de Grandcamp.





#### Wootton Bassett brother to Almanzor tops stellar draft from Etreham

FULL siblings to European champions on the open market are few and far between but such a rare opportunity presents itself at Deauville this month as Haras d'Etreham prepares to sell its Wootton Bassett brother to last year's Prix du Jockey Club, Irish Champion and Champion Stakes hero Almanzor (143).

The triple Group 1 winner was sold to Jean-Claude Rouget for €100,000 at Arqana in August 2014 and, in light of his achievements, his younger sibling should make a fair bit more.

The Wootton Bassett colt is only the tip of the iceberg as far as the Etreham draft is concerned.

It also includes an Australia filly out of Rockfel Stakes winner Kitty Matcham, a daughter of champion Imagine and three-parts sister to Horatio Nelson (15); a Candy Ride colt out of Louvakhova, a Listed-winning half-sister to Classic winner Flotilla (24); and a Shamardal filly out of a winning daughter of Galileo and Peeping Fawn, the dam of the exciting two-year-old September (52).



Permian: King Edward VII Stakes winner for Camas Park

#### Tessa Reef colt to set Camas Park excitement levels on the rise again

THE Mark Of Esteem mare Tessa Reef was already the dam of five winners including the Listed-placed Samana Cay when Camas Park Stud bought her for 65,000gns from the Darley draft at the Tattersalls December Mares Sale in 2015.

But just what a bargain she was has only recently become apparent, as her colt by Teofilo – an unnamed yearling on the page when she was offered in Newmarket – has turned into the late, laudable Permian,

winner of the Dante and King Edward VII Stakes and beaten a whisker in the Grand Prix de Paris this season.

Now Camas Park Stud could reap the rewards of its judicious purchase as it offers at Arqana the New Approach colt who Tessa Reef was carrying (85) at the time of her sale.

As if Permian did not offer enough enticement, the great Miesque also features on the yearling's page.



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b c	Sea The Stars	Sakarya	€70,000	Goffs November Foals	Canirola Bloodstock	2015	333	257	77	41,966,000	163,292	2,600,0
	Nathaniel	Scent Of Roses		Tattersalls December Foal	Percival Bloodstock	2014	324	261	81	38,592,500	147,864	1,200,0
b f		Spring Star		Goffs November Foals	Camas Park Stud	2013	335	251	75	33,790,000	134,622	1,500,0
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	f Dream Ahead	Peace Fonic		Goffs November Foals	Not sold	Cadran			1	14	119,429	1,672,0
b c	Sea The Moon	Shemriyna	22,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Stamina Turf	Etreham	••••••	•••••		 12	137,667	1,652,0
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	c Kendargent	Dame Du Floc		Arqana December Breeding Stock	Federico Barberini	Jean-Clau	ide Rouget			21	111,429	2,340,
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	Kendargent	Kyria		Argana December Breeding Stock	Marco Bozzi Bloodstock	Hong Kor	ng Jockey C	lub		6	260,000	1,560,
	Pedro The Great	Lady Mckell		Argana December Breeding Stock	Bella De Chevigny	Broadhur	st Agency			8	190,625	1,525,
b f	Olympic Glory	Maharania	€15,000	Arqana December Breeding Stock	Not Sold	Mandore/	Al Shagah			5	232,000	1,160,
	Penny's Picnic	Marie D'o		Arqana December Breeding Stock	MAB Agency	Mandore		•••••	•••••	7	163,571	1,145,
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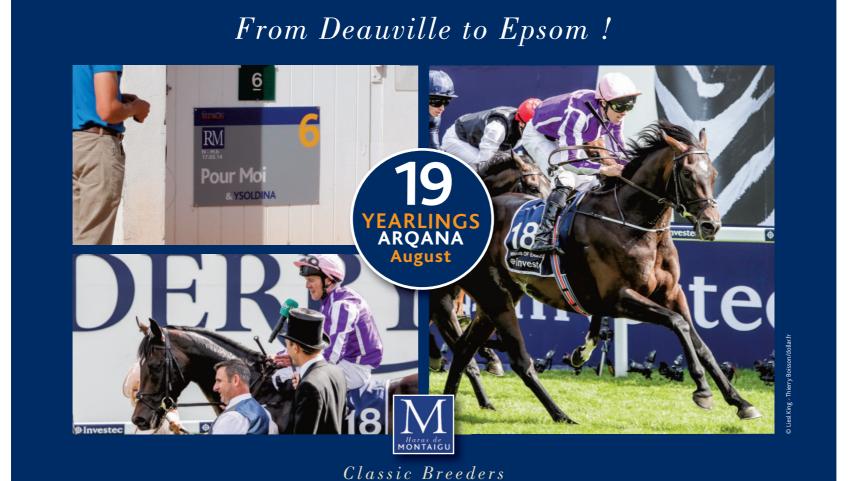
#### **Arqana Yearling Sale**

- >>Where Arqana, 32 Avenue Hocquart de Turtot, BP 23100 -14803 Deauville Cedex
- **>>When** Saturday, August 19 & Sunday, August 20, at 5pm; Monday, August 21 at 1pm; also V2: Tuesday, August 22, at 3pm (all times CEST)
- **>>2016 results** From 340 offered, 261 sold for aggregate turnover of €39,819,667 at an average of €152,566 and a median of €110,000
- **>>Record price** €2.6 million, paid by John Ferguson for a Dubawi colt out of Pacifique consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux in 2015

TOP-	PRICED COLTS	2012-16		
Year	Name	Breeding	Buyer(s)	Price (€)
2016	Alfursaan	Frankel-Pertinence (Fasliyev)	Shadwell France	850,000
2015	Parabellum	Dubawi-Pacifique (Montjeu)	John Ferguson	2,600,000
2014	Craven's Legend	Invincible Spirit-Prudenzia (Dansili)	Mayfair Speculators/Peter & Ross Doyle	1,100,000
2013	Thahab	Dubawi-Mise (Indian Ridge)	Peter & Ross Doyle	1,000,000
2012	Edkhan	Sea The Stars-Alpine Rose (Linamix)	Mandore International	1,200,000
TOP-	PRICED FILLIE	S 2012-16		

Year	Name	Breeding	Buyer	Price (€
2016	Magic Wand	Galileo-Prudenzia (Dansili)	Mayfair Speculators	1,400,000
2015	Ghalyah	Frankel-Platonic (Zafonic)	Charlie Gordon-Watson	1,150,000
2014	Fadillah	Monsun-Sasuela (Dashing Blade)	Tony Nerses	1,200,000
2013	Propel	Dubawi-Hit The Sky (Cozzene)	James Harron Bloodstock	1,500,000
2012	Sinnamary	Galileo-Prudenzia (Dansili)	Agence Fips	1,100,000

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Horse	Year	Price (€)	Buyer(s)	Vendor	Race(s)
Havana Grey	2016	70,000	BBA Ireland	Coulonces Consignn	nent Molecomb S-G3
National Defense	2015		Sun Bloodstock	Monceaux	Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere-G1
Mate Story	2015	90,000	Saeed Abdullah Al Maddah	Grandcamp	Prix Thomas Bryon-G3
Wings Of Eagles	2015	220,000	MV Magnier	Montaigu	Derby-G1
Al Jazi	2014	160,000	Mandore International	Louviere	Oak Tree S-G3 (twice)
Almanzor	2014	100,000	Jean-Claude Rouget	Etreham	Prix du Jockey Club-G1 Irish Champion S-G1 Champion S-G1 Prix de Guiche-G3
Heshem	2014	85,000	Mandore International	Dehesa De Milagro	Prix Eugene Adam-G2
Mekhtaal	2014	300,000	Mandore International	Mézeray	Prix d'Ispahan-G1, Prix Hocquart-G2
Qemah	2014	200,000	Mandore International	Cadran Duke of	Coronation S-G1, Prix Rothschild-G1 Cambridge S-G2, Prix de la Grotte-G3
The Black Princess	2014	170,000	Charlie Liverton	Louviere	Lancashire Oaks-G2 Prix Allez France-G3
The Juliet Rose	2014	650,000	Mayfair Speculators	La Motteraye	Prix de Royaumont-G3 Prix de Royallieu-G2



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'Last year was very good and I hope for at least the same this year, perhaps even a little bit better'



**Scott Burton** talks to Pierre Talvard, owner of leading Arqana consignor Haras du Cadran

IERRE TALVARD may not have come to breeding through a traditional route, while it took him more than 30 years to produce a French Classic winner. As he returns to the big Arqana yearling sale in Deauville with his biggest draft yet, however, there is no doubt that his Haras du Cadran has reached a new level of international recognition with the breakthrough successes of The Grey Gatsby and Qemah.

