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BREEDING ON A BUDGET

Your essential guide to finding value in the stallion ranks



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Bargain hunt

IN JUST four years Tally-Ho Stud flagbearer Kodiak has leapt from a fee of €10,000 – well within the parameters of a budget sire in this supplement – to a hefty €50,000 and recognition as one of the best sources of precocious stock around.

Commercial breeders who paid €10,000 for their nomination in 2014 hit the jackpot at the 2016 yearling sales, where lots by Kodiak sold for an average of £75,000 and hit a high of £400,000.

Kodiak and his half-brother Invincible Spirit, Dark Angel and his sire Acclamation, and the likes of Showcasing and Siyouni: they are the holy grail for breeders without deep pockets; sires who are at one time available at inexpensive fees but whose reputations soar along with the value of their young offspring.

Hopefully we can help you on the search for the holy grail. For inspiration, cast your eyes right to see the extraordinary talent than can be produced on cheaper nominations.

Our expert jury of breeders and agents give their views on value (pages 4-5), while Meta Osborne shares tips for cost-effective breeding methods on pages 8-9. There is also our guide to the shuttle sires (page 6), my pick of the stallions covering smaller numbers (pages 10-11) and a directory of the budget choices in Britain and Ireland (starts page 12).

Martin Stevens



THE TIN MAN

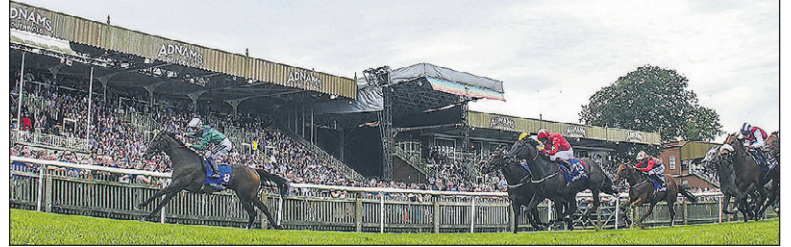
5-year-old bay gelding
Equiano-Persario
(Bishop Of Cashel)

Last year's British Champions Sprint Stakes hero The Tin Man hails from the first crop of Equiano, who stood at £8,000 in his first season at Newsells Park Stud. The illogical nature of the bloodstock industry's obsession with the new is exemplified by the fact that Equiano commands the same fee this year, after he has proven with The Tin Man and the likes of Medicine Jack and Strath Burn that he is a capable sire of high-class sprinters.

LIMATO

5 b g Tagula-Come April (Singspiel)

Don't write off old stallions – that is the message given by Limato, a really likeable performer for Henry Candy who has won eight of his 14 starts, six of them stakes races, and finished second in four others, with victories in the July Cup and Prix de la Forêt to his name. Limato (*below left*) is by Tagula, who has stood at Rathbarry Stud since 1997 and never at a fee more than €7,500. The veteran sire – best known for his champion son Canford Cliffs – stands at €4,000 at the age of 24 this year and there would be worse options for starting off a mare.



ALMANZOR

4 b c Wootton Bassett-Darkova (Maria's Mon)

The reigning champion – hailed by some as the best Flat horse in Europe since Frankel – offers a salutary lesson that you can be rewarded in the sales ring for producing an athletic horse, regardless of the cost of production. Wootton Bassett stood at just €6,000 in his first season, when Almanzor (*above right*) was conceived, and his dam was bought for just €16,000. Despite that, trainer Jean-Claude Rouget stumped up €100,000 to secure the future triple Group 1 winner as a yearling at Arqana.

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If you were
hit the big

JET SETTING

4 b f Fast Company-Mean Lae
(Johannesburg)

Jet Setting earned £125,000 for winning the Irish 1,000 Guineas and was sold to the China Horse Club three weeks later for £1.3 million.

The filly's breeder Peter Kelly paid just €5,000 for the nomination to her sire Fast Company in his second season at Rathasker Stud and only €3,000 to purchase the dam, Mean Lae. Fast Company could still be considered a bargain at €7,000 at Kildangan Stud this year.

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QUIET REFLECTION

4 b f Showcasing-My Delirium (Haafhd)

Horses like Showcasing demonstrate why breeders keep playing the lottery of using unproven sires; if you land on the right one, you can gain access to a stallion at a fraction of the price they will command when they are in demand from those with deeper pockets. Quiet Reflection, successful in the Commonwealth Cup and Haydock Sprint Cup last year, was conceived in Showcasing's second season at Whitsbury Manor Stud, when he stood at just £4,500. The son of Oasis Dream, also the source of Group/Grade 2 winners Prize Exhibit and Toocoolforschool, is now up to £35,000.



MY DREAM BOAT

5 b h Lord Shanakill-Betty Burke (Choisir)

Many of the more cheaply bred talents on this page excelled in sprints or over a mile, which is understandable as progeny of Galileo and other expensive sires tend to monopolise races staged over further. My Dream Boat (right) is a notable exception. At Royal Ascot last year the son of Lord Shanakill beat offspring of Galileo, Shamardal and Deep Impact to land the Prince of Wales's Stakes. My Dream Boat offers further inspiration for smaller breeders as his dam, the Choisir mare Betty Burke, was sourced for just 10,000gns.

CAN BE DONE

unsure whether offspring of inexpensive stallions could time, just take a look at these eight stars of 2016



GALILEO GOLD

4 ch c Paco Boy-Galicuix (Galileo)

Last year's 2,000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes hero Galileo Gold (right) hails from the second crop of Paco Boy conceived at a fee of £8,000. Even after showcasing his skills so spectacularly, Paco Boy is down to a fee of £6,500 at Highclere Stud this year. And it's not as if Galileo Gold is a one-off as he has also sired Group scorers Beacon, Rainbow Royal and Smaih.

CLEVER COOKIE

9 b g Primo Valentino-Mystic Memory (Ela-Mana-Mou)

Primo Valentino was pretty friendless when the Niven family decided to send their useful but ageing mare Mystic Memory to him at a fee of just £2,000 in 2007. Not needing to adhere to fashion with a view to racing the offspring, why should they pay more? Smaller owner-breeders will be delighted to have seen the approach pay off with the resultant foal turning into Clever Cookie, a Grade 2 winner over jumps and triumphant in the Yorkshire Cup last year. In five seasons of racing he has earned more than £400,000.



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<p>Which new sires who stand at £10,000/€12,500 offer best value for money?</p> 	<p>I'm a fan of Kyllachy and think Twilight Son could be a good bet at £10,000. He won two Group 1s and mixed it with the best. Charming Thought (left, £8,000) is a lovely horse and I was also impressed with The Last Lion [€12,000], who has a backside like his father Choisir. Both won the Middle Park Stakes and could do the business.</p>	<p>Buratino could have stood at twice his fee. His Coventry Stakes win was his sixth juvenile outing and he placed in two Group 1s. He's closely related to Danehill Dancer and both their racing careers are similar: that is, very good at two, not so good at three. Danehill Dancer commenced his stud career at £4,000 and became champion sire, so there is a precedent.</p>	<p>I'm a closet Fastnet Rock fan. I haven't managed to buy anything by him yet and haven't bred to him but I think he's a seriously good stallion. His highest-rated son, Fascinating Rock, has retired to Ballylinch Stud and I loved him as a racehorse; very tough and sound with a great temperament. He's letting down into a lovely horse too.</p>	<p>It's impossible to know which stallions will make it and which won't, and racetrack performance is not always a guideline. I can tell you Vadamos is a very good-looking horse, while Twilight Son will be commercial.</p>
<p>Which of last year's first-season sires at £10,000/€12,500 offer best value for money?</p>	<p>There were some negative thoughts about Mayson as a sire as he won his Group 1 in a deluge, but in 2016 he proved he has what it takes to be successful by getting plenty of winners and seven black-type performers from a medium-sized crop. As a racehorse he improved with age and, if his progeny do likewise, he's a snip at £6,000.</p>	<p>Mayson sired seven stakes horses so Cheveley Park Stud must be commended for giving breeders such a good opportunity to breed to him at £6,000 this season. When a stallion who was unraced as a juvenile like Bated Breath sires 19 two-year-old winners in his first crop, three of whom were Group-placed, that's enough for us to use him.</p>	<p>I'm going to use Power this year - he's had a really solid 12 months and at €8,000 is great value. Sir Prancealot at €8,000 also represents value and has to be a good bet to get a mare started off with a winner. Born To Sea may be a bit of a sleeper but he comes from an amazing family, none of whom were very precocious.</p>	<p>The stallion with his first three-year-olds who looks interesting is Excelebration.</p>
<p>Which other young sires in the price bracket offer the best value for money?</p>	<p>Epaulette [€7,000] and Maxios [€10,000] both did well with yearling sales averages of well over £30,000 and have received plaudits for their first crops. I had a lovely athletic colt by Style Vendome [€5,000] and have sent the mare back to him. After Siyouini, Le Havre and Wootton Bassett, he could be the next to emerge in France.</p>	<p>Fast Company. Group 2 winner Devonshire was placed in the 2015 Irish 1,000 Guineas for him before Jet Setting won last year's race. Baitha Alga won the Norfolk Stakes plus he has an additional six stakes horses; where else would you get all that for €7,000? Commercially, Dandy Man proved very popular at the foal sales and plenty of breeders did well with him.</p>	<p>Swiss Spirit at £4,000 looks to be a bit of a bargain. He has a great pedigree and throws gorgeous-looking stock. I was impressed with the Lethal Force yearlings last year. They looked like they could run. We have a Havana Gold for the breeze-ups and I love him. While it's very early days with him, he does have a brilliant attitude, like his dad, and a lovely action.</p>	<p>Stallions with their first yearlings in this price range include Coach House and Heeraat, both of whom had good individuals at the sales recently. And Magician (right) in America is another who offers value.</p> 
<p>Which older or more established sires offer the best value for money?</p>	<p>Good advice is to breed a maiden mare to an established sire, but at this price range it's likely they're not so commercial, so you need to be in for the long haul. Footstepsinthesand [€10,000] and Rock Of Gibraltar [€9,000] fit the bill at the miler end, while Authorized [€10,000] and Manduro [7,000] can inject more stamina.</p>	<p>Invincible Spirit is exceptional value at the top end. Lope De Vega has a tremendous number of stakes horses-to-runners, while Dansili, Exceed And Excel and Oasis Dream are perfect to start off a young mare. Starspangledbanner looks great value at €15,000.</p>	<p>Paco Boy (below). He has a terrific strike-rate and stands for only £6,500. I'm also a fan of Sir Percy at £7,000. He can throw lovely stock.</p> 	<p>New stallions in this price range with first juvenile runners this year include Dabirsim and Style Vendome in France, Epaulette and Swiss Spirit in Britain and Red Jazz and the deceased Society Rock. They look the ones with good individuals. Older stallions who are still value include Camacho and Kyllachy. I reckon Siyouini is still value at €45,000!</p>
<p>What should you never cut costs on when breeding?</p>	<p>You should always be trying to breed a good racehorse within the budget you have and trying to envisage the best conformational outcome from the shortlist of potential sires for your mare. Saving a few thousand pounds to the possible detriment of breeding an athletic, well-made horse may lead to a short-term gain but a long-term loss.</p>	<p>Breeders spend plenty on stud fees, foaling, sales prep etc, so time spent on research and looking beyond the bare statistics is essential. There's no point in following fashion and hoping for the best when there is a world of information available on the Racing Post bloodstock website; some tailored searches soon determine the wood from the trees/marketing.</p>	<p>Feed and forage. Give them good, clean hay and a good, balanced feed. We're all trying to produce athletes, so proper nutrition is essential.</p>	<p>Never take shortcuts on pasture management. Respect the land and the land will look after your horse.</p>

**Oliver St
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Bloodstock
agent



If you like a stallion with a female pedigree full of successful sires or even Group winners, then it's very hard. Kodi Bear, a miler, was second in the Dewhurst as a two-year-old and a Group 2 winner at three by rising-star sire Kodiak, himself by sire of sires Danehill, so he ticks many boxes. I look forward to seeing his yearlings.

Mayson and Dragon Pulse stand out to me as stallions who have high winners-to-runners, runners-to-foals born and, significantly, black-type performers-to-runners ratios. Delegator is probably a serious loss and it's a crying shame Foxwedge isn't back here this season.

There were some nice first-crop yearlings by Swiss Spirit and Red Jazz at the sales last year. I'd like to think at least one of those sires will seem good value by October. I wish Society Rock (right) was still with us to include him here too.



Equiano has been very consistent if a little unlucky as a sire. He's a good, solid bet, the Bahamian Bounty or better of his generation. Possibly less commercial, but Champs Elysees has his biggest [118] crop of two-year-olds to run this year. Contrary to popular belief, he's still available to Flat breeders if they brave the label 'jumps stallion'.

Unless you're a 'numbers' breeder, buy the best filly you can afford. As a generalisation, pedigree over form but with conformation high on the tick list; ideally a good-walking filly. Don't skimp on feeding your mare, especially the last few months, and nurturing the foal – you're growing an athlete.

Derek Veitch
Breeder



Being Irish-based I tend to select Irish-based stallions first because I can save on costs by walking in the mare for covering. There are a lot of new sires available this year – maybe too many. The four I like are Vados, Mehmas, The Last Lion and Fascinating Rock.

In this category I consider who might buy the foal or yearling more closely than any other stallion group. At this stage we know which stallions can get a two-year-old winner but value may lie with the stallion who produces a slower-maturing but better three-year-old. I'd go for Sir Prancealot, Mayson, Power and Dragon Pulse.

Young sires in this price bracket may or may not be proven. It's hard to get value in a proven sire under £10,000/€12,500 though. Sir Prancealot, Mayson, Epaulette and Lethal Force are all worthy of mention.

This is the ideal category to use: the type and quality of their runners are exposed. Careful observation shows the conformation, trip etc these stallions are likely to breed. Footstepsinthesand, Dandy Man, Camacho and Sir Percy are worth using.

Always prepare your mare for breeding carefully. Feed them well, pay attention to details such as feet, teeth and the reproductive tract. Feed the pregnant mare well so she can feed her foal and her pregnancy. Remember Benjamin Franklin's words of wisdom: "By failing to prepare you are preparing to fail."

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James Thomas says Australian reverse shuttlers could represent value and gives his pick of those available



IN RECENT times a number of reverse shuttle stallions have emerged as a source of seriously talented runners. Chief among the successful southern hemisphere-bred sires are the likes of Darley's Exceed And Excel and Coolmore's Fastnet Rock, while former shuttler Choisir has also flown the Australian flag with great distinction with the nine northern hemisphere-conceived crops he has had having hit the track.

Last year also threw up freshman sires Helmet and Sepoy who bore the AUS suffix, the former being the only first-season sire besides Frankel to supply a top-level winner with Thunder Snow, while the latter has churned out 22 individual winners at a highly commendable strike-rate of 44 per cent.

A common theme among the reverse shuttlers is that they often appear on the northern hemisphere market at a service fee that is a fraction of the price they command in Australia.

Exceed And Excel took up stud duties at Darley Australia on a fee of A\$55,000 (£33,024/€38,625), yet first appeared on the Kildangan roster at €10,000, a fee that was reduced even further when he then shuttled to Dalham Hall the following year to stand at just £7,500. Having since supplied the likes of Excelebration, Outstrip, Margot Did, Buratino and the aforementioned Helmet, he is due to stand the 2017 covering season at a northern hemisphere-high fee of €50,000.

Fastnet Rock has stood just one northern hemisphere season at an advertised fee – at €30,000 in 2011, a figure that pales in comparison to the A\$132,000 (£79,258/€92,701) he stood the corresponding southern hemisphere season at. Having been represented by Oaks winner Qualify, Diamondsandrudies, Fascinating Rock, Intricately and Rivet among a glut of top-flight winners, it is a safe bet his private fee now easily exceeds €30,000.

While it is understandable that domestic breeders feel more comfortable using



Coolmore's MV Magnier with Pride Of Dubai, a reverse shuttler with plenty going for him

Step forward these stallion stars from down under

stallions they have followed throughout their racing careers, often they can be left to pay a premium for the familiarity factor. The other side of the familiarity coin is that there are bargains to be found by digging a little deeper into the profile of those foreign stallions who fly under many a radar.

As far as reverse shuttler stallions go, **Brazen Beau** must rank among the more recognisable names having plied his trade at Royal Ascot in 2015, where he finished second in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes. He charted a solo passage against the stands' rail on that occasion only to be pipped inside the final 75 yards by Undrafted, who came unsighted with a run on the opposite side of the course.

Nevertheless, he retired to one of Darley's southern hemisphere bases at Northwood Park with a brace of top-flight successes to his name, having won the 2015 Newmarket Handicap and the Coolmore Stud Stakes, both over 6f at Flemington. He also retired to the breeding shed with a pair of Group 2 wins on his CV.

Another big tick in the box of Brazen Beau that may not carry quite the same weight in the northern hemisphere as it does down south is his own sire, I Am Invincible. Few stallions the world over have made such rapid strides as Yarraman Park's son of Invincible Spirit,

whose fee climbed to A\$55,000 for the 2016 season, up from a base of A\$11,000, and it looks as if there is another sizeable rise in the offspring.

THE demand for his sons at stud is also on the up in the southern hemisphere, yet in the northern hemisphere the stallion remains a relatively unknown quantity despite currently sitting at the head of the Australian sires' table.

As a son of one of the hottest sires on the planet and a formidable race record to his name, it is understandable Brazen Beau stands in the southern hemisphere on a fee of A\$44,000 (£26,419/€30,913). Despite that fact he will be available to breeders at Dalham Hall at a snip of that price, as he is due to stand his second northern hemisphere covering season at a fee of just £10,000.



Another reverse shuttler with plenty to recommend him is **Pride Of Dubai**, who is due to stand at Coolmore at a fee of €15,000. The son of Street Cry is advertised at Coolmore Australia at a fee of A\$55,000 (£33,034/€38,641).

Pride Of Dubai may have never raced in the northern hemisphere but he retired to stud having won twice at the highest level as a two-year-old for father-and-son combination of Peter and Paul Snowden. His first Group 1 success came in the prestigious Blue Diamond Stakes – a race that has been won by the likes of Sepoy, Bel Esprit and Redoute's Choice. That victory was backed up by a win in the Sires Produce Stakes and he is the only horse to have completed that double.

While his race record may not be entirely familiar to those in the northern hemisphere, many will feel much more at home with a glance at Pride Of Dubai's pedigree. He is out of the Danehill mare Al Anood, a Listed-placed half-sister to Prix de Diane heroine Rafha, dam of sire sensations Invincible Spirit and Kodiak.

As the late Street Cry is the sire of Australian wondermare Winx, his stock is at an all-time

Brazen Beau: a son of one of the hottest sires on the planet with a formidable race record

high demand down under, and it should not be forgotten he also produced top-class northern hemisphere performers Zenyatta and Street Sense as well as the Europe-based performers Carlton House and Saamid.

While the disparity in **Scissor Kick's** northern and southern hemisphere fees is more negligible than some reverse shuttlers – €10,000 compared with A\$16,500 (£9,886/€11,600) – the son of Redoute's Choice still makes plenty of appeal.

He hails from John Messara's Arrowfield Stud, which has successfully launched the careers of other sons of Redoute's Choice in Snitzel, Not A Single Doubt and the much-missed Beneteau.

Although Redoute's Choice has yet to exert the same level of dominance in the northern hemisphere as he has the southern, his influence has begun to spread courtesy of the two crops he left behind from shuttling to Haras de Bonneval, while his son Elzaam ranked among one of the most capable of 2016's class of first-season sires. In Scissor Kick he may well be about to provide another reminder to those in the northern hemisphere just how good a sire of sires he really is.

Scissor Kick is standing at Haras d'Etreham, which has overseen the stallion career of Wootton Bassett, the sire of Almanzor. With two powerful operations behind him he looks bound to be well supported, both in and out of the sales ring.

IF NORTHERN hemisphere breeders still were not convinced of his stallion credentials, his pedigree could be the factor that changes their minds as he is from one of the finest families in the stud book. He is out of the Quest For Fame mare Back Pass, who shares her lineage with Hasili, the blue hen responsible for successful sires Cacique, Champs Elysees and most notably Dansili. His second dam, Skiabile, was also responsible for Three Valleys. Scissor Kick retired to stud as the winner of two Group 3s at three, including the Up And Coming Stakes, a race won by the likes of Snitzel, Fastnet Rock, Exceed And Excel and Testa Rossa.

While his race record may be a little light for some, Not A Single Doubt only managed to win at Listed level, but that did not hinder his ability to pass on his sire's genes.



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Ajaya

2013 Invincible Spirit x Nessina (Hennessy)

Impressive Group 2 Winning 2-Y-O

- Winner of **Gr.2** Gimcrack Stakes, 6f. (defeating Ribchester etc.)
- 2nd **Gr.2** Prix Robert Papin, 5¹/₂ f. (to Gutaifan, beaten a head)
- Placed **Gr.1** Middle Park Stakes, 6f.
- Winner of Maiden over 5¹/₂f. at York.
- 2015 **Timeform Rating 117** in GB/IRE versus Gutaifan (117), Ribchester (115) in the same year
- From the family of **BATED BREATH**, **CITYSCAPE** and **REDOUTE'S CHOICE**
- By Leading Sire and Sire of Sires **INVINCIBLE SPIRIT**



Kodi Bear

2012 Kodiak x Hawatfef (Mujtahid)

High Class 2-Y-O & Impressive 3-Y-O

- Winner of **Gr.2** Celebration Mile, 8f. (defeating Cable Bay (IRE), Breton Rock (IRE), etc.).
- Winner of **Gr.3** Sovereign Stakes, 8f. (defeating Custom Cut (IRE), etc.).
- Winner of **L.R.** Midsummer Stakes, 8¹/₂f.
- Winner of **L.R.** Winkfield Stakes, 7f. (defeating Muhaarar (GB)).
- 2nd **Gr.1** Dewhurst Stakes, 7f. (to Belardo (IRE), defeating Estidhkaar (IRE))
- Placed **Gr.1** Prix Jean Prat, 7f.
- 2015 **Timeform Rating 123** in GB/IRE versus Belardo (123), Custom Cut (122), Estidhkaar (121), Cable Bay (119), Breton Rock (118) in the same year
- From the family of **ESOTERIQUE** and **COOL CREEK** and by Multiple Stakes Producing Sire **KODIAC**



Moohaajim

2010 Cape Cross ex Thiella (Kingmambo)

- Group 2 Winning and Dual **Group 1** placed 2-Y-O
- 2012 **Timeform Rating 116**
- Bred on similar lines to **Golden Horn**
- By a Group 1 Champion Sire **CAPE CROSS** out of a **KINGMAMBO** mare
- First crop foals realised €56,000; €30,000 (filly), €30,000, €24,000, €23,000 x 2, etc. at Goffs Foal Sale 2016 and averaged €23,250 with a median of €24,000 (almost twice the overall sale median).
- Buyers included BBA Ireland, Weylands Stud, Pier House Stud, Loughmore Stables, KS Bloodstock, etc.
- First crop yearlings 2017

CHOOSING a stallion is only half the battle – for a cost-efficient mating you need to make sure your mare is in prime condition. Equine fertility specialist and breeder **Meta Osborne** gives some golden rules to ensuring reproductive health

1 Time is money – the breeding season only lasts 16 weeks When you have only a short period of time to get a mare in foal, every day counts. Being prepared, keeping good records, knowing your foaling dates and the mare's typical cycle length will ensure you don't miss an opportunity to get your mare in foal. Every missed ovulation pushes back a mare's foaling date next year, which may impact on the offspring's saleability as either a foal or yearling. The mare may even end the year barren, and a mare out of production affects the bottom line.

2 Next year's breeding season starts in June This is particularly important for a mare who has failed to go in foal that year. Everyone is inclined to think that once June comes along that's it, and we can forget about her until next January, but really there is an opportunity to assess whether the mare would benefit from reproductive surgery to improve the conformation of her vulva or other similar problems. Now is the time to think about such issues instead of after the first couple of cycles next year when the same problems become apparent again.

3 Record everything: my dream is that every mare has a reproductive passport containing all her fertility history It is critical

Golden rules to ensuring reproductive health in mares

to record the fertility history of a mare. The more that is known about the mare the easier it is to find and address what may be an underlying issue that is hindering her ability to either go in foal, carry a pregnancy or give birth. This of course would be a huge help to breeders who may acquire the mare at different stages of her life and to vets who are dealing with the mare for the first time.

4 Stallion farms want your mare to go in foal: don't be shy about giving them the information they need The best outcome for the stallion farm and the breeder is for the mares to go in foal. Stallion masters want to help you, so give them any information you can in regard to a mare's reproductive history in order for the appropriate action to be taken to ensure a pregnancy.

5 A mare's best asset is her uterus – look after it A wise man once said 'no hoof, no horse', and the same goes for the uterus: no uterus, no foal. A mare's uterus is a very precious thing and it is far too common to over-treat a mare in order to get her in foal here and now rather than considering what effects these treatments may

have down the line. Best to identify the current problem accurately and treat appropriately.

The uterus ages as the mare ages, but it can degenerate prematurely so it must be looked after as well as possible. This involves simple measures such as making sure a mare has a proper Caslick's operation on her vulva that is repaired after covering to keep out contamination, and proper hygiene at the time of a speculum exam or lavage. Quite simply, proper hygiene is imperative any time you are invading the uterus, which is a structure too precious not to protect.

Training staff is key. Once they know how to wash and dry the vulva correctly, they'll always do it correctly. It is the simple things such as changing gloves between mares that make the difference.

6 It's very difficult to interpret an endometrial swab without having cytology results to go with it Inflammatory cells can be identified by the lab if a cytology is requested at the time a swab or flush sample is submitted for culture. This can be a huge help in deciding whether or not culture findings are significant and



The quest for a healthy, happy, correct foal starts here

thus the mare can then be treated in the appropriate manner or may not need to be treated at all. This boils down to only treating a problem that needs to be treated and avoids building a resistance to an antibiotic that may be needed in the future.

7 Recent research suggests mares develop dormant bacterial infections in the uterus and this may be a hidden cause of infertility Streptococcus zooepidemicus [MO1] is the most common bacteria found in uterine cultures. Recent research has found that this bacteria has the ability to 'hide' deep in the lining of the uterus and lower its metabolic rate. It is thus not accessible to normal swabbing or lavage techniques. This has been discovered to be a significant cause of subfertility in mares and so a product, bActivate, has been developed that can 'switch on' this dormant infection. This allows us to find and effectively treat

Streptococcal infection. This is particularly helpful in mares who swab clean yet don't go in foal.

8 Never give a mare prostaglandin to 'short-cycle' her without knowing the follicle status of her ovaries Most mares will have follicles of different sizes on their ovaries at different stages of diestrus and the size of these follicles will have a huge effect on when a mare will ovulate after being administered prostaglandin. An ultrasound exam by the vet gives an accurate ovulation date, and by performing an ultrasound exam at the time it is planned to give the prostaglandin, a vet can more accurately predict when a mare will ovulate after the injection.

9 A mare's fertility invariably declines with age. Any mare over 15 or one who has had fertility problems/ pregnancy losses goes on

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Older mares can develop some clinical problems that will directly affect their fertility, such as poor conformation of the vulva, uterine fibrosis, endometrial cysts and post-mating inflammation. All of these issues can be managed with a more comprehensive veterinary programme.

All mares over 15 should be examined the day after covering to check whether they have retained fluid (post mating-induced endometritis). Those mares can benefit from repeated doses of oxytocin to aid them in expelling this fluid [MO2].

10 But it's not just the uterus – have a holistic approach to mare management

This is all-encompassing and involves everything from feeding to soundness, regular farrier visits, vaccinations and mare health as a whole. Older mares are prone to developing PPID (Equine Cushing's Disease) – this can have significant effects on overall health and fertility. A clinical exam and simple blood test

can identify mares with PPID. A healthy mare is far more likely to go in foal than one who is below par and will end up costing more in the long run.

11 A whole herd vaccination strategy pays dividends At the end of the day, vaccination is an aid in preventing infectious diseases but will not be effective without appropriate management practices. A herd-specific vaccination plan should be devised with your vet in order to minimise the spread of infectious diseases.

12 Stress and the pregnant mare don't mix Horses are social animals and it is vital, especially during pregnancy, that mares are kept in small, stable, compatible social groups. Social stress can trigger latent EHV infection and potentially result in abortion.

13 A targeted approach to de-worming by using faecal egg counts at the right time can bring significant savings The

field of equine parasitology has evolved significantly in recent years. In the same way that antibiotic resistance is a huge concern in our battle against bacteria, resistance to anthelmintics is becoming an issue. Worms have distinctive life-cycles, and adult horses differ in their immunity: this information can be used to design a targeted approach to de-worming.

14 A teaser is a relatively small investment that can bring a big return One of the most effective ways of determining the stage of a mare's cycle is by using a teaser. A mare will one way or another show signs of the stage of her estrus cycle that is often recorded by grade [MO3]. Teasing records when used in conjunction with ultrasound exams by a vet will ensure that covering happens at the appropriate time. Teasing also stimulates the release of oxytocin in the mare and it can be very useful to house mares prone to uterine fluid accumulation close by a teaser.

15 Don't skimp on pregnancy scans When a breeder

goes through the hard work and expense of covering their mare they should not try to cut costs once the mare has been covered. The early scans are vital to ensure the mare is pregnant, or if she is not pregnant, that she can be re-bred in good time. It is also vital to ensure she is not carrying twins. A series of scans help determine that the pregnancy is developing normally.

A foetal heartbeat can be detected from about

25 days. It is important the vet is satisfied with the viability of the pregnancy before 35 days because once the endometrial cups are formed the mare will not return to oestrus for approximately 120 days.

16 Identify mares at risk of late-term pregnancy loss and monitor them monthly Knowing the fertility history of a mare is the best way to determine the risk of late-term pregnancy loss. Modern ultrasound techniques allow vets to monitor the later stages of pregnancy and take appropriate action if needed.

17 Veterinary fees should not be seen as a cost centre but a way to add value At the end of the day, when spending several thousand pounds on stud fees, it does not make sense to cut costs on veterinary services that will ensure the optimum route to getting your mare in foal. Simple veterinary treatment and management practices will save costs in the long term and so is the most efficient way to breed on a budget.

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Scarcity value versus lack of ammunition

SAFETY in numbers or swim against the tide? That is the dilemma commercial breeders face – or at least have to guess at, since most stallion operations do not disclose covering numbers or limit book sizes.

A book well into three figures ensures a young sire will have more ammunition on the track and give them more chance of hitting the headlines with a bumper crop of winners or a star performer. But it can also work against him if he turns out to be not much cop; a puny winners-to-runners ratio can rip a reputation to shreds.

Either way, a breeder who follows the herd into the latest buzz stallion has to face up to the fact that foal and yearling catalogues will be swamped with similarly bred lots and, unless they have a physical standout, prices will be diluted.

Fighting against fashion is fraught with pitfalls too, of course: most obviously if the more lightly used sire in question is already established and the market has turned against him. In that case, agents and trainers will hardly be battling each other for the few lots he has in a sale. They won't want them at all.

For a young sire there is also the flipside to the advantage his busier contemporaries will enjoy: with fewer runners on the track it could be hard for him to make a name for himself. But, then again, just as a poor strike-rate can damn a stallion with a large representation, so a pool of runners that is short on quantity but big on quality can catch the eye of potential buyers.

Finding a stallion who is not commercially dead in the water but will not cover large numbers is a tall order but is an avenue worth exploring for breeders on a budget. The following are five stallions who covered books of 60 or fewer in 2016 who could still be in demand in the years ahead, and who having a relatively rare

foal or yearling by them at the sales could be a benefit.

AL KAZEEM

9-year-old Dubawi-Kazeem (Darshaan)

Oakgrove Stud, £12,000;

Mares covered in 2016: 57

Admittedly a pinch more than the £10,000 limit of what we are calling a budget sire in this supplement, but it might be worth stretching to secure the talents of a true top-class performer – the winner of four Group 1 races at the expense of stars such as Camelot, Declaration Of War and Fascinating Rock.

Admittedly, Al Kazeem's fee is anchored by his subfertility and the attendant difficulties that brings, but that also means he will have small crops and few offerings for buyers to choose from at the sales.

Seven yearlings resulting from the son of Dubawi's aborted first season standing at £18,000 at the Royal Studs sold for a remarkable average of £135,000 in Europe in 2016.

CLODOVIL

17yo Danehill-Clodora (Linamix)

Rathasker Stud, €8,000; 42

This Classic-winning son of Danehill (those six words alone should make you sit up and take notice) probably has not received the credit he deserves as a stallion. He supplies a stream of classy runners each year and has two Group 1 winners to his name in Moriarty and Nahoodh as well as a couple of sire sons in Es Que Love and Gregorian.

Clodovil had a quieter time of it than usual on the track last year, perhaps, and his yearling average dropped at the sales in the autumn. But his fee has been reduced for 2017 and in 2014 he covered 82 mares, so he is set to have a reasonable-sized crop of two-year-olds run for him in the season ahead.

Al Kazeem: small crops and few offerings for buyers to choose from at the sales



DUNADEN**11yo Nicobar-La Marlia (Kaldouneeves)***Overbury Stud, £3,000; 36*

Dunaden was a slow-burner as a racehorse, emerging from obscurity in the French provinces to win the Melbourne Cup and Hong Kong Vase at five. Presumably, then, his offspring will need time and so using the stallion this year or in 2018 with the aim of producing a yearling to sell in 2019 or 2020 after his first three- or four-year-olds have run may be no bad thing.

An esoteric pedigree – by Nicobar out of a Kaldouneeves mare – and a penchant for middle distances means Dunaden is far from mainstream and destined for smaller books for now. But perhaps discerning buyers will appreciate a horse of his calibre, regardless of fashion.

HELVELYN**13yo Ishiguru-Cumbrian Melody (Petong)***Buckland Farm and Stud, £3,000; 11*

Incongruously, the sire of one of the most admirable two-year-old talents of 2016 covered just 11 mares last season. Hellvelyn's daughter Mrs Danvers won all her five starts including the Weatherbys Super Sprint, St Hugh's Fillies' Stakes and Cornwallis Stakes, all by clear water.

Mrs Danvers is no one-hit wonder for her sire, either, as La Rioja is a Group 3 winner and not beaten far in fourth in the Commonwealth Cup, while Mister Trader scored in the first two-year-old race in Ireland last year and was



second to Caravaggio in the Listed Marble Hill Stakes.

There was a sharp rise in Hellvelyn's yearling average last year, up to £19,000 from around £5,000 in 2015, and he is in line for a bigger book in 2017.

The real winners might be the handful of breeders who patronised him before his quiet rise up the ranks – just 15 of them in 2015 and 31 in 2014.