The farm's progress, decade by decade, has long been recognised within France. That much is plain simply in the important owner-breeders who have partnered with Talvard. And it is not as if its emergence as a major force at the yearling sales – seven of the 14 lots sold at Arqana August in 2016 made €100,000 or more – was the result merely of a couple of lucky rolls of the dice.

For a closer look at the stud's best sellers last year shows that Talvard is reaping the reward of continued reinvestment in his broodmare band over the last decade. Of Cadran's five

top sellers last August, in fact, all were out of broodmares bought at auction since 2009.

"Last year's sale was a very good one for Cadran and I hope for at least the same this year, perhaps even a little bit better," says Talvard. "Our horses had a really good year on the track in 2016 and then at the sale. We had a beautiful daughter of Intello, bought by the Wertheimers, and that enabled me to buy a couple of nice fillies at the December breeding sale."

breeding sale." Talvard's philosophy of constantly upgrading the families on the farm is attested by the story of Kartica, a €120,000 purchase at the 2011 Arqana breeding-stock sale. Her first Cadran-bred yearling, by Danehill Dancer, set agent Nicolas de Watrigant back €200,000 – and that has turned out to be money well spent, in both cases. Qemah now has two Royal Ascot victories and a Prix Rothschild to her name in the colours of Al Shaqab, who went back to the source when paying €160,000 for Kartica's Lawman colt in 2016.

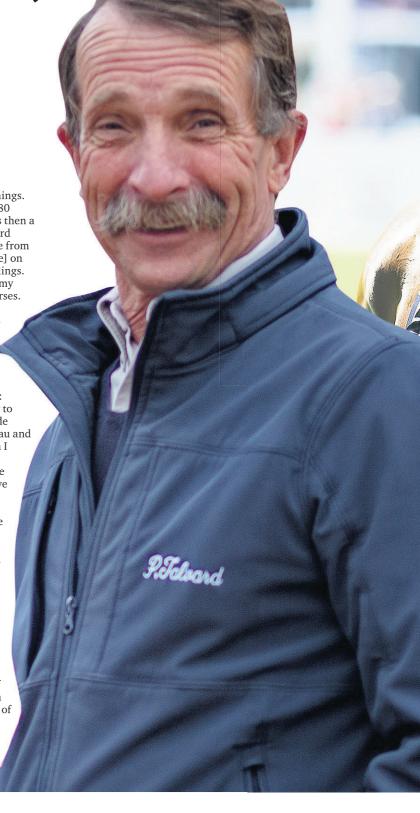
"We achieved everything without having the very best pedigrees and the really top stallions," says Talvard. "I never like to go above the level of €60,000 for a cover but prefer to concentrate my efforts into buying the best mares I can. I think that's what has made the difference [in recent years]. All the mares I've bought at Arqana or Tattersalls have brought me pleasure."

It is all a far cry from Cadran's humble beginnings. "I've been here since 1980 when I bought what was then a veterinary clinic," Talvard recalls. "The name came from a sundial [cadran solaire] on one of the existing buildings. I'm the only member of my family involved with horses.

"When I bought the property it measured 18 hectares. Today it spreads over 300. We started with five or six mares and now we're up around 100. I have two types of client: those who breed mainly to race, such as Jean-Claude Seroul, Gerard Laboureau and Alain Jathiere; and then I have a lot of different partners in the mares we breed to sell. I never have a broodmare all to myself."

The Grey Gatsby is the best known example of this second type of client, having been bred in partnership with Malcolm Parrish. The son of Mastercraftsman's stunning success in the 2014 Prix du Jockey Club was undoubtedly the moment when the wider world first began to recognise the work of Cadran - not to mention the distinctive whiskers of its driving force.

But might that Classic-winning breakthrough have come more than a >> Continues page 14









▶▶From page 12 quarter of a century earlier?

His retiring trainer Francois Doumen may still have the occasional regret that Ghost Buster's, ridden by a youthful Gerald Mosse, missed out by a short head in the 1988 running. But Talvard is more sanguine about that early near-miss at Chantilly.

"I'm not sure it would have changed my life if he'd won," he shrugs. "It wasn't a great edition and he was beaten by Hours After. But we were second nonetheless, and it showed we were progressing as a farm. Around that time we also bred Mercalle, who won the Prix du Cadran two years later."

In Mastercraftsman and Danehill Dancer, there is an obvious common thread to Talvard's two Classic-winning calling cards. "I work a lot with Coolmore," he agrees. "In the case of Qemah I thought it was an obvious move to send her dam, Kartica, to Danehill Dancer. But it was Mr Parrish who wanted Mastercraftsman, the sire of The Grey Gatsby. When you look at the success of Coolmore, of course you want to send your stock there.'

All five of last year's top-selling Cadran yearlings have siblings on offer in 2017 and Talvard understandably has high hopes for them. The Storming Home mare

The Storming Home mare Mary's Precedent owned the bragging rights around the farm in 2016 after her Intello filly sold for €300,000. This

## 'I concentrate on buying the best mares I can'

year she is represented by a Mastercraftsman filly, **lot 198**. "She's a filly with a lot of presence, with a very interesting inbreeding to Mr Prospector," Talvard says. "She has a lot of quality and I like her a lot."

Next up for consideration is Mrs Dubawi, a €140,000 yearling here in 2010. Her Invincible Spirit filly was knocked down to De Watrigant and Al Shaqab for €240,000 last year, and this time Talvard has entrusted her to a Coolmore freshman in Australia (who has ten yearlings catalogued over the three days of the sale). Talvard is as concise as he is convinced by their daughter, lot 33. "She's perfect," he enthuses. "She has a very good temperament and is a very attractive chestnut filly.

The Lomitas mare Varsity was bought in foal to Hurricane Run in Deauville in 2009 and was responsible for an unforgettable moment in the Cadran story. "Varsity gave me my very first Royal Ascot winner in [2015 Royal Hunt Cup hero] GM Hopkins, who

was by Dubawi," Talvard said.
"He was followed by a nice filly
by Makfi, called Zvarkhova,
who was sold to continue
racing in the US and who won
first time up over there. We
have a filly by Lope De Vega
[lot 94] this year. She has a
lot of presence and is a great
mover."

The Elusive Quality mare Mikkwa was added to the Cadran roster in 2014 and it may be no coincidence that Marie Vison, the dam of The Grey Gatsby, features on her page.

HE was in foal to
Acclamation when
Talvard paid
€260,000 for her, and
shared an instant
return on that investment
when the resulting yearling
colt was bought by Al Shaqab
for €140,000 and sent into
training with Jean-Claude
Rouget.

Talvard's first choice of mate for Mikkwa was Dawn Approach and their colt is **lot 29** in this year's catalogue. "He's very good looking," Talvard says. "I love all the stallion sons of Galileo who have some speed and this really is a colt who takes the eye."