WORTHADD**10yo Dubawi-Wigman (Rahy)***Irish National Stud, €5,000; 41*

An unproven sire who may be worth a speculative punt. Worthadd won the Italian Derby and found only Canford Cliffs too good in the Lockinge; he doesn't have a bad pedigree, either, as his third dam is four-time Grade 1 winner White Star Line, ancestress of several high-class performers. Despite those credentials, in his first two seasons he covered only 27 and 16 mares.

There has been a glimmer of early evidence he might have been under-used, though. Three of his first foals sold in 2015 went for an average of £27,000, while eight yearlings sold last year at an average of around £15,000.

It will be tough for Worthadd to make his mark this year with such small numbers of two-year-olds, but if one or two turned out to be good it might, just might, be the start of a slow ascent to broader commercial appeal.

Martin Stevens

Dunaden: not mainstream but could reward breeders nevertheless

IF THERE is such a thing as the holy grail for a smaller breeder – breeding a Group 1 winner excepted – it is probably to catch a top sire on the way up, writes **Matthew Camacho**.

These hidden gems offer breeders the chance to upgrade families and replenish coffers for a fraction of eventual peak fees. Every breeder has landed one or two at some point, and the mention of their names still raises plenty of smiles and prompts often retold stories.

If I had a pound for every time I have heard the name Pivotal mentioned in Yorkshire, I would have no need for a Breeding on a Budget supplement.

These prospects are not easy to find, but that is not quite the same thing as examples being rare. In the past ten to 15 years, the likes of Cape Cross, Iffraaj, Invincible Spirit, Danehill Dancer, Pivotal, Dark Angel, Kodiak, Acclamation, Exceed And Excel and Dutch Art have all emerged from starting fees within the compass of this annual publication. Six of this season's top ten sires by total prize-money in Britain and Ireland are graduates, if you will. More recently, Lope De Vega and Showcasing have joined that club.

Across La Manche, Kendargent, Le Havre, Siyouni and now probably Wootton Bassett represent the same trend. Further back (and ignoring inflation), champion sires such as Anabaa, Linamix and Monsun all started life on the continent at reasonable fees.

Globally, the same forces are at play. In the US, War Front stood his fifth season at stud (after his first crop

Kendargent: track success has resulted in big fee increase



Rich history of inexpensive sires developing into marquee names and breed-shapers

of two-year-old runners) for a fee of just \$15,000. Tapit (\$15,000 to \$300,000), Distorted Humor (\$10,000 to \$300,000) and Scat Daddy (fourth season low of \$10,000 to a peak of \$100,000 last season) were similarly available. Even Storm Cat hit a floor of \$20,000 early in his career.

That price would have been just beyond our self-imposed budget ceilings, but given Storm Cat peaked at \$500,000, his price rise is scarcely less impressive.

Down under, I Am Invincible is the latest poster boy, having started at a fee of A\$10,000. He is yet to become champion sire though, and in that sense he has some way to go to emulate Encosta De Lago. The son of Fairy King started his Australian stud career at just A\$8,500 in Victoria before eventually peaking at over A\$300,000 after his purchase by Coolmore.

Just as in the wider world, the very best decisions tend to offer compounding and long-dated benefits. Many of the European names have established themselves as top-class broodmare sires.

Some sires have to be fortunate enough to have

daughters visit Galileo, but that advantage aside, Danehill Dancer and Pivotal finished first and third on last season's broodmare sires' table in Britain and Ireland, and included Classic winners The Gurkha, Minding and Harbour Law. All told, daughters of Danehill Dancer and Pivotal managed to produce the winners of 12 European Group 1 races in 2016.

IN AUSTRALIA, Encosta De Lago, champion broodmare sire last season, leads the way again. In the US, Distorted Humor mustered none other than Arrogate as his leading prize-money earner as a broodmare sire. He is also the only active sire in last season's top five North American broodmare sires' table, and just one of two inside the top 15 (Giant's Causeway managed ninth spot).

While past performance is no guide to the future, budget breeders can take heart from history. There are at least three or four future stars lurking inside this price bracket this season. It is just that troublesome stumbling block of actually finding them. Best of luck.

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Chris Hill on the value to be found for breeders among the British and Irish stallion ranks for less than £10,000/€12,500



NEW FOR 2017

Fascinating Rock offers breeders access to a top-class middle-distance colt who mixed it with the best for three consecutive seasons at a reasonable price. The son of two-time champion Australian sire Fastnet Rock got the better of subsequent Arc heroine Found twice at Group 1 level – in the 2015 Champion Stakes and last season's Tattersalls Gold Cup – and is standing at Ballylinch Stud for €10,000.

A number of high-class juveniles from last season are among the influx of reasonably priced stallions for 2017, among them Middle Park Stakes hero **The Last Lion** (Kildangan Stud: €12,000). A consistent and tough son of Choisir, The Last Lion was placed in all ten of his two-year-old starts and possesses a precocious pedigree being out of a two-time Group 1-placed juvenile from the family of Prix Morny winner and sire Myboycharlie.

The Danehill sire line also features prominently in the pedigree of **Prince Of Lir**, another Group-winning juvenile from last year who will stand at Ballyhane Stud for €5,000. The three-year-old son of Kodiak clocked a good time at the inaugural Goffs UK Breeze-Up Sale and was the subsequent joint-top lot when changing hands for £170,000 before going on to land the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Right on the cusp of our price range is **Mehmas**, whose covering fee at Tally-Ho Stud is €12,500. A third three-year-old recruit to the stallion ranks for 2017, Mehmas shares many similarities with the outstanding Dark Angel, not least his sire Acclamation. Winner of the Group 2 July Stakes and Richmond Stakes, he hails from the family of dual French Classic heroine Avenir Certain.

Dark Angel is himself responsible for two new sires in dual Group 2-winning juvenile **Estidhkaar** (Tara Stud: €5,000) and **Markaz**

Top-class performers and proven sires who won't break the bank

(Derrinstown Stud: €6,000), a brother to champion European sprinter Mecca's Angel who was twice successful in Group 3 sprints.

Estidhkaar is a half-brother



Toormore: champion European two-year-old colt of 2013

to fellow freshman **Toormore** (Dalham Hall Stud: £5,000), who was crowned champion European two-year-old colt in 2013 following victories in the Group 1 National Stakes and Group 2 Vintage Stakes and over the following three seasons claimed four more Group victories. The six-year-old is among the second wave of recruits to the Darley Club that includes **Buratino**, a son of Exceed



Fascinating Rock: a top-class middle-distance colt

And Excel who won four of his eight two-year-old starts including the Group 2 Coventry Stakes and will stand at Kildangan Stud for €5,000.

Toormore is joined at stud by **Group 1-winning juvenile Charming Thought** (Dalham Hall Stud; £8,000), a 625,000gns yearling who emulated his sire Oasis Dream when winning the Middle Park Stakes ahead of the previously unbeaten Ivawood and 2015 champion three-year-old sprinter Muhaarar. He descends from a family of sires as well as six-time Group/

Grade 1 winner St Nicholas Abbey.

Invincible Spirit constantly appears towards the top of the leading sires' tables and has swiftly developed into a proven sire of sires courtesy of I Am Invincible, Lawman and Mayson. Winner of the Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes from subsequent Prix Jacques le Marois hero Ribchester, **Ajaya** (Rathbarry: €10,000) will look to continue the excellent record for the 20-year-old son of Green Desert, while Lawman is represented by **Marcel** (National Stud: €5,000), the 2015 Racing Post Trophy hero who shares his page with Melbourne Cup hero At Talaq and high-class miler Arod.

Invincible Spirit's sibling Kodiak is sire of a further three stallions priced at £10,000/€12,500 or under with **Adaay** (Whitsbury Manor Stud: £7,000), winner of his first two juvenile starts and a two-time Group 2 winner at three, his first son to stand in Britain. **Coulsty** (Rathasker Stud: €5,000) claimed five victories including in the 6f Group 3 Prix de Meautry during a career spanning four seasons, while **Kodi Bear** (Rathbarry Stud: €10,000) proved a useful two-year-old when winning the Listed Winkfield Stakes and finishing runner-up to Belardo in the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes before developing into a smart miler at three when successful in the Group 3 Sovereign Stakes and Group 2 Celebration Mile.

Another couple of freshmen

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NEW STALLIONS STANDING IN BRITAIN & IRELAND FOR £10,000/€12,500 OR LESS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Adaay	5	Kodiak	Whitsbury Manor	£7,000
Ajaya	4	Invincible Spirit	Rathbarry	€10,000
Buratino	4	Exceed And Excel	Kildangan	€5,000
Charming Thought	5	Oasis Dream	Dalham Hall	£8,000
Clovis Du Berlais	6	King's Theatre	Yorton Farm	€2,250
Coulsty	6	Kodiak	Rathasker	€5,000
Eagle Top	5	Pivotal	Hedgeholme	€3,000
Estidhkaar	5	Dark Angel	Tara	€5,000
Fascinating Rock	6	Fastnet Rock	Ballylinch	€10,000
Kodi Bear	5	Kodiak	Rathbarry	€10,000
Life Force	6	Invincible Spirit	Moortown	€2,500
Marcel	4	Lawman	National	€5,000
Markaz	5	Dark Angel	Derrinstown	€6,000
Mattmu	5	Indesatchel	Norton Grove	€3,500
Mehmas	3	Acclamation	Tally-Ho	€12,500
Mizzou	6	Galileo	The Old Road	€1,750
Pearl Secret	8	Compton Place	Bucklands Farm	€4,000
Prince Of Lir	3	Kodiak	Ballyhane	€5,000
Strath Burn	5	Equiano	Bridge House	€5,500
Tha'ir	7	New Approach	Lilling Hall Farm	€3,500
The Last Lion	3	Choisir	Kildangan	€12,000
Toormore	6	Arakan	Dalham Hall	£5,000
Twilight Son	5	Kyllachy	Cheveley Park	€10,000
Vadamos	6	Monsoon	Tally-Ho	€10,000

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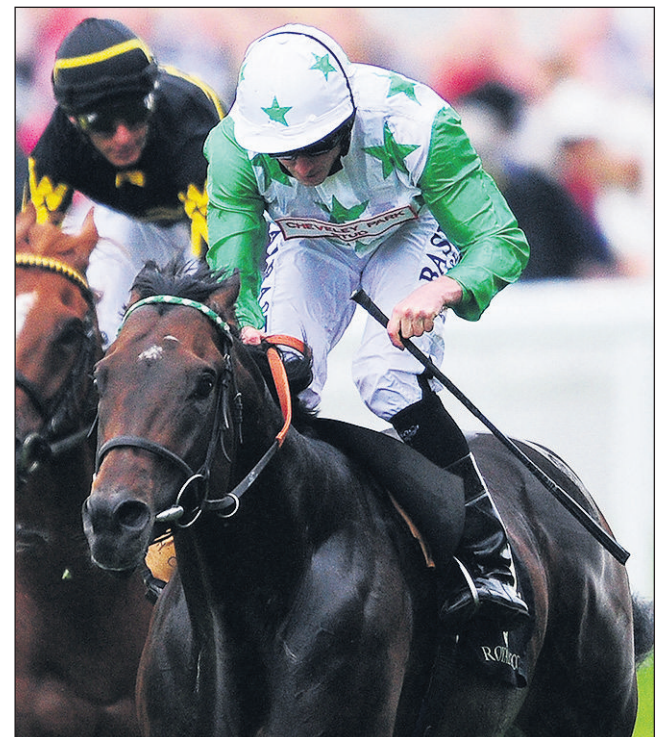


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Twilight Son: will stand alongside his sire and grandsire

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with smart juvenile form are Mattmu and Tha'ir. **Mattmu** (Norton Grove Stud; £3,500) proved a model of consistency with nine runs as a two-year-old yielding four wins, including in the Group 2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte, and five placed finishes, while **Tha'ir** (Lilling Hall Farm Stud; £3,500) won the Listed Chesham Stakes before adding two more Listed victories aged five.

Elder statesman Pivotal is present in the sire line of two new additions for 2017 as sire of 2014 Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes winner **Eagle Top** (Hedgeholme Stud; £3,000) and grandsire of dual Group 1-winning sprinter **Twilight Son**, who will stand alongside his sire Kyllachy and grandsire at Cheveley Park Stud for £10,000.

Eagle Top possesses a smart pedigree as a brother to Group 2 winners The Lark and Wings Of Desire out of a half-sister to dual Oaks heroine Sariska. An unbeaten juvenile, Twilight Son established himself as a top-class sprinter with victories in the Sprint Cup at Haydock and Diamond Jubilee Stakes and is also well related as a half-brother to Group 3 victor Music Master.

Strath Burn finished a short head runner-up to Twilight Son in the 2015 Sprint Cup and stands his first season at Bridge House Stud for

Eagle Top: the 2014 Royal Ascot winner is new to Hedgeholme Stud this year

Pearl Secret displayed speed in abundance

€5,500. Winner of the 6f Group 3 Hackwood Stakes, he is the first son of Equiano to retire to stud, a position that couldn't have been timed better with his sire having been represented by a first Group 1 winner in October when The Tin Man claimed the Champions Sprint Stakes.

A son of the late Compton Place, a renowned source of sprinters, **Pearl Secret** (Bucklands Farm and Stud; £4,000) displayed speed in abundance when claiming seven sprints including the 5f Group 2 Temple Stakes in 2015 and shares his page with two-time Group 1-winning juvenile and sire Dutch Art.

Vadamos is another new addition to the Tally-Ho Stud roster and as



a Group 1-winning son of Monsun who was held in the highest regard by Andre Fabre looks good value at €10,000, especially with a pedigree that includes dual Group 1 winner Valixir, 2012 Prix de Diane heroine Valyra and Classic sire Val Royal.

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A number of stallions covered three-figure books last year during their first season at stud, although none proved as popular as **Gutaifan**, a four-year-old son of Dark Angel. The 2015 Group 2 Prix Robert Papin and Flying Childers Stakes winner covered 203 mares at Yeomanstown Stud where he stands alongside his sire at a fee of €10,000.

Winner of the Group 2 July Stakes in 2013, **Anjaal** (Rathasker Stud: €5,000) comes with a speedy pedigree free of Sadler's Wells and Danzig, attributes that saw the son of Bahamian Bounty appeal to breeders who sent him 194 mares.

Invincible Spirit has wasted little time in emerging as a sire of sires and holds a prominent position in the pedigrees of two particularly popular stallions, Ivawood and Cable Bay.

Ivawood (Coolmore Stud: €7,500) proved as precocious as his sire Zebedee when winning three of his four juvenile starts including the Group 2 July Stakes and Richmond Stakes. He also finished runner-up in the Middle Park Stakes and third in both the 2,000 Guineas and Irish 2,000 Guineas and in his first season at stud covered 160 mares.

Cable Bay (Highclere Stud: €5,000) was the busiest

Cable Bay: the busiest British-based freshman sire with 152 mares covered

STALLIONS IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (€10,000/€12,500 OR LESS) – FIRST-CROP FOALS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Altruistic	6	Galileo	Rosshill Farm	€500
Anjaal	6	Bahamian Bounty	Rathasker	€5,000
Brazen Beau	5	I Am Invincible	Dalham Hall	€10,000
Cable Bay	6	Invincible Spirit	Highclere	€5,000
Cappella Sansevero	5	Showcasing	Bridge House	€4,500
Due Diligence	6	War Front	Whitsbury Manor	€5,500
Fountain Of Youth	6	Oasis Dream	Bearstone	€4,500
French Navy	9	Shamardal	Kildangan	€4,000
Fulbright	8	Exceed And Excel	Kildangan	€4,000
Gatewood	9	Galileo	Windmill View	€1,500
Gutaifan	4	Dark Angel	Yeomanstown	€10,000
Hallowed Crown	5	Street Sense	Kildangan	€7,000
Hillstar	7	Danehill Dancer	Garryrichard	€2,500
Hot Streak	6	Iffraaj	Tweenhills	€6,000
Intrinsic	7	Oasis Dream	Hedgeholme	€1,750
Ivawood	5	Zebedee	Coolmore	€7,500
Kingston Hill	6	Mastercraftsman	Coolmore	€5,000
Lucky Speed	7	Silvano	Sunnyhill	€2,500
Music Master	7	Piccolo	Throckmorton Court	€2,500
Mustajeb	6	Nayef	Overbury	€4,000
Outstrip	6	Exceed And Excel	Dalham Hall	€5,000
Pether's Moon	7	Dylan Thomas	Yorton Farm	€2,250
Sagamor	9	Pastoral Pursuits	Longford House	€1,000
Telescope	7	Galileo	Shade Oak	€3,000

Anjaal comes with a speedy pedigree free of Sadler's Wells and Danzig

British-based freshman stallion when covering 152 mares. Runner-up in the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes, he was twice

successful at stakes level when landing the Group 2 Challenge Stakes and Group 3 John of Gaunt Stakes and is a grandson of dual Group 1-winning sprinter Cherokee Rose.

The launch of the Darley Club last year saw **Outstrip** (Dalham Hall Stud: £5,000), winner of the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf, cover 150 mares, while another son of Exceed And Excel, Group 2 scorer **Fulbright** (Kildangan Stud: €4,000), covered 56 mares.

Their first foals will be born this year, as will those by fellow Darley Club member **French Navy** (Kildangan Stud: €4,000), the winner of

eight stakes races, and the first northern hemisphere foals for shuttle stallions **Brazen Beau** (Dalham Hall Stud: £10,000) and

Kingston Hill: the Coolmore resident boasts impressive credentials

Hallowed Crown

(Kildangan Stud: €7,000) who look exciting recruits after top-level victories in their native Australia.

Kingston Hill (Coolmore Stud: €5,000) also proved a hit with breeders when covering 147 mares. The first son of Mastercraftsman at stud boasts impressive credentials as a Group 1-winning juvenile who trained on to claim the St Leger after finishing runner-up in the Derby.