Which brings us back to Kartica, the dam of Qemah, this year represented by a colt by Charm Spirit – a stallion who will be featuring in Cadran consignments for years to come.

'Charm Spirit was in England for his first season, at Tweenhills, and every year I've sent two mares to him because I thought him a fantastic racehorse with an interesting pedigree. I have two very nice yearlings by him this year: Qemah's brother. and a three-quarters brother to Trais Fluors [lot 275], who was fourth in the Prix Jacques le Marois last Sunday. I also have two nice foals by Charm Spirit, and two mares carrying to him. He's a stallion I have a lot of faith in. Kartica's colt is a real standout. Cadran's draft of

23 yearlings in

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May-foaled youngsters are
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But even among the frenzied preparations for the sales season, the man at the helm of Cadran has always made time to see his best horses graduate.









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## Starspangledbanner story set to take another turn this year

THE Starspangledbanner story is well-known by now: brilliant sprinter on the track, popular but subfertile in his first years at stud and then an outstanding start with his depleted crops of early runners.

The son of Choisir had been covering small, carefully managed books in Australia until he returned to Coolmore in County Tipperary last year and enjoyed a remarkable resurgence in fertility.

That means agents and trainers will be able to buy northern-hemisphere Starspangledbanner yearlings once more from next year. Or will it?

Actually, some shrewd vendors have managed to source such lots for this year, with the stallion

Starspangledbanner leads the field at Santa Anita in the Turf Sprint at serving mares to European time down under in 2015. At the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale this year there are two lots on offer by the 2012 Breeders' Cup Starspangledbanner – the sire who provided the £230,000 top lot at the 2014 auction. They are Stratford Place Stud's colt from the vendor's highflying Crime Of Passion family that has yielded many high-class sprinters and two-year-olds including Bungle Inthejungle and Muarrab (1) and Stockwell Thoroughbreds' filly out of a Rock Of Gibraltar half-sister to Group 2 winner Hasselhoof (385).

THE FILLY who will be the first Frankel to go under the hammer in Doncaster will naturally have all eyes on her.

After all, her dual world champion sire continues to draw praise for the successful start to his second career – ten Pattern winners and another eight stakes performers, including narrow Irish Derby runner-up Cracksman, at the time of writing.

But there are two sides to every story and two halves to a pedigree, and **lot 120** has an excellent female family as well as her celebrity sire.

She is the first foal out of the Bond family's sprinter Ladies Are Forever, a daughter of their iconic sire Monsieur Bond who won eight races including two editions of the Summer Stakes. The mare also finished third in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot at two, even though she is a May foal.

### First Frankel filly to go through Doncaster ring

Ladies Are Forever is out of the Bonds' brilliant broodmare Forever Bond, also the dam of Stewards' Cup and Group 1-placed sprinter Hoof It, the useful handicapper Bop It and the filly who topped the 2011 Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale (then the DBS St Leger) at £147,000.

Vendor Charlie Bond says of his star lot: "She's a nice model, neat and compact, with a big backend and a good shoulder."

Lot 120: Frankel filly is the first foal out of high-class sprinter Ladies Are Forever



## Further rewards look on cards for Sundstrom

ANNA SUNDSTROM pioneered a rare cross-Channel venture by bringing three yearlings from Normandy to Doncaster for the Premier Sale last year. Her spirit of innovation was well rewarded as all three of the lots from the Coulonces Consignment sold well.

This year Sundstrom returns with five horses: an Oasis Dream half-brother to Group 2-placed two-year-old Lehaim (3); a colt from the first crop of Olympic Glory out of a half-sister to Passing Glance (246); a Showcasing colt out of a half-sister to Gordon Lord Byron (402); a son of Kendargent related to Pride (454); and a Siyouni filly out of the Listed-winning Giant's Causeway mare Demeanour (462).

Olympic Glory was one of the best Goffs UK yearling graduates of recent years; the Showcasing colt is related to another, Barney Roy, and the lot by Kendargent also boasts Speciosa as a close relation.

#### Filly gets boost via Beckford win

WHAT every vendor craves before a sale is a pedigree update and Baroda and Colbinstown Studs received a highly significant one for their daughter of Mukhadram, who goes under the hammer at the Premier Yearling Sale as **lot 355**.

The filly is a half-sister to none other than Beckford, who won both his first two starts for Gordon Elliott this year – a Curragh maiden and the Group 2 Railway Stakes – and finished second in the Group 1 Phoenix Stakes last weekend.

She should make a decent profit for her connections, having been bought as a foal at Tattersalls last year for just 31,000gns.

#### Morpheus worth taking interest in

THE Frankel filly should justifiably take high rank in the top prices at Doncaster, but don't forget you can tap into the bloodlines of the super second-season sire without having to splash out.

Morpheus, Frankel's half-brother by Oasis Dream, won his maiden and two handicaps before retiring to Tally-Ho Stud. He may not have gained black type but his young progeny have been noted for their good looks and there are ten of his first yearlings on offer in the Premier Yearling Sale.

The picks on pedigree might be Ballincurrig House Stud's half-sister to Listed winner Silver Rainbow (14) and Tally-Ho Stud's half-brother to two winners out of Listed-placed Tomintoul Singer (336).

## Xtension has all the right credentials

XTENSION may not have covered large books of mares since he retired to Rathbarry Stud but he has all the credentials to throw a yearling who should be popular at Doncaster.

The son of Xaar was among the best of his generation at two, when he won the Vintage Stakes, finished second in the Coventry and was beaten just a neck in the Dewhurst. At three he was fourth in the 2,000 Guineas and third in the Prix Jean Prat, while he was later sold to Hong Kong where he won consecutive runnings of the prestigious Champions Mile.

Xtension is also the recipient of a significant recent pedigree update, as his half-sister Beatrix Potter is the dam of July Cup hero Harry Angel.

Perhaps scarcity value will pay dividends for Whatton Manor Stud, which consigns the sire's only lot in the Premier catalogue – a colt out of a half-sister to smart sprinter Knot In Wood (205).

Half-sister to Knot In Wood is the only lot in the Premier catalogue by Xtension



#### Invincible Spirit filly has sale-topper potential

HERE'S a filly with sale-topper potential – lot 250 from Trickledown Stud, the Invincible Spirit filly out of Listed winner Ronaldsay and thus a half-sister to Jersey Stakes winner and Irish 2,000 Guineas runner-up Gale Force Ten (the £280,000 top lot at this auction in 2011).

However this filly performs on the track, she will eventually make someone a fine broodmare prospect. Ronaldsay is a half-sister to the dam of Grade 3 winner Pickle, who in turn produced Listed scorer Gusto, and this is also the family of champions Postponed and Bianca Nera.

The lot – the only one by her great sire in the catalogue – is offered on behalf of Jeanette McCreery, widow of outstanding breeder Bob, and partners.



Gale Force Ten, meanwhile, now stands at the Irish National Stud and has four first-crop yearlings in the Premier sale including Egmont Stud's colt out of the Listed-winning Lomitas mare Rosa Grace (251).

Gale Force Ten at the Irish National Stud

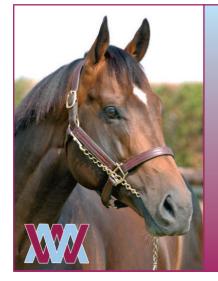
## Gold to be found by Silver digging

BARGAIN hunters are often rewarded for staying in Doncaster after the Premier Sale and delving into the Silver section, which takes place on August 31.

This season's Listed winners Raydiance and Vik The Billy were bought at the less select auction for the princely sums of £7,500 and £4,000.

Pedigree study will be secondary to physical considerations at the Silver Sale but, nevertheless, a few pages catch the eye.

They include a Gregorian colt related to Glorious Goodwood winner Beat The Bank from Baroda and Colbinstown (554) and Oaks Farm Stables' Mayson filly whose two-year-old half-brother Aussie Wind has won a Newcastle novice stakes since publication of the catalogue (543).



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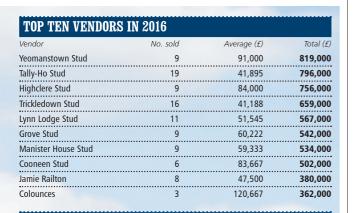
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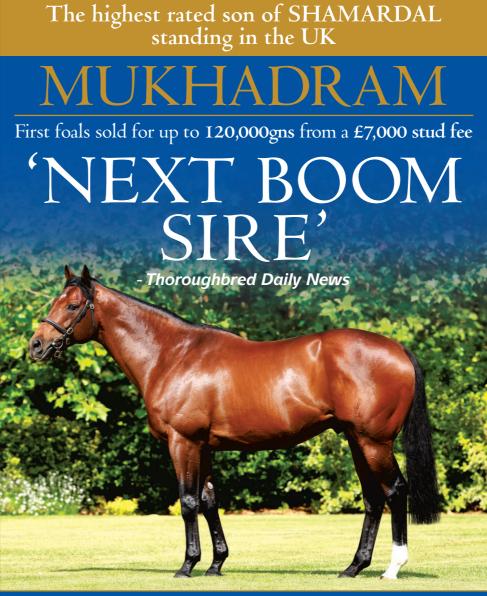


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TOP TEN BUYERS IN	2016		
Buyer(s)	No. horses	Average (£)	Total (£)
Shadwell Estates	22	96,864	2,131,000
Peter and Ross Doyle	19	71,684	1,362,000
Sackville Donald	10	73,900	739,000
BBA Ireland	13	52,385	681,000
Amanda Skiffington	5	91,000	455,000
Blandford Bloodstock	6	71,833	431,000
Salcey Forest Stud	6	69,500	417,000
Abdullah Al Malek Al Sabah	6	55,000	330,000
Bobby O'Ryan/Rebel Racing	6	49,333	296,000
Bobby O'Ryan/Keith Dalgleish	11	26,864	295,500





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**James Thomas** meets two Goffs sales directors who have also tasted success as pinhookers

VERY year, as summer draws to a close, buyers from around the world return to South Yorkshire to resume the hunt for that cocktail of speed and precocity known as the 'Donny Yearling'. Think Tiggy Wiggy, Limato, Toormore, Reckless Abandon, Dream Ahead.

True, crack three-year-olds Barney Roy and Harry Angel have this season shown the Goffs UK Premier Sale in a somewhat different light. For many, however, finding a horse with enough class and get-up-and-go to make Royal Ascot the following summer remains the main draw of the Doncaster sale.

This year it has fallen to Rajasinghe and Barraquero to fly the flag for the Donny Yearling, the former landing the Coventry Stakes in determined style and the latter gliding to a smooth success in the Richmond Stakes at Glorious Goodwood.

But these two high-class performers are not just prime examples of the type. Both also say plenty about the acumen of the Goffs UK team, each having been pinhooked as foals by directors of the sales house - Michael Dale picking out Rajasinghe and Jeremy Mactaggart, Barraquero.

"He was a big, powerful sort we hoped would turn into a typical Doncaster yearling,' recalls Dale, who recently retired as a hugely respected member of the board at Doncaster since 1976.

"He went straight to Paul and Sara Thorman's at Trickledown, he stayed there and was prepared there. I saw him at the farm a couple of times before he came to Doncaster and he went the way I hoped he would. They don't always do that - but thankfully this one did!"

Having been sourced from the Goffs November foal sale for €65,000 on behalf of Douglas Pryde - a part-owner of 2013 Grand National hero Auroras Encore - the son of Choisir was knocked down to Bobby O'Ryan and Rebel Racing at last year's Premier Sale for £85,000.

You're also trying to sell 500 yearlings to the best of your ability, so you have to put it behind you that you're involved in one. You have to treat each the same

"You're always very chuffed when a good judge buys one from you," says Dale. "That's a backing of your judgement, even if the horse doesn't go on to do anything.'

But Rajasinghe did go on to do something, having supplemented a four-length debut win in a Newcastle maiden with a performance full of guts and class to land his coveted Group 2 prize at Ascot.

For Mactaggart, meanwhile, it was a case of love at first sight when spotting a Zebedee colt at the same sale where his colleague unearthed Rajasinghe.

'The first time I saw him was when I pitched up at the sales and I just loved him," he says. "I just thought: 'racehorse'. He was always a lovely horse and always had a good step to him."

Barraquero was one of two lots sold by Mactaggart under the Wells Stud banner at last year's Premier Sale, the €40,000 foal purchase having caught the keen eye of Sam Sangster, who snapped him up for £30,000. Mactaggart's other offering proved rather

more profitable, Peter and Ross Doyle going to £100,000 for €28,000 foal buy Oliver Reed.

"Barraquero was as nice a horse as the other fella, he just didn't make as much," says Mactaggart pragmatically. "But Barraquero is very much your typical Donny horse, and

the yearling for 28 grand, so that worked out well! "I also helped pick out Barroche, who went to Clive Cox and was a dual winner and Group 3-placed at

"But I try not to get too involved because you're also trying to sell 500 vearlings to the best of your ability, so you have to put it behind you that you're involved in one. You have to treat each one the

two mates along the way," says Dale modestly. "Including Ralph

Lloyd, a car dealer from Carlisle.

He bred Thetford Forest - one of

Mohammed bought – who won the Irish Cesarewitch.

"He was a son of Blakeney,

we sold him the nomination for

the first horses Sheikh

Mactaggart agrees that his position

organisation affords no privileges when it comes to allocation of a coveted spot in Goffs UK's flagship sale.

"Seeing Barraquero do what he's done makes it all worthwhile, as all eyes are on vou." he says of his twin roles as pinhooker and director. "I'm going out and I'm looking at people's horses and I'm saying to somebody, 'Look, that horse isn't good enough' or, 'Yes, he's a lovely

"You're wearing your heart on your sleeve if you're purchasing horses and then they're in the sale. People are looking at you saying: 'I wonder what his horse is like, as he got his into the sale'.

'You absolutely can't just squeeze a horse in because you're a director at Goffs UK, you've got to get it right otherwise it's just not fair.

"I do have to be very mindful of putting the right horses in and not gaining an unfair advantage. Ultimately, someone has to come and inspect my horses too.'

For Mactaggart - who joined the company during







the DBS days in 1999, becoming a director in 2006 – Barraquero is not the first notable winner he has been involved with, having offered the likes of Nicky Henderson's three-time Grade 1 winner Riverside Theatre. But the Brian Meehan-trained juvenile does represent a new era for Wells Stud.

"We started out consigning Flat foals two years ago," he explains. "We've always consigned National Hunt horses under our own banner and we thought it was a natural progression.

"The only thing that slowed me down is that we're so far north. The farm sits



feet, and Hawick isn't the warmest part of the world, but it's so far so good. I was a bit nervous initially, but we took the plunge and decided to give it a go. As long as they're a

individual on purchase, they're fine.
"My wife Kate does the bulk

"My wife Kate does the bulk of the work. When I'm away, she's at home doing the hard yards. She does the work looking at all the horses for selection; and she's the one at the stable door, showing the horses on sales day. So it's very much a team effort.

"Our ultimate target is to be here for the Premier Sale. The

Successful behind the scenes and on the track: Jeremy Mactaggert (left) and Michael Dale (below), who pinhooked Rajasinghe and Barraquero as foals

principle of the Donny Yearling is something we're very aware of "

The good news for those who like the sound of a Donny yearling handpicked by a Donny director is that both Dale and Mactaggart will be represented by pinhooks at the upcoming Premier Sale.