The success of Showcasing ensured that his first son at stud, **Cappella Sansevero** (Bridge House Stud: €4,500), was another to cover a significant number of mares. He demonstrated useful juvenile form with four victories from eight starts, including the Group 3 Round Tower Stakes as well as placed efforts in the Phoenix and Coventry Stakes, and was mated with 102 mares.

Whitsbury Manor Stud resident **Due Diligence**, who finished runner-up in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, will also be represented by his first foals having covered 124 mares last season. Standing this year at £5,500, he is a first son at stud in Britain for War Front, whose prowess as a sire of two-year-olds has been demonstrated with the recent Group/Grade 1 successes of Air Force Blue, Brave Anna, Hit It A Bomb and War Command.

Hot Streak (Tweenhills Farm and Stud: £6,000) is another stallion who showed smart sprint form with two stakes victories over 5f as a juvenile and a triumph in the Group 2 Temple Stakes aged three. The son of Iffraaj hails from the excellent family of Nashwan and Deep Impact, while another well-related sire is **Fountain Of Youth** (Bearstone Stud: €4,500).

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FIRST 2YOS
2017

War Command is another value option at Coolmore

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£4,500), a Group 3-winning son of Oasis Dream and Attraction who fetched 420,000gns as a yearling.

Telescope, a dual Group 2-winning son of Galileo, is an affordable option for Flat and jumps breeders at £3,000 and evidently proved a popular addition to the stallion ranks having covered 130 mares during his first season at Shade Oak Stud.

FIRST YEARLINGS 2017

Possessing an impeccable pedigree, **Ruler Of The World** (Coolmore Stud: €8,000) shaped into a top-class colt with a comprehensive victory in the 2013 Derby. A Galileo half-brother to five-time Group 1 winner and Classic sire Duke Of Marmalade from the family of champion US sire A.P. Indy, his first foals made up to €96,000 and he covered a sizeable book of 94 mares last season.

Another Coolmore resident offering good value for money

Ruler Of The World: his first foals sold for up to €96,000



looks to be **War Command** (€12,500), a top-class juvenile for Aidan O'Brien when landing the Dewhurst and Coventry Stakes in 2013.

War Command is a son of War Front, a renowned source of two-year-old talent, and his first two seasons at stud have seen him well supported with books of 174 and 152 mares and a filly from his first crop realising 100,000gns at last year's Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

Frankel's excellent start to his own stud career can only help **Morpheus** (Tally-Ho Stud: €5,000), an Oasis Dream half-brother to the dual world champion. A son of the brilliant sprinter Oasis Dream, Morpheus gives breeders access to illustrious Juddmonte bloodlines for a fraction of the cost of the ten-time Group 1 winner.

Another son of Oasis Dream represented by his first yearlings is **Gale Force Ten** (Irish National Stud: €5,000), who topped the DBS Premier Yearling Sale in 2011 when changing hands for £280,000. He went on to land the Group 3 Jersey Stakes after finishing runner-up in the Irish 2,000 Guineas

STALLIONS IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS) – FIRST-CROP YEARLINGS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Albaasil	9	Dansili	Moor End	£2,500
Alhebayeb	7	Dark Angel	Tara	€5,000
Battle Of Marengo	7	Galileo	Ballyhane	€4,000
Bungle Inthejungle	7	Exceed And Excel	Rathasker	€5,000
Burwaaz	8	Exceed And Excel	Hedgeholme	£2,500
Cameron Highland	8	Galileo	Grovecourt	£2,000
Coach House	6	Oasis Dream	Bucklands Farm	£3,000
Dunaden	11	Nicobar	Overbury	€3,000
El Salvador	8	Galileo	Killack	€1,200
Es Que Love	8	Clodovil	Rathasker	€5,000
Gale Force Ten	7	Oasis Dream	Irish National	€5,000
Garswood	7	Dutch Art	Cheveley Park	£4,000
Gregorian	8	Clodovil	National	£4,500
Heeraat	8	Dark Angel	Mickley	£4,000
Jet Away	10	Cape Cross	Arctic Tack	€1,600
Kingsbarns	7	Galileo	Coolmore (now in South Africa)	€6,000
Leading Light	7	Montjeu	Grange	€4,500
Libertarian	7	New Approach	Knockhouse	€3,000
Moohaajim	7	Cape Cross	Rathbarry	€4,000
Morpheus	7	Oasis Dream	Tally-Ho	€5,000
Mr Medici	12	Medicean	Hedgeholme	£1,250
Mukhadram	8	Shamardal	Nunnery	£7,000
Ocovango	7	Monsun	Beeches	€3,500
Ruler Of The World	7	Galileo	Coolmore	€8,000
Saddler's Rock	9	Sadler's Wells	Beech Tree	£1,500
Sun Central	8	Galileo	Elusive Bloodstock	£2,000
War Command	6	War Front	Coolmore	€12,500
Xtension	10	Xaar	Rathbarry	€4,000

and his first foals were well received last year with a top price of €52,000.

Dark Angel's reputation seems to flourish with each passing year and he is represented by a couple of good value stallions whose first foals are now yearlings. Group 2-winning juvenile

Alhebayeb (Tara Stud: €5,000) has covered three-figure books since retiring from the track and last year was responsible for a 95,000gns foal purchase, while 6f Group 3 scorer **Heeraat** (Mickley Stud: £4,000) was sire of the top-priced foal at last year's Tattersalls Ireland Flat Foal and Breeding Stock Sale.

The influence of Cape Cross has been seen to good effect in recent seasons by champions Sea The Stars and Golden Horn and **Moohaajim** (Rathbarry Stud: €4,000), who landed the Group 2 Mill Reef Stakes and was Group 1-placed as a juvenile, will look to build upon a strong showing from his first foals who sold for up to €56,000.

Two Group 2-winning sons of established sire Clodovil are among those with their first yearlings. **Gregorian** (National Stud: £4,500) has been supported with sizeable books during his first two seasons at stud, with a colt from his first crop making 47,000gns when purchased by Rathasker Stud, which stands the tough and durable speedster **Es Que Love** for €5,000.

Fellow Rathasker resident **Bungle Inthejungle** (€5,000) displayed many of the attributes associated

with his sire Exceed And Excel over three seasons that saw him land two Group 3 contests as a juvenile.

One of two Group 1 sprinters sired by top-class juvenile Dutch Art, **Garswood** (£4,000) has received plenty of support at Cheveley Park Stud with 21 foals from his first crop selling for an average of 27,246gns. Two offerings at last year's Tattersalls December Foal Sale realised 70,000gns or more with the priciest selling to Shadwell, which stands another attractively priced stallion in Mukhadram.

An admirable son of multiple Group 1 sire Shamardal, **Mukhadram** (Nunnery Stud: £7,000) was successful every season he was campaigned and gained a richly deserved Group 1 when landing the Eclipse Stakes as a five-year-old, having twice finished runner-up at the highest level.

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seasons at stud with 29 of his foals changing hands for an average of 27,796gns, topped by a 120,000gns purchase by Shadwell at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

FIRST TWO-YEAR-OLDS 2017

Anticipation will be high that **Epaulette** (Kildangan Stud: €7,000), a half-brother to Group 1 sire **Helmet**, can make an equally impressive impact when his first runners make the track later this year. A two-time Group 1-winning son of **Commands**, he has impressed at stud with five of his offspring having changed hands in Britain and Ireland for more than 100,000gns and his first crop of yearlings averaging 31,940gns, headed by a filly who topped the Tattersalls Ireland September Yearling Sale when selling for €150,000.

Farhh (Dalham Hall Stud: £8,000) combines a smart pedigree with top-class form, qualities that ensured his yearlings attained good results at the sales. The son of **Pivotal**'s first crop sold for an average of 42,890gns last year, with three lots fetching six figures including a half-sister to Listed winner **Danehill Destiny** who made €170,000.

By **Johannesburg**, who has shown himself capable of producing top-class sires in **Scat Daddy** and **Teuflesberg**, triple 7f stakes winner **Red Jazz** (€4,000) was well received when retired to **Ballyhane Stud** and his first yearlings have changed hands for up to 125,000gns.

Lethal Force: 67 yearlings sold for an average of 35,517gns

Lethal Force has been a popular recruit

Lethal Force (Cheveley Park Stud: £10,000), a son of **Dark Angel**, has been another popular recruit having scorched to victory in the 2013 **Diamond Jubilee Stakes** and **July Cup**. From the 74 yearlings offered for sale in Britain and Ireland, 67 were sold for an average of 35,517gns including a brother to the multiple Listed-placed sprinter **Gathering Power** who fetched 160,000gns at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Judging by the prices achieved by progeny of **Swiss Spirit** (Whitsbury Manor Stud: £4,000), **Invincible Spirit** could have another useful sire son to his name. The Group 3-winning sprinter had yearlings sell for an average of 25,404gns and **Shadwell** was the purchaser of all three lots to make six figures.

St James's Palace Stakes winner **Most Improved** (Coolmore Stud: €4,000) is another stallion from the **Green Desert** line who will have his first two-year-old runners this season. The son of **Lawman**'s first yearlings changed hands for up to £90,000 last year.

Group 1-winning miler **Havana Gold** (Tweenhills Farm and Stud: £7,000) has also been a hit in the sales ring with yearlings making up to 200,000gns at an average price of 24,821gns, while other stallions responsible for



STALLIONS IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS) – FIRST-CROP 2YOS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Aiken	9	Selkirk	Anngrove	€1,200
Cityscape	11	Selkirk	Overbury	€4,500
Epaulette	8	Commands	Kildangan	€7,000
Farhh	9	Pivotal	Dalham Hall	€8,000
Finjaan	11	Royal Applause	Gazeley	€2,500
Havana Gold	7	Teofilo	Tweenhills	€7,000
Imperial Monarch	8	Galileo	Beeches	€2,500
Lethal Force	8	Dark Angel	Cheveley Park	€10,000
Most Improved	8	Lawman	Coolmore	€4,000
Recital	9	Montjeu	Beeches	€2,500
Red Jazz	10	Johannesburg	Ballyhane	€4,000
Shantaram	8	Galileo	Coolagown	€1,000
Swiss Spirit	8	Invincible Spirit	Whitsbury Manor	€4,000
Tough As Nails	8	Dark Angel	Old Meadow	€3,000
Universal	8	Dubawi	Yorton Farm	€2,500
Worthadd	10	Dubawi	Irish National	€5,000

STALLIONS IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS) – FIRST-CROP 3YOS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Arctic Cosmos	10	North Light	The Old Road	€2,500
Bated Breath	10	Dansili	Banstead Manor	€8,000
Born To Sea	8	Invincible Spirit	Gilltown	€10,000
Casamento	9	Shamardal	Dalham Hall	€5,000
Dragon Pulse	8	Kyllachy	Irish National	€8,000
Elzaam	9	Redoute's Choice	Ballyhane	€6,000
Excelebration	9	Exceed And Excel	Coolmore	€10,000
Fame And Glory	11	Montjeu	Grange	€7,000
Famous Name	12	Dansili	Irish National	€4,000
Harbour Watch	8	Acclamation	Tweenhills	€6,000
Helmet	9	Exceed And Excel	Dalham Hall	€10,000
Mayson	9	Invincible Spirit	Cheveley Park	€6,000
Phenomena	8	Galileo	Vauterhill	€800
Power	8	Oasis Dream	Coolmore	€8,000
Requinto	8	Dansili	Coolmore	€5,000
Sans Frontieres	11	Galileo	Beeches	€2,500
Sayif	11	Kheleyf	Llety Farms	€3,000
Sir Prancealot	7	Tamayuz	Tally-Ho	€8,000
Yorgunnabelucky	11	Giant's Causeway	Mickley	€1,500

decent results include Italian Derby hero **Worthadd** (Irish National Stud: €5,000), sire of a colt who realised €56,000 as a foal, and high-class miler **Cityscape** (Overbury Stud: £4,500), a half-brother to **Bated Breath** whose yearlings made up to 68,000gns last year.

FIRST THREE-YEAR-OLDS 2017

Last year's runaway champion first-season sire **Sir Prancealot** will surely prove popular despite having his fee raised to €8,000. The Tally-Ho Stud resident sired 28 individual winners last season including Group 3 winner

Madam Dancealot and Listed scorer **Sir Dancealot**.

A common pick to be among the leading freshmen sires last year, **Dragon Pulse** (Irish National Stud: €8,000) had a highly respectable 16 individual winners to his name in Britain and Ireland

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Helmet and stallion man Chris Jones at Dalham Hall Stud

High-class sprinter Bated Breath built on a strong 2015 at the sales last year

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including stakes winners Aethos and Legendary Lunch.

The Irish National Stud is also home to multiple Group winner **Famous Name** (€4,000), who from limited runners last year was represented by smart Listed Washington Singer Stakes winner Escobar.

Other sons of Dansili to perform well were Bated

Breath and Requito, who sired 14 individual winners. A high-class sprinter, **Bated Breath** (Banstead Manor Stud: £8,000) built on a strong 2015 at the sales with a yearling selling for €230,000, while offspring of Group 2-winning juvenile **Requito** (Coolmore Stud: €5,000) continued to appeal to buyers, namely when a sister to promising juvenile Broken Stones – himself a 200,000gns breeze-up purchase – made 125,000gns at the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Redoute's Choice's strong record as a sire of sires was further endorsed by the performances both on the track and in the sales ring of the progeny of **Elzaam** (Ballyhane Stud: €6,000). A €280,000 yearling himself, his Clem Fandango claimed the Listed Harry Rosebery Stakes and his yearlings sold for up to €95,000 in 2016.

Born To Sea (Gilltown Stud: €10,000) offers breeders access to the family of proven top-class sires Galileo and Sea The Stars at considerably less expense. By Invincible Spirit, his first yearlings were well received in 2015 and included smart juvenile filly Sea Of Grace. Another son of Invincible Spirit to impress with his first runners was **Mayson** (Cheveley Park Stud: €6,000), who sired 16 winners including Listed scorers Global Applause, Private Matter and Rosie Briar.

An unbeaten juvenile by Acclamation, **Harbour Watch** (Tweenhills Farm and Stud: £6,000) offers definite value considering his covering fee is the lowest it has ever been despite siring a Group 2 winner in his first crop.

Helmet (Dalham Hall Stud: €10,000) was another to have a brilliant start with his first northern hemisphere crop including five-length Criterium International winner Thunder Snow. In the ring, his yearlings also performed well last season with four making six figures, a 92,000gns top-priced foal and subsequent two-time winner Timeless Flight fetching 210,000gns at the Craven Breeze-Up Sale.

Canford Cliffs: a proven producer of juvenile talent

Standing alongside Helmet at Dalham Hall Stud is **Casamento** (€5,000), who covered another large book of mares last season and had yearlings change hands for up to 65,000gns.

Coolmore is home to another couple of stallions whose progeny have been highly sought after in the sales ring.

A two-year-old Group 1 winner and Irish Classic hero, **Power** (€8,000) sired five stakes winners in his first crop including New Zealand Group 2 winner Gift Of Power. He had 28 yearlings change hands in Europe last year headed by a half-brother to The Last Lion who was purchased by Mark Johnston for €155,000.

Excelebration (€10,000) had the misfortune to come up against Frankel on five occasions yet still managed to land three Group 1s over a mile. His fee of €10,000 for 2017 is the lowest since retiring to stud despite having sired three stakes performers and four of his offspring making six figures at auction.

FIRST FOUR-YEAR-OLDS 2017

Standing at €10,000 for the first time, **Canford Cliffs** (Coolmore Stud) is a proven producer of juvenile talent, having sired 35 winners from his first crop in 2015, a number that includes Group 2 Railway Stakes winner Painted Cliffs and Group 3 Grangecon Stud Stakes scorer Most Beautiful. The five-time Group 1-winning miler is also sire of a further three stakes winners and has a 110,000gns half-brother to German 1,000 Guineas heroine Hawksmoor to go to war with this year.

Poet's Voice (Dalham Hall Stud: £8,000) is another top-notch miler whose first crop are now four-year-olds. His offspring are still proving popular at the sales with a foal half-sister to La Rioja changing hands for 100,000gns at the end of a season that saw juvenile filly Poet's Vanity advertise her Classic credential with victory in the Group 3 Oh So Sharp Stakes.