Dale is responsible for the Footstepsinthesand colt from Trickledown Stud (**Lot 370**), a €25,000 buy and the first foal out of a winning Sakhee's Secret mare.

"He's a good, active walker and, touch wood, he can do his job," says Dale in tones that suggest a hint of anticipation. "He's by a good commercial stallion and I took the view, rightly or wrongly, that it wouldn't matter what his progeny did this year as he's well enough established that the buyers would still go for him."

Mactaggart's Wells Stud meanwhile offers a colt from the first crop of Frankel's half-brother Morpheus, out of an unraced half-sister to Listed-winners Fa-Eq and Corinium (135).

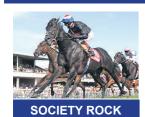
Corinium (135).

"He's correct and very good walking," says Mactaggart.
"I've probably seen a dozen by the sire and they're all of a similar stamp."

similar stamp."
With the 470 lots catalogued including progeny by Frankel, Cape Cross, Ruler Of The World and Siyouni, there is likely to be something for everybody at the 2017 Premier Sale. But for those thinking early, speedy and classy, it is still the default option to think Donny.

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138 b c Gale Force Ten	Luxuria	16,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Hegarty Bloodstock		
143 b c Garswood	Malea	€38,000	Goffs November Foals	Not Sold		
144 bc Elzaam	Manalisa	€18,500	Goffs November Foals	Grangebarry		
146 b c Fast Company	Marinebird	€12,500	Goffs November Foals	R.P.S		
148 b c Dream Ahead	Marmaria	40,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
150 ch c Coach House	Martha	9,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Danesrath Stud		
154 b c Kodiac	Mauri Moon	€45,000	Goffs November Foals	OMR Bloodstock		
155 b c Fast Company	Mawu	€18,000	Goffs November Foals	Hatford Enterprises		
156 b c Iffraaj	Mea Parvitas	20,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Danesrath Stables		
157 b c Dragon Pulse	Meduse Bleu	€26,000	Goffs November Foals	Oaks Farm		
159 ch c Helmet	Melanippe	€18,000	Goffs November Foals	Intergalactic Bloodstock		
161 ch c Teofilo	Midget	€64,000	Goffs November Foals	Cannons Wood		
164 ch c Footstepsinthesand	Mimisel	€44,000	Goffs November Foals	Camas Park Stud		
166 b c Zoffany	Miss Complex	11,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Sherglass Bloodstock		
167 b c War Command	Miss Crystal	17,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Not Sold		
168 ch f Toronado	Miss Mediator	25,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	A Crean		
176 ch c Dunaden	Morar	€20,000	Goffs November Foals	Filip Zwicky		
180 ch c Tagula	Muffin	€15,000	Goffs November Foals	Paula Flannery		
185 b c Dragon Pulse	Mylaporyours	25,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Emerald Bloodstock		
187 bf Alhebayeb	Na Zdorovie		Goffs November Foals	Manister House Stud		
190 b c War Command	Natural Choice	15,500gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Yeomanstown Stud		
193 b c Charm Spirit	Nickels And Dimes	€68,000	Goffs November Foals	Abbey Farm		
194 ch f Helmet	Night Club	€7,200	Goffs November Foals	Salcey Forest Stud		
196 grc Zebedee	Nippy	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Bobby O'Ryan		
198 b c Acclamation	Obsara		Goffs November Foals	Pier House Stud		
199 ch f Dawn Approach	On The Dark Side		Goffs November Foals	Buckley Bloodstock		
201 gr c Dark Angel	Orikawa		Goffs November Foals	Finn Bloodstock		
202 b c Havana Gold	Orton Park		Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
203 bf Dark Angel	Padma	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Killula Stud		
206 bf Dandy Man	Park Haven		Tattersalls December Foal	TMO Bloodstock		
207 b f Bated Breath	Park Melody		Tattersalls December Foal	James Ford Bloodstock		
214 b c Heeraat	Piranha	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Yeomanstown Stud		
215 b f Society Rock	Poetry Aloud	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Summus Equus		
217 ch c Sepoy	Poyle Meg	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Awbeg Stud		
220 b f Garswood	Presto Levanter	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Springfield House Stud		
222 bf Cape Cross	Princess Cammie	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	BBA Ireland		
227 b c Battle Of Marengo	Quail Landing		Tattersalls December Foal	Blandford Bloodstock		
228 b c Swiss Spirit	Queensgate		Goffs November Foals	Whitwell Bloodstock		
229 b c Requinto	Quinine		Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
231 br c Tamayuz	Rahlah	,	Goffs November Foals	Goodwill Bloodstock		
233 b c Coach House	Really Ransom	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	GHS Bloodstock		
234 b c Oasis Dream	Rebecca Rolfe	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Winchester Holdings		
237 ch c Dutch Art	Regal Silk		Tattersalls December Foal	Grove Stud		
244 b c Camacho	River Bounty	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Foyle Farm		
248 b c Helmet	Rocking Horse		Goffs November Foals	Margaret O'Toole		
250 gr f Invincible Spirit	Ronaldsay		Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
251 b c Gale Force Ten	Rosa Grace	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	PF Bloodstock		
256 br f Society Rock	Rublevka Star		Goffs November Foals	Catridge Farm Stud		
257 b c Dandy Man	Ruby Slippers	€25,000	Goffs February Mixed	T.N.T. Thoroughbreds		

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Lot Sex B	Breeding		Price	Sale	Buyer		
389 bf To	oronado	Angus Newz	10,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Mark Windsor		
391 bf Pi	Pivotal	Apace	22,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Rebel Racing		
392 b c Ta	amayuz	Arbeel	€15,000	Goffs November Foals	Vendor		
397 bc W	Var Command	Asgardella	22,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Tix Bloodstock		
399 b c Fo	ootstepsinthesand	Azenzar	21,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	The Banana Syndicate		
400 bc N	Лооhааjim	Bahati	€56,000	Goffs November Foals	BBA Ireland		
401 bf Le	ethal Force	Barleycorn Lady	10,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
402 b c Sl	Showcasing	Be Released	20,000	Arqana December Breeding Stock	Brian Grassick Bloodstock		
404 grc Zo	lebedee	Benedicte	€17,500	Goffs February Mixed	Sunnyside		
405 b c S	Swiss Spirit	Beylerbey	€22,000	Goffs November Foals	Margaret O'Toole		
406 bf C	Charm Spirit	Bijou A Moi	85,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	Salcey Forest Stud		
410 bc S	Swiss Spirit	Bling Bling	7,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	A C Elliott, agent		
411 bc E	Elzaam	Bloomsday Babe	€26,000	Goffs November Foals	A T Bloodstock		
413 bf H	lelmet	Bochafina	13,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	DC Bloodstock		
415 ch c H		Bounty Box	16,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	TDS Partners		
416 bc N	Mayson	Branston Gem	18,000gns	Tattersalls December Foal	BOC Partners		
	oronado	Break Time		Tattersalls December Foal	Mimi Wadham/Violet Hesketh		
	oronado	Broughtons Charm		Tattersalls December Foal	Federico Barberini/Appletree Stud		
	Dark Angel	Brown Eyed Honey		Tattersalls December Foal	Grangemore Stud		
	lade Power	Bryanstown Girl	,	Goffs November Foals	Bundaberg		
427 bc R		Cadescia	,	Goffs November Foals	Peter O'Rahily		
428 grc A		Call This Cat		Goffs November Foals	Vendor		
430 bc A		Cantaloupe		Goffs November Foals	Catridge Farm		
	Garswood	Caramel Sundae	,	Goffs November Foals	Manister House Stud		
		Celestial Dream	,	Goffs November Foals	GMG Bloodstock		
433 bc N		Chalet Girl		Goffs November Foals	Brendan Boyle Bloodstock		
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	Codiac	Cherika	,	Goffs November Foals	Vendor		
441 b c Si	,	Cheviot Heights	, ,	Tattersalls December Foal	Arglo House Stud		
445 ch c D		Clare Glen	,	Goffs November Foals	Yeomanstown Stud		
448 b c S		Collectable		Tattersalls December Foal	Oaks Farm Stables		
449 bf A		Comes A Time	,	Goffs November Foals	G.H.S.		
450 ch c S		Copy-Cat		Tattersalls December Foal	Salcey Forest Stud		
		Creating Speed		Tattersalls Ireland Flat Breeding Stoc			
458 b c Z		Cute	,	Goffs November Foals	Margaret O'Toole		
	offany .	Dacio	,	Goffs November Foals	Whitehall Stud		
	Dream Ahead	Daganya		Tattersalls December Foal	Glenvale Stud		
	Camacho	Destiny's Kitten		Goffs February Mixed	MD Bloodstock		
	larbour Watch	Doric Lady		Tattersalls December Foal	Vendor		
468 ch c Z	.опапу	Dotada	€30,000	Goffs November Foals	John Cullinan (PS)		

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**Tom Harris** talks to Richard Kent, whose Mickley Stud stands Heeraat, a son of Donny success story Dark Angel

LEVEN years ago a yearling colt by Acclamation was led through the sales ring at Doncaster. Nobody could know, when he was sold to BBA Ireland for £61,000, that this was the beginning of an extraordinary success story – or how Doncaster would become its defining motif.

In recent years Battaash, Harry Angel, Markaz, Easton Angel, Estidhkaar, Gabriel, Bronze Angel and Log Out Island have all followed their sire through the same ring where Dark Angel began his brief exile – a single season's racing for Barry Hills – from Yeomanstown Stud.

Last year all 17 of his yearlings offered at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale were sold for an average of just over £115,000, with six figuring among the top nine lots. Prix Robert Papin runner-up Frozen Angel was among them, at £165,000; while the sale's top lot, a £280,000 colt since named Yafta, has twice finished second in the colours of Sheikh Hamdan.

This time round Dark Angel has no fewer than 30 yearlings catalogued, but the sale is also notable for the next turn of the carousel – with his sons Alhebayeb and Heeraat both represented by their first yearlings.

They have a promising precedent. Last year, as the first son of Dark Angel to have yearlings presented here, Lethal Force found new homes for all 22 of his lots across both sessions for up to £102,000.

A typically precocious
Richard Hannon juvenile,
Alhebayeb finished second in
the Windsor Castle before
rallying to win the Group 2
July Stakes. The Tara Stud
charge – who stands alongside
another son of Dark Angel,
Estidhkaar, at the County
Meath nursery – has a dozen
yearlings catalogued at
Doncaster.

Heeraat, who helped to advertise Dark Angel's first crop with an 11-length maiden success at two, proved a game and hardy sprinter in 22 starts



Heeraat in his racecourse pomp, spreadeagling his field at Newbury, and (below) with Richard Kent at Mickley Stud

# Teak-tough sprinter carrying on a rich family tradition

across four seasons for trainer William Haggas. Bred on a similar cross to Lethal Force who is out of a mare by a son of his own damsire, Green Desert, in Desert Style - he proved a progressive handicapper at three before making his Pattern breakthrough at four. Sixth in the King's Stand, he achieved a RPR of 114 in winning the Group 3 Hackwood Stakes before replicating that peak rating in the same race 12 months later when beaten a neck by Music Master in what proved to be his final start.

A 50,000gns Tattersalls foal, bred by John McEnery, Heeraat was pinhooked in the same ring as a yearling by Liam Cashman of Rathbarry Stud, selling to Shadwell for 140,000gns out of Book 2. There is plenty of commercial speed in his pedigree, his unraced dam Thawrah being a half-sister to Malhub, who won the Golden Jubilee Stakes in 2002 and was beaten in a photo by Invincible Spirit in the Haydock Sprint Cup. Thawrah, herself out of a Listed winner by Ahonoora, has since produced the stakes-winning juvenile Ambiance, who finished fourth in the Norfolk.

It was this fast and precocious pedigree that persuaded Richard Kent to



stand Heeraat at Mickley Stud in Shropshire, at an advertised fee of £4,000. Here he joined a similar type in Captain Gerrard, along with a couple of other young sires, Proconsul and Yorgunnabelucky, both of whom owe their place at stud primarily to the glamour of their full brothers: Frankel and Shamardal, respectively.

"Everyone who has ever had anything to do with Heeraat throughout his career has become very attached to him," says Kent, who founded Mickley Stud with his partner Clare Lloyd in 2005. "He has just a fantastic temperament and William Haggas always gives him a big hug whenever he comes to see him. You don't often get that with those speed-line horses."

Jockey Paul Hanagan was equally impressed with his attitude, commenting after one of his victories that "he nearly had his head on the floor, he was trying so hard".

EERAAT received 97 and 94 mates in his first couple of seasons, five and six being black-type performers. "And this year, because of the popularity of his foals, he covered 116," Kent says. "To get these black-type mares is good for a stallion yet to have a runner at that kind of price. Around 70 per cent of those were client mares."

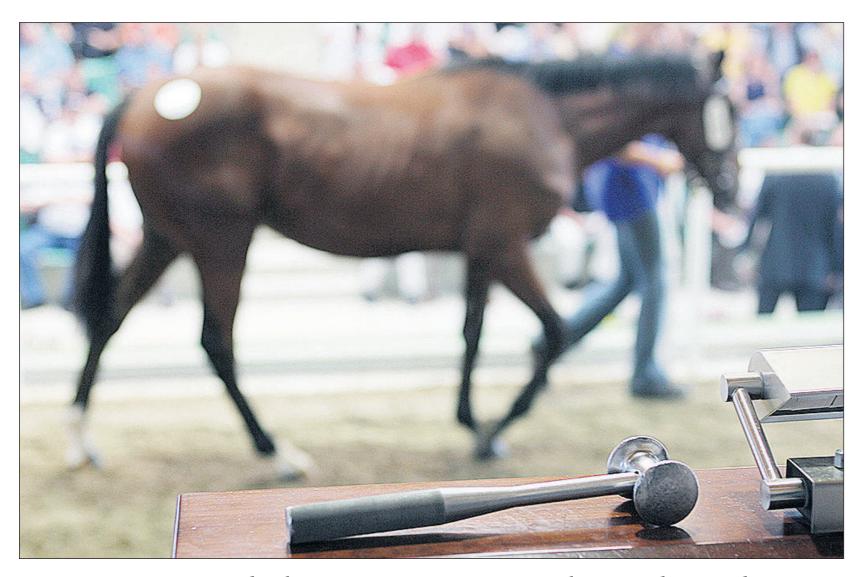
Paul McCartan, whose Ballyphilip Stud has struck gold this summer through Harry Angel and Battaash, has also been impressed by the rookie's progeny. According to Kent, he acquired Heeraat foals privately both last year and this – and has also bought into the stallion himself.

Himself the breeder of
Havana Grey – sure enough,
out of a daughter of Dark Angel
– Kent knows what it takes to
get an early runner. And he
consigns three of Heeraat's first
crop to the Doncaster sale,
picking out lot 289 as the
standout. A daughter of Ripon
Two-Year-Old Trophy runner-up
Skylla, she is from the family of
Hillstar and Poule d'Essai des
Pouliches winner Rose Gypsy.
"She's a beautiful filly," Kent
enthuses. "She'll come early
and is very quick-moving."