An exciting addition to the Irish stallion ranks is **Workforce** (€4,500),



STALLIONS IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS) – FIRST-CROP 4YOS

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Canford Cliffs	10	Tagula	Coolmore	€10,000
Dream Eater	12	Night Shift	Vauterhill	£800
Elusive Pimpernel	10	Elusive Quality	Irish National	€1,000
Frozen Fire	12	Montjeu	Coolagown	€2,500
Geordieland	16	Johann Quatz	Beech Tree	£2,000
Lovelace	13	Royal Applause	Springlodge	€1,000
Masterofthehorse	11	Sadler's Wells	Annshoon	€1,750
Mores Wells	13	Sadler's Wells	The Old Road	€1,500
Native Ruler	11	Cape Cross	Batsford	£1,500
Poet's Voice	10	Dubawi	Dalham Hall	£8,000
Workforce	10	King's Best	Knockhouse	€4,500

ESTABLISHED STALLIONS STANDING IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS)

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Aeroplane	14	Danehill Dancer	Eisenfarn	£1,500
Arabian Gleam	13	Kyllachy	Hedgeholme	£2,000
Arakan	17	Nureyev	Ballyhane	€3,500
Arcadio	15	Monsun	Arctic Tack	€3,000
Archipenko	13	Kingmambo	Lanwades	£10,000
Ask	14	Sadler's Wells	Beeches	€3,000
Assertive	14	Bold Edge	Throckmorton Court	£2,500
Avonbridge	17	Averti	Oakgrove	£2,000
Blue Bresil	12	Smadoun	Yorton Farm	£3,500
Brian Boru	17	Sadler's Wells	Longford House	€2,500
Camacho	15	Danehill	Yeomanstown	€7,500
Captain Gerrard	12	Oasis Dream	Mickley	£2,750
Carlotamix	14	Linamix	Coolagown	€3,500
Champs Elysees	14	Danehill	Castlehyde	€6,500
Clodovil	17	Danehill	Rathasker	€8,000
Conduit	12	Dalakhani	Tullyraine House	€2,500
Dandy Man	14	Mozart	Ballyhane	€10,000
Doyen	17	Sadler's Wells	Sunnyhill	€3,000
Dream Ahead	9	Diktat	Ballylinch (now in France)	€12,500
Dylan Thomas	14	Danehill	Castlehyde	€5,000
Equiano	12	Acclamation	Newsells Park	£8,000
Fairly Ransom	17	Red Ransom	Lodge Road	€1,000
Fast Company	12	Danehill Dancer	Kildangan	€7,000
Footstepsinthesand	15	Giant's Causeway	Coolmore	€10,000
Franklins Gardens	17	Halling	East Lynch	£1,000
Gentlewave	14	Monsun	Yorton Farm	£2,500
Getaway	14	Monsun	Grange	€5,500
Grey Swallow	16	Daylami	Knockhouse (now in the US)	€2,000
Haafhd	16	Alhaarth	Batsford	£3,000
Haatef	13	Danzig	Derrinstown	€2,000
Hellvelyn	13	Ishiguru	Bucklands Farm	£3,000
Indian Haven	17	Indian Ridge	Withyslade Farm	£1,750
Irish Wells	14	Poliglote	Woodlands	€1,500
Laverock	15	Octagonal	Clongiffen	€2,000
Le Cadre Noir	13	Danetime	Sweep Lane	€1,500

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Foals	0
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Black Type Winners	104
Black Type Placers	52

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Foals of Racing Age	972	972
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Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Let The Lion Roar	16	Sadler's Wells	Bridge House	€500
Linda's Lad	14	Sadler's Wells	Vauterhill	€1,000
Lucarno	13	Dynaformer	Shade Oak	€2,000
Mahler	13	Galileo	Beeches	€5,000
Milk It Mick	16	Millkom	Norton Grove	€1,000
Misternando	17	Hernando	Knockboy House	€1,000
Monsieur Bond	17	Danehill Dancer	Norton Grove	€4,000
Mount Nelson	13	Rock Of Gibraltar	Boardsmill	€4,500
Multiplex	14	Danehill	Mickley	€2,750
Norse Dancer	17	Halling	Yorton Farm	€2,250
Notnowcato	15	Inchinor	Knockhouse	€5,000
Paco Boy	12	Desert Style	Highclere	€6,500
Pastoral Pursuits	16	Bahamian Bounty	National	€2,500
Phoenix Reach	17	Alhaarth	Winterbeck Manor	€3,500
Policy Maker	17	Sadler's Wells	Blackrath	€2,000
Prince Flori	14	Lando	Knockhouse	€1,500
Proclamation	15	King's Best	Girsonfield	€2,000
Raven's Pass	12	Elusive Quality	Kildangan	€12,000
Recharge	11	Cape Cross	Shade Oak	€1,500
Resplendent Glory	15	Namid	Southfield	€2,000
Sageburg	13	Johannesburg	Garryrichard	€5,000
Scorpion	15	Montjeu	Shade Oak	€3,000
September Storm	15	Monsun	Knockhouse	€2,500
Sir Percy	14	Mark Of Esteem	Lanwades	€7,000
Sixties Icon	14	Galileo	Norman Court	€5,000
Soldier Of Fortune	13	Galileo	Beeches	€5,000
Solskjaer	17	Danehill	Coolagown	€2,000
Tamayuz	12	Nayef	Derrinstown	€8,000
Urban Poet	11	Dynaformer	Gurteen	€1,000
Vermeer	15	Danehill	Quinspool House	€1,000
Virtual	12	Pivotal	Woodlands	€1,000
Windsor Knot	15	Pivotal	Rossenarra	€1,500
Yeats	16	Sadler's Wells	Castlehyde	€6,500
Zambezi Sun	13	Dansili	Coolagown	€3,000
Zebedee	9	Invincible Spirit	Tally-Ho	€7,500



Pimpernel continues to prove popular at stud

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who joins Knockhouse Stud having spent five seasons in Japan where he has been responsible for 62 winners. The 2010 Derby and Arc hero is out of a sister to St Leger hero Brian Boru and three-parts sister to the classy Sea Moon, offering an enticing and affordable option for both Flat and jumps breeders.

Elusive Pimpernel (Irish National Stud: €1,000) continues to prove popular at stud having covered 75 mares last season. A smart juvenile who went on to land the Craven Stakes, he descends from the family of champion racehorse Snow Fairy and is also related to plenty of sires including the late Big Bad Bob.

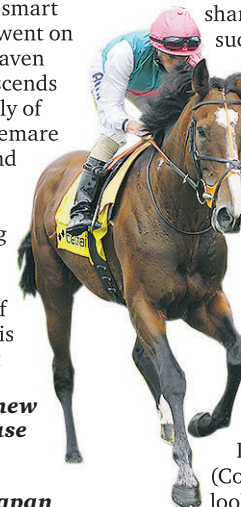
A number of stallions in this division boast

Workforce: new to Knockhouse Stud having spent five seasons in Japan

attractive pedigrees at a very reasonable stud fee including **Masterofthehorse** (Annshoon Stud: €1,750), a brother to triple Oaks heroine Alexandra; and **Native Ruler** (Batsford Stud: €1,500), a half-brother to St Leger winner and smart sire Sixties Icon.

Dream Eater proved a tough campaigner during five consecutive seasons on the track, the highlight being when dead-heating in the Listed City of York Stakes. He shares his sire Night Shift with successful stallion Azamour and, standing at Vauterhill Stud for just €800, offers jumps breeders an attractively priced option.

Masterofthehorse is not the only National Hunt stallion from the Sadler's Wells line represented here with **Mores Wells**, a four-time Group 3 winner, standing at The Old Road Stud for €1,500 and 2008 Irish Derby hero **Frozen Fire** (Coolagown Stud: €2,500) looking good value.



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<p>Sire of Winners of 414 Races and over £5m Prizemoney</p>	<p>'Gilt Edge Girl' Sold for €550,000 (Goffs 2013)</p>
<p>'Hoof It' Winner of over £365k prizemoney</p>	<p>Breakthrough Stallion 2011 (Racing Post Bloodstock awards)</p>
<p>Group 3 Winners 'Move in Time' & 'Ladies Are Forever'</p>	<p>stud fee: £4,000 (1st October)</p>

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Group 1 firsts in 2016: Equiano's son The Tin Man (blue cap) and (below) Galileo Gold, by Paco Boy



The latter is a son of the much missed Montjeu, who as well as being sire of hurdling great Hurricane Fly has fathered top-class producers of jumps stock in Authorized, Davidoff, Montmartre, Scorpion and Walk In The Park.

Smart stayer **Geordieland** (Beech Tree Stud: £2,000) is another grandson of Sadler's Wells and had a gelding from his first crop change hands last season for £40,000.

ESTABLISHED SIRES

Equiano (Newsells Park Stud) returns to a fee of £8,000 for 2017, a deserved increase having been represented by a first Group 1 winner last season when The Tin Man struck in the Champions Sprint Stakes at Ascot. The 12-year-old son of Acclamation was popular in the sales ring too with his yearlings selling for up to 180,000gns at an average of 26,335gns in a year that also saw him represented by Group 2-winning juvenile Medicine Jack.

Fast Company moves to Kildangan Stud from Overbury Stud and an increase in stud fee to

Frozen Fire: jumps stallion from the Sadler's Wells line looks good value



Deserved fee rise for The Tin Man's sire Equiano

£7,000 is wholly justified considering the son of Danehill Dancer enjoyed a stellar 2016 with a first Classic winner in Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting and Devonshire becoming a second Group 2 winner for the 12-year-old.

A similar sentiment applies to **Paco Boy** (Highclere Stud: £6,500), whose fee has remained the same for a second successive year despite having a breakthrough season. The triple Group 1 winner was represented by a first scorer at the highest level when Galileo Gold ran out a convincing

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Ch'Tibello (above), a son of Sageburg; (bottom right) Getabird, a gelding by Getaway; Australian Group 1 winner Sir John Hawkwood, by Sir Percy

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winner of the 2,000 Guineas before adding the St James's Palace Stakes to his big-race haul.

Hellvelyn (Bucklands Farm and Stud: £3,000) won his first three starts as a juvenile including the Group 2 Coventry Stakes and seems to have passed on his precocity to a significant number of his offspring. The last two seasons have seen the son of Ishiguru represented by Group 3 winner La Rioja and Mrs Danvers, one of the success stories of 2016 when recording five successive juvenile victories including the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes. Hellvelyn's stock has never been higher, a fact illustrated by a best-ever

Percy a proven source of smart types but last year marked a milestone

average and top price for his yearlings in 2016.

Spain Burg's impressive triumph in the Group 2 Rockfel Stakes served as a reminder of the capabilities of **Sageburg** (Garryrichard Stud: €5,000), a



Group 1-winning son of Johannesburg. The 13-year-old has proved popular having covered books of 188 and 218 mares in the last two seasons and should appeal to breeders from both codes as the sire of a number of smart jumpers including Grade 2-winning hurdler Ch'Tibello.

Sir Percy (Lanwades Stud: £7,000) has proven a consistent source of smart performers but last year marked a significant

Mrs Danvers: daughter of Hellvelyn was unbeaten in five juvenile starts in 2016, including at Group 3 level

milestone for the 2006 Derby hero who sired his first Group/Grade 1 winners in Sir John Hawkwood and Wake Forest. He is equally capable of siring precocious juveniles as high-class middle-distance runners and his stock have never proved more popular, with his yearling average price shooting up to 44,482gns, making his covering fee – which has been unchanged for the last three seasons – look attractive.

Sixties Icon (Norman Court Stud: £5,000) continues to impress despite not being

the most en vogue stallion, perhaps due to his Classic victory being in the St Leger, which sadly seems to hinder rather than help the prospects of a Flat stallion. The son of Galileo was represented by a first winner at the highest level with Sixties Song scoring in Argentina's Gran Premio Carlos Pellegrini. He also achieved decent results at the sales, including a 140,000gns yearling.

Tamayuz (Derrinstown Stud: €8,000), sire of Group 1 sprinter G Force and last season's champion freshman Sir Prancealot, could be responsible for more top performers in the near future judging by recent sale results that saw his foals sell for an average of 40,771gns last year.

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Getaway is name on lips of many respected judges

These were headed by a colt who realised 85,000gns when purchased by Shadwell, whose colours the son of Nayef carried to victory in the Prix Jean Prat and Prix Jacques le Marois.

Coolmore have a strong contingent of competitively priced National Hunt stallions, in particular triple US Grade 1 winner **Champs Elysees** (€6,500), who should appeal to both Flat and jumps breeders. The 14-year-old son of Danehill is a brother to leading sire Dansili and recently arrived at Castlehyde Stud from Banstead Manor Stud where he sired 11 stakes performers including Ascot Gold Cup hero Trip To Paris. His offspring also performed well in the sales ring with eight changing hands for six-figure sums.

Slightly less established but entering his seventh season at Grange Stud is **Getaway**, who seems to be the name on the lips of many respected judges when asked for a jumps sire to follow. It is easy to see why with the 14-year-old son of Monsun having been responsible for a number of point-to-point winners including 12-length Irish bumper scorer Getabird, as well as some stunning results in the ring, headed by Cool Getaway, the £305,000 sale-topper at the Tattersalls Ireland Cheltenham December Sale. A covering fee of just €5,500 looks a licence to print money.

GOLDEN OLDIES

Cheveley Park stalwart **Medicean** is standing this season for £6,000, the lowest his fee has ever been and that looks remarkable value for a sire who has been responsible for eight scorers at the highest level including two-time Group 1-winning juvenile Dutch Art.

An unbeaten juvenile who progressed with age to secure four Group 1s, **Nayef** (Nunnery Stud: £5,000) has demonstrated his capability to produce plenty of smart Group performers including Lady Marian and Tamayuz, who have both been successful at the highest level.

Tagula is standing his 21st consecutive season at Rathbarry Stud and also stands out courtesy of an

unchanged fee of €4,000 following a season that saw his son Limato sprint to convincing victories in the July Cup and Prix de la Forêt. Canford Cliffs proved the 24-year-old is not purely a source of sprinters though, with five Group 1s over a mile before developing into a smart sire himself.

It barely seems believable that **Rock Of Gibraltar** (Coolmore Stud) could be classed an 'oldie', but the brilliant miler is now 18 years old and standing his 15th season at stud at a modest €9,000 after siring 14 Group/Grade 1 winners. The son of Danehill showed that his yearlings are still sought after with a filly at Arqana selling for €150,000, and he has developed into a useful broodmare sire with Mikki Isle and Photo Call securing wins at the highest level.

Dual Group winner **Passing Glance** (£2,000) recently relocated to Batsford Stud from Pitchall Farm and has proved an adaptable stallion capable of siring classy performers on the Flat and over jumps. The 18-year-old's best offspring have been Side Glance, successful in four stakes races in Britain before landing a first Group 1 in Australia, and Attagance, who posted a significant victory in an Aintree Listed hurdle.

Cloudings (The Old Road Stud: €3,000) has long been known as an exceptional sire of chasers with a superb record of 43 per cent winners-to-runners over jumps. His most significant flagbearer has been Many Clouds, whose victory in the 2015 Grand National helped Cloudings' foals change hands for a record average in 2016.

Attagance:
a son of
veteran sire
Passing
Glance



STALLIONS 18 OR OLDER IN BRITAIN & IRELAND (£10,000/€12,500 OR LESS)

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Fee
Apple Tree	28	Bikala	Beech Tree	£1,500
Artan	25	Be My Native	Hart Livery	£1,500
Arvico	19	Pistolet Bleu	Vauterhill	£1,000
Asian Heights	19	Hernando	Knockboy House	£1,000
Beat Hollow	20	Sadler's Wells	Ballylinch	€6,000
Black Sam Bellamy	18	Sadler's Wells	Shade Oak	£3,000
Blueprint	22	Generous	Knockboy House	€1,000
Cloudings	23	Sadler's Wells	The Old Road	€3,000
Curtain Time	19	Sadler's Wells	Woodfield Farm	€2,500
Fair Mix	19	Linamix	Shade Oak	€2,000
Firebreak	18	Charnwood Forest	Bearstone	£3,500
Flemensfirth	25	Alleged	Beeches	€12,000
Gamut	18	Spectrum	Rosshill Farm	€3,000
Golden Tornado	21	Sadler's Wells	Gurteen	€1,000
Kutub	20	In The Wings	Girsonfield	€2,000
Mamool	18	In The Wings	Clongiffen	€1,500
Medicean	20	Machiavellian	Cheveley Park	€6,000
Milan	19	Sadler's Wells	Grange	€7,500
Morozov	18	Sadler's Wells	Blackhall	€1,500
Nayef	19	Gulch	Nunnery	€5,000
Passing Glance	18	Polar Falcon	Batsford	€2,000
Rock Of Gibraltar	18	Danehill	Coolmore	€9,000
Royal Anthem	22	Theatrical	Beech Tree	€2,000
Sholokhov	18	Sadler's Wells	Glenview	€4,000
Subtle Power	20	Sadler's Wells	New Hill Farm	€500
Sulamani	18	Hernando	Yorton Farm	€2,500
Tagula	24	Taufan	Rathbarry	€4,000
Tau Ceti	18	Hernando	Rosshill Farm	€1,000
Westerner	18	Danehill	Castlehyde	€5,000

Yorton Farm Stud is home to **Sulamani**, sire of last year's Grand National winner Rule The World. The Powys stud has kept the multiple Group/Grade 1 winner's fee at £2,500 for the third consecutive year, which

should appeal to breeders, as should Sulamani's 44 per cent jumps winners-to-runners record.

Shade Oak Stud stalwart **Fair Mix** (£2,000) regularly sires stock whose performances belie the

19-year-old stallion's covering fee, notably with Simonsig twice a Grade 1 winner at the Cheltenham Festival and Fagan coming close to landing the Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle last year for the son of Linamix.

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NEW SIRE

*Dual Derby hero Harzand
heads the star names starting
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High-class new boys in sire ranks

BREEDERS have 34 new stallions, Flat and jumps combined, to choose from in 2017, breaking down to 21 in Ireland and 13 in Britain. That is two down – one fewer in each country – than at the same point last year.

The most expensive of those is Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Sussex Stakes winner The Gurkha, who has been introduced at a fee of €25,000. Twelve months ago four recent retirees stood for more than that, led by the brilliant Golden Horn at £60,000.

Unusually, the dearest new sire of 2017 anywhere in Europe is in France, after Al Shaqab Racing sent its high-class two-year-old Shalaa home to Haras de Bouquetot. He will command a fee of €27,500.

Shalaa is part of a strong showing for mainland Europe in this department. Normandy also welcomes Prix Ganay winner Dariyan and intriguing shuttlers Exosphere and Scissor Kick, while Melbourne Cup hero Protectionist is one of five Group 1 winners retiring to stud in Germany.