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Of the 17 Heeraat foals sold at auction last year, for an average of just under £12,000, the top price of 38,000gns was achieved at the Tattersalls December Sale by a son of Mickley Stud's Exceed And Excel mare Piranha, a dual juvenile winner at 5f. His purchasers, Yeomanstown Stud, offer him back at Doncaster as **lot 214**.

If the interest of Yeomanstown and Ballyphilip is anything to go by, then Heeraat could yet prove eligible to write a new chapter in his sire's Doncaster saga.



## Beer and bratwurst backed up by a raft of high-quality stock



**Martin Stevens** with the lowdown on Germany's big summer sale and the key lots to keep an eye out for

ADEN-BADEN is the last of the big three European yearling sales held in high summer, after Goffs UK Premier and Arqana August. It very much has its own identity: most of the lots will be as far from the speedy, precocious types available at Doncaster as you can get, and

the atmosphere is more beer and bratwurst than the champagne and seafood of Deauville.

What it has in common with its counterparts, though, is the quality of stock on offer. Champions Danedream, Manduro and Novellist were presented by German breeders at BBAG; not just high-class runners at home but winners of the most prestigious races in Europe and sold into their second careers for fortunes.

More recently, this season's German Derby winner
Windstoss – bought in by
breeder Gestut Rottgen for just
€16,000 – was offered at
Baden-Baden, as were the
second, third and fourth home
at Hamburg, Enjoy Vijay,
Rosenpurpur and Shanjo. So

too were Wake Forest, a Grade 2 winner at Gulfstream Park in March, and Dschingis Secret, a convincing winner of the Group 1 Grosser Preis von Berlin on his last start.

So the evidence suggests it is well worth international visitors heading to Germany to cross swords with domestic buyers for the cream of the country's yearling crop. There are certainly plenty of well-bred individuals to fight over.

#### **Classic connections**

Siblings to the German Derby one-two are among the jewels in the BBAG crown. Rottgen consigns a Reliable Man half-brother to Windstoss out of a winning daughter of German champion two-year-old Well Known (**lot 213**), while Jamie Railton offers a half-brother to Enjoy The Life, out of the Listed-winning Medicean mare Enjoy The Life and from the first crop of runaway German Derby winner Sea The Moon (**48**).

There are, alas, no yearlings on offer by another German Derby hero in Shirocco, the sire of Windstoss, as he covers mainly jumps mares nowadays. But there is one available by Nathaniel, the sire of Enjoy Vijay (and brilliant filly Enable, of course): that is the colt out of Fred Darling Stakes runner-up Dream Day from Gestut Fahrhof (183).

A big catalogue update meanwhile is boasted by the Motivator sister to Megera (57), a close second in the German Oaks this month. She is offered by Haras du Thenney.

If it is a sibling to a German Oaks winner you must have, look no further than the Jukebox Jury half-brother to Feodora (188) from Gestut Etzean and the Maxios half-brother to Turfdonna (72) from Gestut Auenquelle.

#### Local families, global success

A sibling to no less than the winner of one of the world's best known Flat races is being offered at Baden-Baden, with Ronald Rauscher consigning a Tertullian half-brother to last year's Melbourne Cup hero Almandin (218) on behalf of breeder Gestut Schlenderhan. >>> Continues page 28



Last of the big three European sales, Baden-Baden (above and right) has quality in common with Arqana and Goffs UK

## Champion sire Soldier can be equally effective in UK

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Black type runs from the top to the bottom of this colt's page, as he is also a half-brother to Group 2 scorer Atempo out of the Listed-winning Tiger Hill mare Anatola, a half-sister to German Oaks winner Amarette.

And here's another sibling to a name beloved by racing fans in the eastern hemisphere: Gestut Wittekindshof's Mastercraftsman half-sister to Pakistan Star (198), famed for his first-to-last heroics in Hong Kong including when second in the Audemars Piguet Queen Elizabeth II Cup. His Listed-winning dam is out of German champion Next Gina.

Clear eventual broodmare potential is held by a filly from Gestut Karlshof who has many relations who have shown a high level of form outside of German borders. The daughter of Dabirsim (219) is a half-sister to Be Fabulous, winner of the Group 1 Prix Royal-Oak at Longchamp, and Baila Me, winner of the Group 1 Preis von Europa at Cologne but also a dual Listed winner at Lingfield. Granddam Blumme was a Grade 1 winner in Chile and also produced Bussoni, winner of the Group 2 Prix Maurice de Nieuil and third in the Hong Kong Vase.

Two colts by
Mastercraftsman also catch
the eye: the half-brother to
Earl Of Tinsdal (47), a Group 1
winner in Italy and Germany,
from Gestut Fahrhof; and the
half-brother to Sirius (204),
winner of the Grosser Preis von

Berlin and Group 2-placed in France, from Gestut Etzean.

#### Get into leading German sires

Soldier Hollow does not have many runners in Britain and Ireland but Germany's reigning champion sire – and the most expensive in the country at €25,000 – arguably deserves more patronage from those countries' owners and trainers. He has supplied 22 stakes winners, three at the highest level including Our Ivanhowe and Pastorius, who struck in Australia and France respectively.

There is no reason why the son of In The Wings should not be effective as a sire in the British Isles, as he beat some good international fields to win his ten Pattern races and he was bred by Car Colston Hall Stud in Nottinghamshire from the family of Bachelor Duke, El Condor Pasa and Fatherland.

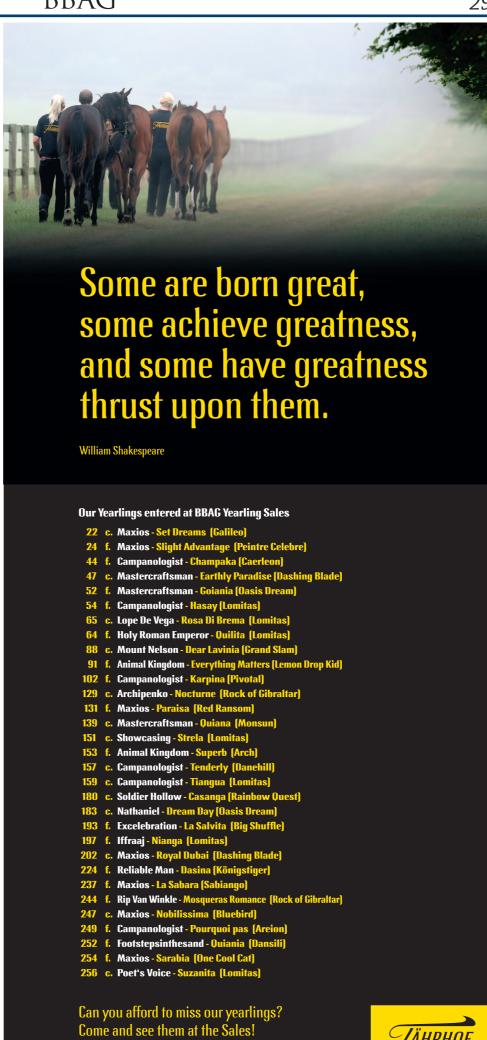
There are 16 by Soldier
Hollow on offer at Baden-Baden
and the high esteem in which
he is held by German breeders
is illustrated by the half-brother
to Park Hill Stakes winner
Wild Coco from Gestut Rottgen
(77) and the colt out of a
Listed-placed half-sister to
German Classic winners Next
Desert and Next Gina from
Gestut Wittekindshof (60).

Look out also, by the way, for the Jamie Railton-consigned Charm Spirit filly out of a half-sister to Soldier Hollow

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Germany's second-most expensive sire, another regular source of top-notchers, is also by In The Wings: Gestut Schlenderhan's Adlerflug, who was on the mark recently with German Oaks winner Lacazar and Grosser-Dallmayr Preis hero Iquitos.