Another trend emerging, one reflective of the bias for speed and precocity at the sales, is the value available for middle-distance horses, whether it is dual Derby hero Harzand standing at just €15,000 or Champion Stakes winner Fascinating Rock at €10,000.

A trend that continues from 2016 is Darley's boldness in the stallion marketplace. Last year Sheikh Mohammed's operation launched ten new stallions in Europe and this time around it has eight.

Martin Stevens,
bloodstock editor

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ADAAY

Age: 5; **colour:** bay; **pedigree:** Kodiak-Lady Lucia (Royal Applause)

Standing at Whitsbury Manor Stud; **price:** £7,000
Racing Post Rating high: 116

Pedigree Adaay becomes the first son of Kodiak, sire of 28 individual stakes winners and perennially a leading source of two-year-old talent, to stand in Britain.

One of six winners produced by the unplaced Royal Applause mare Lady Lucia, a half-sister to the 7f Group 3-placed Creative Mind, Adaay is a half-brother to 5f scorer Mullionmileanhour, who was a short-head runner-up to Equiano in the Listed Abernant Stakes and third in the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes and Cleves Stakes.

Performance A 240,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up purchase by Shadwell, Adaay won his first two juvenile starts over 6f for William Haggas, prompting him to be sent off joint-favourite for Royal Ascot's Group 2 Coventry Stakes alongside eventual winner The Wow Signal.

Despite finishing down the field, he bounced back to form with a third place behind subsequent dual Group 1 winner Limato in the 6f Listed Rose Bowl Stakes at Newbury.

Adaay's biggest victories came aged three in Newbury's 6f Listed Carnarvon Stakes, the 6f Group 2 Sandy Lane Stakes at Haydock ahead of Limato, and when defeating Coulsty – another new addition to the stallion ranks by Kodiak – in the Group 2 Hungerford Stakes at Newbury over 7f, with these last two performances earning him his highest RPR of 116.

Although unable to add to his successes aged four, Adaay gained more black type when a head runner-up to Breton Rock in the Group 3 Criterion Stakes and in third behind the same rival in the Group 2 Park Stakes.

AFFINISEA

6 br Sea The Stars-Affianced (Erins Isle)

Whytemount Stud;
price on application
RPR 78

Pedigree A son of the brilliant Sea The Stars, sire of five individual Group 1 winners including last year's dual Derby hero Harzand, Affinisea has a beautiful pedigree being out of Jim Bolger's Listed winner



Adaay scores a decisive victory in the Group 2 Hungerford Stakes at Newbury

Adaay the first son of juvenile kingmaker to stand in Britain

Affianced, who won the 7f Debutante Fillies Stakes at the Curragh ahead of subsequent Group 1 heroines Sequoyah and Imagine.

The daughter of Erins Isle is a half-sister to three stakes winners including Gran Criterium scorer Sholokhov, sire of Cheltenham Gold Cup hero Don Cossack, and Listed scorer Zavaleta, granddam of Bolger's Dewhurst winner Intense Focus.

Affianced has produced six winners with Affinisea being a three-parts brother to Irish Derby and Coronation Cup hero Soldier Of Fortune, 1m2f Group 3 Meld Stakes winner Heliostatic and half-brother to 1m2f Listed scorer Carraiglawn.

Performance After being purchased by Sunderland Holding Inc. for €850,000 at the 2011 Goffs November Foal Sale, Affinisea raced just twice carrying the silks made famous by his sire Sea The Stars.

He made a striking debut for John Oxx aged four when running out an easy five-length winner of a 1m4f maiden at Roscommon. Last July, in what turned out to be his final start, he went down

by a short head to the race-fit Hidden Cyclone over 1m6f at Killarney.

AJAYA

4 b Invincible Spirit-Nessina (Hennessy)

Rathbarry Stud; €10,000
RPR 113

Pedigree Invincible Spirit enjoyed another stellar season in 2016 as sire of a further three individual Group 1 winners – National Defense in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, Profitable in the King's Stand Stakes and Signs Of Blessing in the Prix Maurice de Gheest.

His renown as a sire of sires also continued with last year's freshmen Born To Sea and Mayson responsible for six and 16 winners respectively in Britain and Ireland, and the more established Lawman producing a first British Classic winner in St Leger hero Harbour Law.

Ajaya is the first foal produced by the Hennessy mare Nessina, an unraced half-sister to Listed scorers Colonialism and Tantina, the dam of top-class winner Cityscape as well as the Group 2 winner and

five-time Group 1-placed Bated Breath.

Performance Ajaya registered the first of two juvenile wins on his third start for William Haggas after finishing runner-up on his 5f debut and a close-up seventh in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, despite being hampered.

Then at York the colt made no mistake over 5½f and was then beaten a head in the Group 2 Prix Robert Papin. His second victory came when defeating last year's Prix Jacques le Marois hero Ribchester in the 6f Group 2 Gimcrack Stakes before signing off his

two-year-old campaign with a fourth placing in the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes behind leading British two-year-old Shalaa.

Ajaya was unable to add to his two victories at three when finishing down the field on both his starts in Group 2 company.



Ajaya: son of renowned sire of sires Invincible Spirit

NEW BRITISH-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2017

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Highest RPR achieved	Fee (£)
Adaay	5	Kodiak	Whitsbury Manor	116	7,000
Bobby's Kitten	6	Kitten's Joy	Lanwades	118	12,500
Cannock Chase	6	Lemon Drop Kid	Nunstainton	120	poa
Charming Thought	5	Oasis Dream	Dalham Hall	117	8,000
Clovis Du Berlais	6	King's Theatre	Yorton Farm	133 (NH)	2,250
Eagle Top	6	Pivotal	Hedgeholme	123	3,000
Marcel	4	Lawman	National	118	5,000
Mattmu	5	Indesatchel	Norton Grove	115	3,500
Pearl Secret	8	Compton Place	Bucklands	117	4,000
Territories	5	Invincible Spirit	Dalham Hall	119	12,000
Tha'ir	7	New Approach	Lilling Hall Farm	109	3,500
Toormore	6	Arakan	Dalham Hall	122	5,000
Twilight Son	5	Kyllachy	Cheveley Park	120	10,000

AWTAAD

4 br Cape Cross-Asheerah (Shamardal)

Derrinstown Stud; €15,000 RPR 122

Pedigree One of four European Classic winners standing their first season at stud in 2017, Awtaad is the second top-class colt sired by Cape Cross in successive seasons following 2015 champion three-year-old Golden Horn, who claimed the Derby, Eclipse, Irish Champion Stakes and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe.

The recently pensioned Cape Cross has been responsible for 13 top-flight winners, a number that includes Oujja Board and 2009 champion Sea The Stars, who is himself sire of last year's dual Derby hero Harzand.

Awtaad is the first foal out of 7f winner Asheerah, a Listed-placed daughter of Shamardal who hails from the family of Group 2 May Hill Stakes winner Nasheej. His year-younger half-sister by



NEW IRISH-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2017

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Highest RPR achieved	Fee (€)
Affinisea	6	Sea The Stars	Whytemount	78	poa
Ajaya	4	Invincible Spirit	Rathbarry	113	10,000
Awtaad	4	Cape Cross	Derrinstown	122	15,000
Belardo	5	Lope De Vega	Kildangan	122	15,000
Buratino	4	Exceed And Excel	Kildangan	117	5,000
Coulsty	6	Kodiac	Rathasker	114	5,000
Estidhkaar	5	Dark Angel	Tara	118	5,000
Fascinating Rock	6	Fastnet Rock	Ballylinch	125	10,000
Harzand	4	Sea The Stars	Gilltown	124	15,000
Kodi Bear	5	Kodiac	Rathbarry	121	10,000
Markaz	5	Dark Angel	Derrinstown	116	6,000
Mehmas	3	Acclamation	Tally-Ho	114	12,500
Mizzou	6	Galileo	The Old Road	117	poa
New Bay	5	Dubawi	Ballylinch	122	20,000
Ol' Man River	5	Montjeu	Arctic Tack	114	poa
Pride Of Dubai	4	Street Cry	Coolmore	112	15,000
Prince Of Lir	3	Kodiac	Ballyhane	107	5,000
Strath Burn	5	Equiano	Bridge House	118	5,500
The Gurkha	4	Galileo	Coolmore	124	25,000
The Last Lion	3	Choisir	Kildangan	118	12,000
Vadamos	6	Monsun	Tally-Ho	122	10,000

Lawman, Aneen, was an impressive winner of a 7f maiden at the Curragh and Asheerah foaled a brother to Awtaad last season.

Awtaad: Classic winner by the recently retired Cape Cross

Performance The winner of a 7f Leopardstown maiden on his second juvenile start for Kevin Prendergast, Awtaad returned at three to post three successive victories at the Curragh, peaking with a Classic victory in the Irish 2,000 Guineas, beating

Newmarket Classic hero Galileo Gold and the previous year's champion two-year-old Air Force Blue.

After finishing a close third in the St James's Palace Stakes and down the field in the Sussex Stakes on unsuitable ground, he returned to form

with victory in the Group 2 Solonaway Stakes before finishing fourth on his final start in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes behind star filly Minding.

BELARDO

5 b Lope De Vega-Danaskaya (Danehill)

Kildangan Stud; €15,000 RPR 122

Pedigree Belardo is a son of dual French Classic hero Lope De Vega, who was represented by a second top-level winner in May when Jemayel landed the Prix Saint-Alary. The ten-year-old stallion is also sire of a further 12 Group performers of 2016 including promising three-year-old colt South Seas.

Belardo is out of 2002 champion Irish two-year-old filly Danaskaya, a Group-placed daughter of Danehill who has produced five winners including Listed scorer Berling. Danaskaya is from the family of Prix de l'Abbaye heroine Kistena and her two-year-old colt by Nathaniel fetched €250,000 when bought by Charlie Gordon-Watson at last year's Arqana August Yearling Sale.

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Buratino hails from family of champion sire Danehill Dancer

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Performance Always highly thought of at Roger Varian's yard, Belardo demonstrated his ability when recording three wins from five starts during his juvenile season and was crowned champion European two-year-old colt in 2014 following victories in the 7f Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes and 7f Listed Washington Singer Stakes.

He was unable to add to his tally at three, although he finished a close fourth to Gleneagles in the Irish 2,000 Guineas and closed out the season when beaten just three-quarters of a length by champion miler Solow in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes.

Belardo ran four times in 2016 aged four, adding a Listed win in the Doncaster Mile and recording a peak RPR of 122 on his final two starts with a second top-level success in the Lockinge Stakes before signing off his career when chasing home top US mare Tepin in the Queen Anne Stakes.

BOBBY'S KITTEN

6 b *Kitten's Joy-Celestial Woods (Forestry)*

Lanwades Stud; £12,500
RPR 118

Pedigree Bobby's Kitten will be the first son of four-time champion US turf sire Kitten's Joy to stand in Europe so offers an interesting breeding angle for mares who need an outcross stallion. His sire won seven of his 14 starts, achieving Grade 1 victories in the Joe Hirsch Turf Classic Invitational over 1m4f and the 1m2f Secretariat Stakes, and has provided ten individual Group/Grade 1 winners including last year's Eclipse Stakes scorer Hawkbill.

Out of three-time US winner Celestial Woods, a Forestry half-sister to the dam of Argentinian Group 1 winner Sixties Song, and hailing from the family of multiple top-class performers David Junior and Paradise Creek, Bobby's Kitten is a brother to three winners including last year's dual 1m½f US Grade 2 victor Camelot Kitten.

Performance He won five of his 14 starts when trained in the US by Chad Brown, most notably aged three when

finishing half a length and a nose in front of 2013 Prix Morny winner No Nay Never and 2015 Diamond Jubilee Stakes hero Undrafted in the Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint and when landing the 1m½f Grade 3 Pilgrim Stakes in his two-year-old season.

Switched to Dermot Weld in preparation for a date at Royal Ascot, Bobby's Kitten ran out a decisive winner of the 6f Listed Cork Stakes in what proved to be his final race.

BURATINO

4 ch *Exceed And Excel-Bergamask (Kingmambo)*

Kildangan Stud; €5,000
RPR 117

Pedigree Champion Australian sprinter Exceed And Excel has proved a reliable producer of top-class performers as sire of ten Group/Grade 1 winners, headed by three-time Group 1-winning miler Excelebration.

He is also emerging as a useful sire of sires with another three-time top-tier winner, Helmet, responsible for last year's Group 1 Criterium International hero Thunder Snow and Excelebration supplying three stakes-placed runners from their first northern hemisphere crops.

From the family of champion sire Danehill Dancer, Buratino is out of the Listed-placed Bergamask, a three-time winner over a mile. The daughter of Kingmambo has produced three winners with Buratino being a brother to 1m½f scorer Tayma.

Performance Buratino showed tenacity and durability with eight runs at two, winning on four occasions starting with his debut over 5f at Chelmsford on the first day of the season.

Runner-up in the 5f Listed National Stakes, the Mark Johnston-trained colt's best performances came when stepped up to 6f, winning three times, including in the Listed Woodcote Stakes and Group 2 Coventry Stakes where he inflicted a two-length defeat on subsequent champion juvenile Air Force Blue.

That victory proved to be his last, but Buratino ran two fine races in Group 1 company



Estidhkaar won three of his five juvenile starts, including the Group 2 Champagne Stakes

when third to Air Force Blue in the Phoenix Stakes and a half-length runner-up to Shalaa in the Middle Park Stakes. His best performance at three came when fourth in last year's Group 2 Sandy Lane Stakes.

CANNOCK CHASE

6 b *Lemon Drop Kid-Lynnwood Chase (Horse Chestnut)*

Nunstainton Stud; poa
RPR 120

Pedigree From the family of champion US sire A.P. Indy, Lemon Drop Kid won five top-level contests during his career including the 1999 Belmont Stakes, and has gone on to produce 42 Group/Graded winners.

Cannock Chase is one of eight Grade 1 winners by his sire, who has struck up a fruitful partnership with Lynnwood Chase. The mating has produced four winners with Cannock Chase being a brother to 1m2f Group 2 Prix Eugene Adam victor Pisco Sour. A daughter of Horse Chestnut, Lynnwood Chase foaled a filly by Sea The Stars last year who made 240,000gns when purchased by Blandford Bloodstock at the Tattersalls December Foal Sale.

Performance Cannock Chase ran just once for Sir Michael Stoute at two when finishing runner-up at Kempton over 7f. The following year he was unbeaten in three starts over 1m2f, with his final performance in the Group 3 Tercentenary Stakes at Royal Ascot seeing him defeat subsequent Group 2 winner Mutakayyef and four-time Group 1 winner Postponed. Aged four, Cannock Chase was placed in three Group 3s, setting him up for his biggest success when a comfortable winner of the Grade 1 Canadian International Stakes at Woodbine. After finishing down

the field in the Hong Kong Vase, he recorded his highest RPR of 120 on his only start aged five with victory in last year's Group 3 Huxley Stakes.

CHARMING THOUGHT

5 b *Oasis Dream-Annabelle's Charm (Indian Ridge)*

Dalham Hall Stud; £8,000

RPR 117

Pedigree The last couple of seasons has seen Oasis Dream enhance his reputation as a sire of sires with his sons Showcasing and Power both proving capable of supplying high-class performers.

Charming Thought's dam line also contains plenty of sires with the colt sharing his page with Aristotle, Ballingarry and Starborough, as well as six-time Group/Grade 1 winner St Nicholas Abbey.

A 625,000gns purchase by John Ferguson Bloodstock at the 2013 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, he is the first foal out of one-mile Listed Dick Hern Fillies' Stakes winner Annabelle's Charm and is a half-brother to 5f and 6f scorer Spanish City.

Performance After finishing runner-up on debut, Charming Thought won his remaining three juvenile starts over 6f and earned his highest RPR when defeating Ivawood by a nose in the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes, with 2015 champion three-year-old sprinter

Muhaarar – another son of

Oasis Dream – back in third. He retires to stud the winner of three of his seven starts, with injuries preventing him from racing at three and his four-year-old season seeing him finish behind Champions Sprint Stakes winner The Tin Man.

Charming Thought: a 625,000gns buy as a yearling

CLOVIS DU BERLAIS

6 b *King's Theatre-Kenza Du Berlais (Kahyasi)*

Yorton Farm; £2,250
RPR 133 (NH)

Pedigree The death of King's Theatre in 2011 robbed jumps breeders of a consistent producer of top-class chasers and hurdlers, a talent advertised this season with Cue Card and Royal Vacation securing Grade 1 chases for the son of Sadler's Wells.

Clovis Du Berlais is the second son of King's Theatre to stand at Yorton Farm following Great Pretender, the sire of Grade 1-winning hurdler Ptiti Zig and Grade 2 chase victor Mr Mole.

He is out of the unraced Kahyasi mare Kenza Du Berlais, a half-sister to three Listed-winning hurdlers as well as the dams of Mr Mole and French Grade 1 hurdle winner Bonito Du Berlais, and is a half-brother to the Grade 3 Paddy Power Gold Cup hero Caid Du Berlais.

Performance A winner over hurdles and fences in his native France, Clovis Du Berlais was placed three times at black-type level, including when runner-up to top-class hurdlers Bonito Du Berlais and Blue Dragon in the Grade 2 Prix Amadou Hurdle and Grade 3 Prix Questarabad Hurdle.

COULSTY

6 b *Kodiac-Hazium (In The Wings)*

Rathasker Stud; €5,000
RPR 114

Pedigree Coulsty is one of three sons of Kodiac to join the Irish stallion ranks for 2017, which goes to illustrate the 16-year-old's reputation as a source of speed and precocity.