The stallion – who hails from the family of Galileo – has only four in the BBAG catalogue and the pick of the quartet might be the filly from Gestut Auenquelle out of a daughter of Tiger Hill and Listed winner Shona from the family of high-class runners Sirius and Sommerabend (145).

First-season sire Maxios, a brilliantly bred son of Monsun, has received strong support at Gestut Fahrhof and has posted a first-crop two-year-old winner already even though his progeny will need time.

There is no shortage of choice of yearlings by the half-brother to Bago at Baden-Baden – 25 in total – and the ones with particularly enticing pages include Gestut Fahrhof's son of German champion two-year-old Royal Dubai, making him a half-brother to Listed winner Rumh (202), and Stauffenberg Bloodstock's colt out of a half-sister to Prix de l'Opera winner Lady Marian (109).

Gestut Etzean sire Lord Of England may not have the profile outside of Germany that he deserves, despite the fact he has two Group 1-placed performers in France, Olorda and Pakal, to go with his two domestic Classic scorers Feodora and Isfahan. He has seven on offer.

French Derby winner Reliable Man has a draft of ten and former champion German sire Areion has six.

#### International sires to the fore

There is only one chance to buy a yearling by Sea The Stars – who has added Group 1 winners Cloth Of Stars, Mekhtaal and Stradivarius to his roll of honour this year – and that colt from Gestut Brummerhof (191) also has strong appeal in his maternal pedigree, as he is out of a winning half-sister to Premio Lydia Tesio winner Sortilege from the immediate family of German Classic winners Salve Regina, Samum, Schiaparelli and Sea The Moon.

Sea The Stars' late sire Cape Cross has two in the sale – a colt out of the Listed-placed King's Best mare Val De Rama from Gestut Ohlerweiherhof (73) and a colt out of the



# Sea The Moon makes debut with 17 yearlings under the hammer

Listed-winning Sholokhov mare Al Quintana (215).

Ronald Rauscher presents an Oasis Dream half-sister to German 1,000 Guineas runner-up Calyxa (222), while Brummerhof consigns a New Approach filly out of Listed-winning Pivotal mare Mill Marin (194) and Fahrhof brings to the party a Lope De Vega half-brother to stakes winners Biancarosa, Rogue Runner and Rosa Del Dubai (65).

Le Havre has a brace of well-bred colts set to go under the hammer, both from Brummerhof – one out of German 1,000 Guineas winner Akua'da, by Shamardal (171), and the other out of German Oaks third Waldtraut, by Oasis Dream (211).

It will also be intriguing to see how the pair by Animal Kingdom get on as the Kentucky Derby and Dubai World Cup hero has made a pleasing start with his early two-year-old runners and one of his yearlings recently realised \$750,000 at Saratoga. Fahrhof consign both fillies (91 and 153).

#### **First-season fancies**

No sire's first yearling crop will have been anticipated as keenly in Germany as that of Sea The Moon, one of the most exciting colts trained in the country in recent years and a brilliant 11-length winner of the Classic at Hamburg.

No fewer than 17 lots by the son of Sea The Stars are available at Baden-Baden. Gestut Gorlsdorf showcases the horse it bred and campaigned with among others a half-brother to Group 1-placed stayer Fun Mac (49); a half-sister to Listed winner Princess Charm (93) and a daughter of Listed scorer Nouvelle Neige (199).

Australia is represented by

one first-crop product in the catalogue: a filly who is the first foal out of champion two-year-old and German Oaks runner-up Diamond Dove from Gestut Westerberg (45).

His fellow Derby winner by Galileo – and Coolmore studmate – Ruler Of The World also has just the one, a filly out of the Listed-winning Kamsin mare Sakamira from Ronald Rauscher (66).

Another top-class performer on the track with debut yearlings, Olympic Glory, gets in on the act with a half-brother to Listed winner Sushi Tuna from Haras de Saint Arnoult (149).

#### It's not all about stamina

Having started this preview saying that Doncaster and Baden-Baden are at polar opposites in the type of horse they offer – speed and precocity versus middle-distance quality – it is necessary to qualify that statement by saying there are some sharper pedigrees in the German sale.

Lest we forget that the £340,000 top lot at the 2014 Doncaster breeze-up sale, the winning Exceed And Excel filly Likely, had been sourced at BBAG for just €49,000 as a yearling.

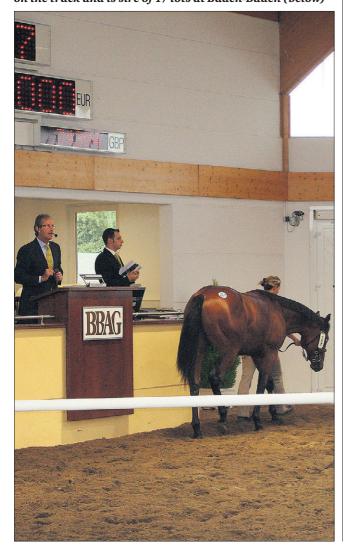
Perhaps, then, there might be value to be had in scouring a sale known for later-maturing types to find a speedier sort by a commercial sire.

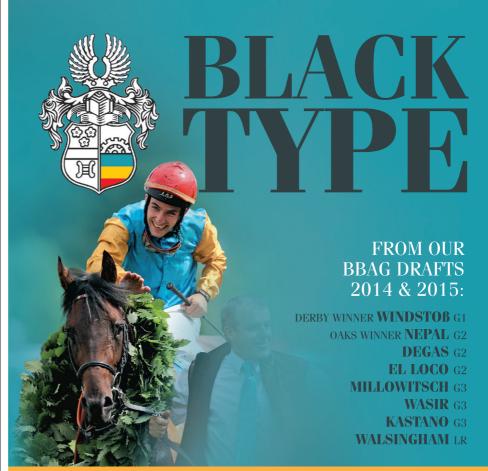
Those that potentially fit the bill are the Acclamation half-sister to Group 3-placed two-year-old Fulminate from Etzean (51); the Exceed And Excel filly out of Group 3 winner Adriana from Westerberg (79); the Iffraaj filly out of Listed scorer Nianga from Fahrhof (197); the Kodiac half-brother to US Grade 2 winner Ramazutti offered by Stauffenberg Bloodstock (195); and the Showcasing colt related to champion racehorse and sire Silvano from Fahrhof (151).

So something for everyone at Baden-Baden; mainly for those looking for later-maturing types with hardy German blood maybe, but also for value-seekers looking for those who excel earlier and over shorter trips.



Sea The Moon: the son of Sea The Stars was hugely exciting on the track and is sire of 17 lots at Baden-Baden (below)





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Lot. No. f. filly / c. colt Sire - Dam (Damsire)

23 f. Reliable Man - Sisika (King's Theatre)
Half sister to SHARIN (L.)

f. Reliable Man - Weltklasse (Kallisto)

Dam is half sister to WELL SPOKEN (G2)

76 f. Campanologist - Well American (Bertrando)
Half sister to WELL SPOKEN (G2)

77 c. Soldier Hollow - Wild Side (Sternkönig)
Half brother to WILD COCO (G1), WELTMACHT (G2)

78 c. Reliable Man - Winterkönigin (Sternkönig)
Half brother to WALSINGHAM (L.)

90 c. Reliable Man - Eibe (Black Sam Bellamy)
Dam is half sister to ELIOT (G1)

122 c. Reliable Man - Nashita (Shirocco)
Closely related to NAGOYA (G1) and NEPAL (G2)

213 c. Reliable Man - Wellenspiel (Sternkönig)
Half brother to Derby winner WINDSTOB (G1)

214 c. Excelebration - Wilddrossel (Dalakhani)
Second foal of WILD COCO's (G1) sister WILDDROSSEL (G2)

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