Out of the 1m2f to 1m3½f winner Hazium, a daughter of In The Wings, Coulsty is a close relation to two winners and half-brother to 6f to 7f juvenile winner Bonnie Lesley. He shares his page with a



number of classy sprinters, among them the multiple Group winner The Tatling, who was also runner-up in three runnings of the Nunthorpe Stakes, and dual Group 3 scorer Lugana Beach.

Performance Coulsty demonstrated toughness and durability during a 26-race career that spanned four seasons. He claimed the first of five victories on his debut over 5f at Leicester, before going on to finish third in the Listed Prix Francois Boutin. Winner of the 7f Listed King Charles II Stakes on his first start at three, Coulsty signed off the season with his highest-profile victory in the Group 3 Prix de Meautry over 6f.

Coulsty started his four-year-old season with another victory in the 7f Listed King Richard III Stakes where he defeated Group 2 winner Aljamaaheer. He also finished runner-up to another son of Kodiak, Adaay, in the Group 2 Hungerford Stakes where he achieved his highest RPR. He recorded his final success last season at Thirsk over 7f.

EAGLE TOP

6 ch Pivotal-Gull Wing (In The Wings)

Hedgeholme Stud; £3,000 RPR 123

Pedigree Pivotal has proved an excellent source of top-class performers for many years, having sired 25 individual Group/Grade 1 winners. In turn, many of his top-performing sons have proved capable sires themselves with Captain Rio, Excellent Art, Falco, Kyllachy and Siyouni all responsible for runners of the highest calibre.

Eagle Top comes from an impeccable family that has clicked with Pivotal on a number of occasions, most significantly with 2009 dual Oaks heroine Sariska, a half-sister to 1m6f Listed Further Flight Stakes winner Gull Wing. A daughter of In The Wings, Gull Wing has produced four winners, three by Pivotal, with Eagle Top being a brother to Group 2 Park Hill Stakes winner The Lark and last

Eagle Top: from an impeccable family



year's Group 2 Dante Stakes winner Wings Of Desire.

Performance Unraced at two, Eagle Top got off the mark at the first attempt at three in a 1m3f Newbury maiden for John Gosden. After a three-and-a-quarter-length defeat of subsequent dual Group/Grade 1 winner Adelaide in the 1m4f Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot, he finished fourth to stablemate Taghrooda in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes. He proved a reliable Group performer at four when placed in three stakes races, earning his highest RPR in the 2015 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes when going down to Postponed by a nose.

ESTIDHKAAR

5 b Dark Angel-Danetime Out (Danetime)

Tara Stud; €5,000 RPR 118

Pedigree Estidhkaar is a son of the increasingly influential Dark Angel, whose reputation has blossomed on the back of supplying 20 Pattern-race winners including Group 1-winning sprinters Lethal Force and Mecca's Angel.

The five-year-old is one of two colts out of the Danetime mare Danetime Out entering stud in 2017 along with his half-brother Toormore, winner of the Group 1 National Stakes in 2013. They are half-brothers to the 5½f to 7f winner Try The Chance and a two-year-old colt by Declaration Of War who was purchased for 290,000gns at last year's Book 1 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale.

Performance Trained by Richard Hannon, he won three of his five juvenile starts and achieved Group 2 victories over 7f in the Superlative Stakes and Champagne Stakes where subsequent dual Group 1 winner Belardo was back in fourth. Those placings were reversed in the Dewhurst Stakes but Estidhkaar returned to form on his three-year-old debut when a quarter-of-a-length runner-up to Muhaarar in the Group 3 Greenham Stakes, gaining his peak RPR of 118.

Off the track for more than a year after finishing down the field in the Prix Jacques Le Marois, he was narrowly defeated on his first start aged four before returning to the winner's enclosure for a final time when a game winner of the one-mile Listed Ben Marshall Stakes.

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FASCINATING ROCK

6 b Fastnet Rock-Miss Polaris
(Polar Falcon)

Ballylinch Stud; €10,000
RPR 125

Pedigree Fascinating Rock was one of three European Group 1 winners last season for Fastnet Rock, a former champion Australian sprinter who has twice been crowned leading sire in the country of his birth. The son of Danehill was also represented by high-class juveniles Rivet, winner of the Racing Post Trophy, and Moyglare Stud Stakes winner Intricately.

Fascinating Rock is a half-brother to two winners including 2015 Galway Hurdle hero Quick Jack, who has proved equally adept on the Flat with placings in the Ebor and Cesarewitch.

From the family of Group 2 winner Gothenberg and last year's US Grade 2 scorer Nancy From Nairobi, Fascinating Rock is out of winning miler Miss Polaris, a sister to German Listed scorer Euro Falcon.

Performance After running once at two, Fascinating Rock came into his own when racing over 1m2f, achieving three victories over the trip during his three-year-old season including in the Ballysax Stakes and Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial. His four-year-old campaign started with wins in the one-mile Listed Heritage Stakes and Group 3 Mooresbridge Stakes before a narrow defeat to Al Kazeem in the 1m2½f Tattersalls Gold Cup.

Following a first victory over 1m4f in the Group 3 Enterprise Stakes, he had some memorable battles with superstar mare Found, defeating the three-time Group 1 winner twice when securing his first Group 1 in the 2015 Champion Stakes – with Irish Derby winner Jack Hobbs in third – and in last season's Tattersalls Gold Cup.

HARZAND

4 br Sea The Stars-Hazariya
(Xaar)

Gilltown Stud; €15,000
RPR 124

Pedigree Harzand joins his sire Sea The Stars at Gilltown Stud but for a fraction of the fee commanded by the six-time Group 1 winner.

An exceptional racehorse, Sea The Stars is shaping into a top-class sire with last season's Group 1 victories achieved by Harzand and Zelzal bringing his tally of Group 1 winners to



Epsom hero: Harzand survived an injury scare on the morning of the race to win the Derby

Dual Derby hero Harzand joins his studmate father at fraction of fee

five following Sea The Moon, Taghrooda and Vazira in 2014.

Harzand is the fifth foal out of 7f Group 3 Athasi Stakes heroine Hazariya, who topped last year's Tattersalls December Mare Sale when purchased by MV Magnier and Mayfair Speculators for 2,000,000gns.

The daughter of Xaar has been responsible for three stakes performers with Harzand being a half-brother to 7f Group 3 winner Harasiya and 1m4f Listed scorer Hazarafa, and shares her page with top-level winners Hittite Glory, Seal Of Approval and Streama.

Performance Trained by Dermot Weld for owner-breeder the Aga Khan, Harzand made one start as a two-year-old where he finished fifth in a mile maiden at Gowran Park. Stepped up in trip at three, he beat Sword Fighter by an impressive 16 lengths in a 1m2f maiden at Cork and then went on to land the Group 3 Ballysax Stakes at Leopardstown from subsequent Great Voltigeur winner Idaho.

A late injury scare on the morning of the Derby failed to prevent Harzand from securing a first Group 1 at Epsom with a commanding length-and-a-half victory to emulate his sire, who landed the race in 2009. Just three weeks later Harzand demonstrated yet again his willing attitude and toughness when registering a second Group 1 victory in the Irish Derby, half a length ahead of main rival Idaho.

KODI BEAR

5 br Kodiak-Hawattef
(Mujtahid)

Rathbarry Stud; €10,000
RPR 121

Pedigree Kodi Bear is the highest-rated son of the immensely popular Kodiak by RPR, showing that his sire – a half-brother to Invincible Spirit – is not purely a source for sprinters when posting impressive Group victories over a mile.

Out of the Mujtahid mare Hawattef, who has foaled eight winners, he is a brother to one-mile to 1m2f scorer Makalali and a three-parts brother to the 5f winner Lady Susy, dam of Italian Listed scorers Rivertime and Storm Of Wind, and hails from the family of triple Group 1-winning miler Esoterique.

Performance Always held in the highest regard by his trainer Clive Cox, Kodi Bear finished runner-up to Adaay on his two-year-old debut before finishing fifth to The Wow Signal on just his second start in the Group 2 Coventry Stakes. His final two appearances at two saw him break his maiden in the 7f Listed Winkfield Stakes and beat all bar Belardo in the Dewhurst Stakes.

Despite a late start to his three-year-old career caused by a serious infection, Kodi Bear quickly developed into a smart miler, starting

with success in the Listed Midsummer Stakes. He then recorded his two most impressive performances with wide-margin victories in the Group 3 Sovereign Stakes and Group 2 Celebration Mile.

MARCEL

4 b Lawman-Mauresmo
(Marju)

National Stud; £5,000
RPR 118

Pedigree Dual Group 1 winner Lawman has quickly developed into a smart sire with Marcel being one of five top-level winners for the son of Invincible Spirit along with last year's St Leger hero Harbour Law, Just The Judge, Law Enforcement and Most Improved.

Marcel is the second foal produced by the Marju mare Mauresmo, an unraced half-sister to the Group 2-placed Munjiz. Both are out of a half-sister to Melbourne Cup hero At Talaq and US Grade 1 winner Annoconnor and share their page with high-class miler Arod and dual Meydan Group 2 scorer Cladocera.

Performance He was trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam to land a Newcastle maiden by three and three-quarter lengths on his second start at two. Despite that

Kodi Bear: always held in the highest regard by Clive Cox

impressive victory, Marcel was sent off the outsider of seven in the 2015 Racing Post Trophy but won the one-mile Group 1 in convincing fashion, finishing a length and a half ahead of subsequent Group 1 Criterium International winner Johannes Vermeer.

Marcel made just one further racecourse appearance when finishing last in last year's 2,000 Guineas after injuring his near-side knee racing into the Dip at Newmarket.

MARKAZ

5 gr Dark Angel-Folga (Atraf)

Derrinstown Stud; €6,000
RPR 116

Pedigree A second son of Dark Angel to stand his debut season at stud in Ireland this year, Markaz is a brother to Mecca's Angel, the dual Nunthorpe Stakes winner and champion European older sprinter in 2015.

Both are out of the winning Atraf mare Folga, who has proved a real money-spinner for Yeomanstown Stud and Doc Bloodstock with Dirayah, a three-year-old filly by Dark Angel, purchased for 825,000gns at the 2015 Tattersalls October Yearling Sale, and her two-year-old filly by Dark Angel making 400,000gns at last year's sale.

Performance Markaz was a £200,000 purchase by Shadwell at the 2013 DBS Premier Yearling Sale and recorded three victories during a 19-race career.

A winner for Barry Hills over 6f at two, he finished runner-up on his final juvenile start in the Group 3 Somerville Tattersall Stakes before registering a first stakes win in the 7f Group 3 Criterion Stakes and then finishing second to Limato in the Group 2 Park Stakes. After Owen Burrows took over the licence at Kingwood House Stables, Markaz secured a second Group 3 with victory in last season's 6f Chipchase Stakes and nearly signed off his career in perfect style when a three-quarter-length runner-up in the Group 2 Goldene Peitsche at Baden-Baden.

MATTMU

5 b Indesatchel-Katie Boo
(Namid)

Norton Grove Stud; £3,500
RPR 115

Pedigree Two-time Group 3 winner Indesatchel is a son of former champion sire Danehill Dancer, and as well as classy sprinter Mattmu has supplied Listed scorer Aetna.

Mattmu is a brother to

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Ajaya

2013 Invincible Spirit x Nessina (Hennessy)



"AJAYA was a high-class two year-old blessed with bags of speed and a good temperament. His performance in the Gimcrack was a top-class one, beating subsequent Group 1 winner, Ribchester, and he loved fast ground. He is a thoroughly likeable colt who thrived on racing".

William Haggas, Trainer



Impressive Group 2 Winning 2-Y-O

- Winner of **Gr.2** Gimcrack Stakes, 6f. (defeating Ribchester etc.)
- 2nd **Gr.2** Prix Robert Papin, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ f. (to Gutaifan, beaten a head)
- Placed **Gr.1** Middle Park Stakes, 6f.
- Winner of Maiden over 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ f. at York.
- 2015 Timeform rating 117 in GB/IRE versus Gutaifan (117), Ribchester (115) in the same year
- From the family of BATED BREATH, CITYSCAPE and REDOUTE'S CHOICE
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Kodi Bear

2012 Kodiak x Hawattef (Mujtahid)



"KODI BEAR was a pleasure to train and showed a lot of class right from the beginning. He was an exceptional winner of the Sovereign Stakes and confirmed that form when winning the Celebration Mile at Goodwood in tremendous style. His temperament and appetite for racing was first class and I am sure he will pass on these qualities to his offspring".

Clive Cox, Trainer



High Class 2-Y-O & Impressive 3-Y-O

- Winner of **Gr.2** Celebration Mile, 8f. (defeating Cable Bay (IRE), Breton Rock (IRE), etc.).
- Winner of **Gr.3** Sovereign Stakes, 8f. (defeating Custom Cut (IRE), etc.).
- Winner of **L.R.** Midsummer Stakes, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ f.
- Winner of **L.R.** Winkfield Stakes, 7f. (defeating Muhaarar (GB)).
- 2nd **Gr.1** Dewhurst Stakes, 7f. (to Belardo (IRE), defeating Estidhkaar (IRE))
- Placed **Gr.1** Prix Jean Prat, 7f.
- 2015 Timeform rating 123 in GB/IRE versus Belardo (123), Custom Cut (122), Estidhkaar (121), Cable Bay (119), Breton Rock (118) in the same year
- From the family of ESOTERIQUE and COOL CREEK and by Multiple Stakes Producing Sire KODIAC

Ballylinch Stud recruit New Bay a son of the exceptional Dubawi

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multiple 6f to 7f winner Penny Garcia out of Katie Boo, a speedy daughter of Namid and a half-sister to Listed winner Maldon Prom.

Performance Mattmu raced nine times as a juvenile, winning on four occasions including the Group 2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte and Listed Rockingham Stakes over 6f. A narrow runner-up on his three-year-old debut in the Group 2 Duke of York Stakes, the Tim Easterby-trained colt secured a third black-type victory in the 6f Group 3 Phoenix Stakes and finished a fine third behind Mecca's Angel and Acapulco in the 2015 Nunthorpe. In three runs aged four, his best effort came when a close third in the Group 3 Abernant Stakes.

MEHMAS

3 b Acclamation-Lucina (Machiavellian)

Tally-Ho Stud; €12,500
RPR 114

Pedigree He is a son of high-class sprinter Acclamation, sire of Group 1-winning sprinters Dark Angel, Equiano and Marsha. The similarities between Mehmas and Dark Angel don't end there as both achieved a peak RPR of 114, entered stud as three-year-olds and are bred on the same cross, in Mehmas's case being out of the unraced Machiavellian mare Lucina.

A half-sister to stakes winners Blue Monday and Rugged Cross, Lucina has

produced four winners with Mehmas hailing from the family of dual French Classic heroine Avenir Certain and multiple Group 1 winners Luso and Warrsan.

Performance Trained by Richard Hannon, Mehmas won four of his eight starts and was placed on all other occasions.

He started his career with victories over 5f at Chester and 6f at Newbury, which were followed by runner-up spots in the 5f Listed National Stakes and 6f Group 2 Coventry Stakes, on the latter occasion behind leading juvenile Caravaggio.

Mehmas returned to winning ways when landing successive 6f Group 2s in the July Stakes at Newmarket and Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, and on his final two starts he chased home champion juvenile Churchill in the Group 1 National Stakes and fellow retiree The Last Lion in the Group 1 Middle Park Stakes.

MIZZOU

6 b Galileo-Moments Of Joy (Darshaan)

The Old Road Stud; poa
RPR 117

Pedigree Multiple champion sire Galileo dominated 2016, siring 14 individual Group/Grade 1 winners worldwide and with prize-money earnings in excess of £18 million. Given his influence, there is little surprise the son of Sadler's Wells has become a significant sire of sires with Frankel making a brilliant start to his stud career and New



Pride Of Dubai, with Coolmore's MV Magnier, was a leading juvenile in Australia

Approach, Sixties Icon and Teofilo continuing to impress in their second careers.

Mizzou is one of two sons of Galileo, along with The Gurkha, to take up stud duties in Ireland in 2017. He is out of the Listed-winning Darshaan mare Moments Of Joy, a daughter of Yorkshire Oaks and Prix Vermeille heroine My Emma. She has foaled three winners with Mizzou being a brother to Group 3-placed Eternal Bounty and three-parts brother to dual Listed runner-up Unity, dam of last season's Listed Wild Flower Stakes winner Crimean Tatar.

Performance Trained by Luca Cumani, Mizzou developed into a high-class stayer on the Flat during his three seasons on the course with five wins from ten starts. He demonstrated his battling qualities

Mehmas: bred on the same cross as Dark Angel

when landing a second successive Group 3 Sagaro Stakes in April over 2m and on his final start finished second to Order Of St George in the Group 1 Gold Cup at Royal Ascot, a performance that earned him a peak RPR of 117.

NEW BAY

5 ch Dubawi-Cinnamon Bay (Zamindar)

Ballylinch Stud; €20,000
RPR 122

Pedigree He is a son of the exceptional Dubawi, who has sired 26 top-level winners including five-time Group 1 winner Postponed and 2010 2,000 Guineas hero Makfi, himself sire of 2015 Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Make Believe.

New Bay is out of the Listed-winning

Zamindar mare Cinnamon Bay, making him a half-brother to three winners. He hails from the outstanding Juddmonte family of Beat Hollow, Kingman and Oasis Dream.

Performance New Bay ran 11 times for Andre Fabre, winning on five occasions. He opened his account on his first outing at three, a victory that was followed by a fast-finishing second to Make Believe in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

His finest hour came on his next start when upped in distance for the 1m2½f Prix du Jockey Club in which he beat subsequent Group/Grade 1 winner Highland Reel by a length and a half.

He also registered wins in the Group 2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano and Prix Niel and finished a close third to Golden Horn in the Arc. He landed the Group 3 Prix Gontaut-Biron at four before finishing fourth behind Almanzor in a vintage Irish Champion Stakes.



Won Sandy Lane Stakes Gr.2 6f
Won Hungerford Stakes Gr.2 7f

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OL' MAN RIVER**5 b Montjeu-Finsceal Beo (Mr Greeley)**Arctic Tack Stud; poa
RPR 114

Pedigree Ol' Man River possesses a superb pedigree being a son of European champions Montjeu and Finsceal Beo, breeding that no doubt influenced his auction price when MV Magnier purchased the colt for a sale-topping €2.85m at the 2013 Goffs Orby Yearling Sale.

Six-time Group 1 winner Montjeu quickly developed into a leading sire, producing the likes of Authorized, Camelot, Hurricane Run and Motivator before his death in 2012.

Ol' Man River is the third foal produced by dual Guineas heroine Finsceal Beo. The daughter of Mr Greeley has been responsible for three winners with Ol' Man River being a three-parts brother to 1m2f scorers An Cailin Orga and Too The Stars as well as La Figlia, an unraced three-year-old daughter of Frankel who was the star turn at the 2014 Goffs November Foal Sale when selling for €1.8m.

Performance Trained by Aidan O'Brien, Ol' Man River made a successful debut in a mile maiden at the Curragh by three-quarters of a length. That was followed by the biggest victory of his career when an impressive two-and-three-quarter-length winner of the one-mile Group 2 Beresford Stakes. He ran four times as a three-year-old and once as a four-year-old, with his best effort coming when fourth in the 1m4f Group 2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot in 2015.

PEARL SECRET**8 ch Compton Place-Our Little Secret (Rossini)**Bucklands Stud; £4,000
RPR 117

Pedigree Compton Place sprang a shock with victory in the 1997 July Cup but has been a consistent source of sprinting talent, siring dual Nunthorpe hero Borderlescott and Champion Sprint Stakes winner Deacon Blues before his death aged 21 in 2015.

Pearl Secret has a strong sprinting pedigree as the most notable son



Pearl Secret: has a strong sprinting pedigree



Norfolk Stakes scorer Prince Of Lir is one of four sons of Kodiak retired to stud in 2017

of 5f Listed City Wall Stakes winner Our Little Secret. The daughter of Rossini has foaled four winners and is out of a winning half-sister to multiple stakes winner Palacegate Episode, granddam of two-time Group 1-winning juvenile and sire Dutch Art.

Performance Pearl Secret made a winning debut as a two-year-old for trainer David Barron in a 5½f York maiden and won his first three starts as a three-year-old, including the 5f Listed Scurry Stakes at Sandown. He finished third on his only appearance at four when third to Sole Power in the King's Stand Stakes and won a further three times during his career, including the 5f Group 2 Temple Stakes in 2015.

PRIDE OF DUBAI**4 b Street Cry-Al Anood (Danehill)**Coolmore Stud; €15,000
RPR 112

Pedigree Street Cry demonstrated a knack for producing brilliant fillies with superstars Winx and Zenyatta both being by the stallion who died in 2014, aged 16.

However, the son of Machiavellian has also shown an ability to sire top-class colts as evidenced by the likes of Street Sense and Shocking, with four of his sons having gone on to sire Group/Grade 1 winners.

Pride Of Dubai is out of the two-time Australian winner and Listed-placed Danehill

mare Al Anood, a half-sister to Prix de Diane heroine Rafha, dam of two of the most successful stallions in recent years in Invincible Spirit and Kodiak. He is a half-brother to South African Grade 2 winner Enaad and Australian Listed scorer Al Anead.

Performance Pride Of Dubai developed into one of Australia's leading juveniles, striking at the highest level in the 6f Blue Diamond Stakes and 7f Sires' Produce Stakes for trainers Peter and Paul Snowden and amassing career earnings of more than A\$1.3m.

He was retired last year to

stand his first season at stud in Australia and will reverse shuttle from Coolmore Australia for the 2017 northern hemisphere season.

PRINCE OF LIR**3 b Kodiak-Esuvia (Whipper)**Ballyhane Stud; €5,000
RPR 107

Pedigree Another son of Kodiak retired for 2017, Prince Of Lir completed a superb Royal Ascot juvenile double for the stallion when claiming the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes, two days after Ardad had won the Listed Windsor Castle Stakes.

Prince Of Lir is the second foal out of the winning Whipper mare Esuvia, a half-sister to 5f Group 3 winner and sire Resplendent Glory. He changed hands for £170,000 when purchased by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock at the Doncaster sales and also shares his page with last year's Group 2 Goldene Peitsche winner Donnerschlag.

Performance Prince Of Lir made a successful debut for Robert Cowell in a 5f Beverley conditions event by a length and a quarter from subsequent Group 1 Middle Park Stakes winner The Last Lion. His finest hour came on his second start when defeating that same rival by half a length in the 5f Group 2 Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot, with subsequent Group 1 Prix Morny third Peace Envoy further back.

He was then sent off a short-priced favourite for the Prix Robert Papin but could finish only fifth on unsuitable ground and concluded his career by finishing a respectable seventh, beaten just three and a half lengths, by Ardad in the Group 2 Flying Childers Stakes at Doncaster.

STRATH BURN**5 b Equiano-Irish Light (Irish River)**Bridge House Stud; €5,500
RPR 118

Pedigree Strath Burn is the first son of dual King's Stand winner Equiano, sire of 11

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Pattern winners including last season's Group 1 Champions Sprint Stakes hero The Tin Man, to stand at stud.

He is out of the winning mare Irish Light, a daughter of Irish River who has produced seven winners including the juvenile Group 1-placed Polar Force and Listed runner-up Carnival Queen.

Performance Strath Burn finished first past the post on his two-year-old debut for Charlie Hills over 5f before getting to within half a length of Kool Kompany when runner-up in the Group 2 Prix Robert Papin.

He filled the same spot in the Group 3 Cornwallis Stakes on his final start at two and after easing to victory in a 6f Doncaster maiden landed the 6f Group 3 Hackwood Stakes. His next outing saw him post his highest RPR when narrowly denied by Twilight Son in the Group 1 Sprint Cup at Haydock ahead of top-class sprinters G Force and Gordon Lord Byron, and after switching to Robert Cowell twice finished third during his four-year-old season.

TERRITORIES

5 b Invincible Spirit-Taranto (Machiavellian)

Dalham Hall Stud; £12,000 RPR 119

Pedigree Territories is one of 15 individual top-level winners by Invincible Spirit, an immensely popular son of Green Desert who has evolved into an influential sire of sires, a stature that will surely only increase with numerous sons at stud including Classic sire Lawman.

He is out of the Machiavellian mare Taranto, a two-time winner as a juvenile and runner-up in the Listed River Eden Fillies' Stakes. Taranto has produced four winners with Territories hailing from the family of top-class colts and sires Shamardal and Street Cry.

Performance Trained by Andre Fabre, Territories ran four times as a juvenile, winning a 6f conditions race on his second start before finishing third in the Group 3 Prix La Rochette and then being promoted to runner-up in the Group 1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere after suffering interference.

He won his first start aged three when a two-length winner of the one-mile Group 3 Prix de Fontainebleau and on his next run chased home Gleneagles in the 2015 2,000 Guineas.

His finest hour came when



The Gurkha (centre) wins the Sussex Stakes, earning him a Racing Post Rating of 124

The Gurkha shares his page with champions, sires and Arc heroine

landing the Group 1 Prix Jean Prat over a mile by half a length from Dutch Connection and he followed that performance with a second-place finish in the Group 1 Prix Jacques le Marois behind Esoterique.

He twice finished third in his four-year-old season – in the Group 3 Prix du Palais-Royal and Group 3 Prix Messidor.

THA'IR

7 b New Approach-Flashing Green (Green Desert)

Lilling Hall Farm; £3,500 RPR 109

Pedigree Dual European champion New Approach got off to a sensational start as a sire with three Royal Ascot winners from his first crop with Tha'ir claiming the Chesham Stakes after the Group victories of Dawn Approach in the Coventry Stakes and Newfangled in the Albany Stakes. Dawn Approach went on to record four victories at the highest level and is one of six individual Group 1 winners sired by the son of Galileo.

Hailing from the famed family of Reprocolor that has been responsible for multiple top-class performers, Tha'ir is a half-brother to German Listed scorer Flashing Colour. He is out of the 6f winner Flashing Green, a Green Desert half-sister to Italian champion juvenile filly Croeso



Toormore: the best of his generation at two in Europe

Cariad and three-time Group 1-placed Mona Lisa.

Performance Tha'ir was trained by Saeed Bin Suroor to win two of his seven starts at two including the Listed Chesham Stakes over 7f and to finish runner-up in the Group 3 Solario Stakes and third in the Group 2 Champagne Stakes behind Toormore.

After winning three middle-distance handicaps, he added two Listed races at five – the 1m2f Gala Stakes and Anatolia Trophy.

THE GURKHA

4 b Galileo-Chintz (Danehill Dancer)

Coolmore Stud; €25,000 RPR 124

Pedigree He played a significant part in the dominance of his sire Galileo in 2016 with two top-level victories over a mile. The 19-year-old stallion was responsible for a further nine individual Group 1 winners in Europe with star filly Minding leading the way numerically when claiming five contests at the highest level.

The Gurkha is a brother to two scorers including Queen Nefertiti, winner on debut of a 7f Leopardstown maiden and third in the 2015 Group 3 Brownstown Stakes.

Out of the 7f Group 3 CL Weld Park Stakes winner Chintz, a daughter of Danehill Dancer, The Gurkha shares his page

with champions and sires Alhaarth, Authorized, Green Dancer and Makfi, as well as Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Solemia.

Performance Unraced as a two-year-old, The Gurkha quickly proved himself to be among the best three-year-old colts of his generation, running out a devastating five-and-a-half-length winner of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains on just his third start.

He also finished second to Galileo Gold in the St James's Palace Stakes and filled the same place behind Hawkbill in the Eclipse. He then reversed placings with his Ascot conqueror to claim the Group 1 Sussex Stakes with subsequent Prix Jacques Le Marois winner Ribchester in third, a victory that earned the colt an RPR of 124, the same mark as Arc heroine Found.

THE LAST LION

3 b Choisir-Mala Mala (Brief Truce)

Kildangan Stud; €12,000 RPR 118

Pedigree A top-class sprinter in both hemispheres, Choisir is the sire of ten Group/Grade 1 winners including Starspangledbanner, who despite suffering from well-reported fertility issues at the beginning of his stud career has shown himself to be a smart producer himself as sire of Prix Morny hero The Wow Signal.

The Last Lion is a three-parts brother to six scorers including Listed-winning sprinters Contest and Russian Rock. He is the ninth foal out of dual Group 1-placed juvenile Mala

Mala, a Brief Truce half-sister to Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Tarascon.

Performance The Last Lion displayed plenty of the resilience associated with many Mark Johnston horses, running ten times as a juvenile and claiming the rare Brocklesby-Middle Park double, a feat last achieved in 1888.

After victory in the first juvenile race of the turf season, he finished placed on his next three starts including in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes before regaining the winning thread in the 5f Listed Dragon Stakes and registering a third victory in the 6f Group 3 Sirenia Stakes.

Never out of the first three, his greatest success came on his final start when gamely seeing off all-comers in the 6f Group 1 Middle Park Stakes from Blue Point and Mehmas.

TOORMORE

6 b Arakan-Danetime Out (Danetime)

Dalham Hall Stud; £5,000 RPR 122

Pedigree Toormore is an Arakan half-brother to former stablemate Estidhkaar, a dual 7f Group 2 winner at two when victorious in the Champagne Stakes and Superlative Stakes.

He is the highest-rated son of the unraced Danetime mare Danetime Out, from the family of US Grade 2 winner Mr Napper Tandy and Peace Girl, the joint Irish champion two-year-old filly from 1987.

Dual 7f Group 3 winner Arakan is the sire of four stakes performers with Dick Turpin and Toormore winning at the highest level and Trumpet Major and Sruthan successful at Group and Listed level respectively.

Performance Toormore was the best of his generation in Europe at two in 2013 when he was unbeaten in three starts, including when beating Sudirman by nearly three lengths in the 7f Group 1 National Stakes.

Trained by Richard Hannon, he won the Craven Stakes at three ahead of The Grey Gatsby and rounded off that season with a creditable third in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, while at four he finished runner-up to Night Of Thunder in the Lockinge Stakes and won the Group 2 Lennox Stakes and Topkapi Trophy. In his final season he scored in the Sandown Mile and finished fourth in the Queen Anne Stakes and Sussex Stakes.

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Tom Harris writes from Australia with an insider's guide to the latest shuttle stallion visitors to Europe

AUSTRALIAN sires were to the fore in Britain and Ireland last year, highlighted by the exploits of first-season sires Helmet, Elzaam, Foxwedge and Sepoy, all of whom finished within the top ten in the European freshman rankings.

Among the more established Australian sires, stalwart shuttler Exceed And Excel has had his fee at Kildangan Stud raised to a career-high of €50,000 following more dependable racetrack and sales ring results.

Former Coolmore shuttler Choisir provided Middle Park Stakes victor The Last Lion, while regular Coolmore visitor Fastnet Rock continued to be represented by the top-class Fascinating Rock and also supplied a pair of Group 1-winning two-year-olds in Intricately and Rivet.

The organisation has welcomed another Aussie to Tipperary this year in dual Group 1-winning two-year-old Pride Of Dubai. The son of Street Cry was a tenacious racehorse, winning the Blue Diamond Stakes on only his second start after being badly hampered.

He then became the first horse to complete the Blue Diamond-Sires' Produce double, battling back after being headed in the Royal Randwick straight to win by three-quarters of a length.

"Wait until you see him next year as a three-year-old," vowed jockey Hugh Bowman following that run, but deep bone bruising sustained in his sole three-year-old start ended his racing career.

"Pride Of Dubai has had an excellent first season in Australia," says Coolmore Australia's Sebastian Hutch. "His fertility was exceptionally good and as a consequence he has well over 150 mares in foal.

"I couldn't emphasise enough to a European breeder how talented a racehorse he was. He did everything in a very natural, effortless manner as a young horse. It was a real shame we were robbed of the opportunity to see him as a three year-old due to injury as he could have been something very special.

"He has a wonderful temperament and for a horse



Haras du Logis new recruit Exosphere wins the Skyline Stakes in his native Australia and (right) compatriot and Darley stalwart Exceed And Excel



Exosphere 'looks exceptional value in comparison to other imports'

with such incredible strength and bone, he's tremendously athletic. His family has already produced Invincible Spirit and Kodiak and given he's the most accomplished racehorse from that family, it's not hard to be excited about his prospects as a young sire."

DARLEY'S latest Australian import is in a very different mould to Pride Of Dubai.

Instead of grit and determination, Exosphere – not to be confused with Sir Michael Stoute's Jockey Club Stakes winner who later raced as Exospheric in Australia – was characterised by his natural grace and flair.

He used his scintillating turn of foot to land the Skyline

Stakes as a two-year-old before reeling off three straight Group victories in the spring of his three-year-old campaign. Although this campaign was headed by victory in the Golden Rose, his circling of a Roman Consul field that included subsequent Group 1 winners Japonisme and Takedown was stunning.

While his form may have tailed off as his three-year-old season progressed, this easy three-and-a-quarter-length triumph, in a record time, truly warrants a watch from European breeders and racing fans alike.

Exosphere is standing at Haras du Logis in Normandy and Darley's director of stallions Sam Bullard reflects on the decision to shuttle the son of Lonhro to Normandy.

"The broodmare band is growing in both quality and quantity in France," he says. "We had top performers to retire in Britain and Ireland and felt that a big, strong horse who was a champion Australian three-year-old sprinter would have huge appeal.

"With an official rating of 127, when compared to other imports he looks exceptional value."

AUSTRALIAN heavyweights Arrowfield Stud, not to be outdone by its rivals

Darley and Coolmore, is set to join the shuttling party with Scissor Kick, who has been sent to Haras d'Etream. The Group 1-placed dual Group 3 winner hails from the family of blue hen Hasili, the dam of five Group 1 winners as well as champion sire Dansili.

The "strikingly attractive colt", according to trainer Paul

Messara, is a son of three-time Australian champion sire Redoute's Choice, who shuttled to Haras de Bonneval in both 2013 and 2014, and is set to see his European profile rise further in 2017 thanks to the unleashing of his first northern hemisphere three-year-olds.

Public awareness should be increased further if another Redoute's Choice son in Elzaam, who stands at Ballyhane Stud, can build on the strong start made by his first crop of European two-year-olds.

Much care was taken in selecting Arrowfield Stud's latest son of the 20-year-old Redoute's Choice to shuttle says Susan Archer, Arrowfield Stud communications manager.

"Arrowfield has previously selected and launched only three other sons of Redoute's Choice in Not A Single Doubt, Snitzel and Beneteau, and they've all been successful," she points out.

Beneteau sired just two crops before his death but they have gone on to deliver a hugely respectable ten per cent stakes-winners-to-runners, while Not A Single Doubt and Snitzel sit in second and fourth place respectively in Australia's 2016-17 leading sires' table.



Intricately and Rivet (right) won juvenile Group 1s for Coolmore shuttle stallion regular Fastnet Rock

Vadamos proved the model of consistency in his 20-race career

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TWILIGHT SON

5 b *Kyllachy-Twilight Mistress (Bin Ajwaad)*

Cheveley Park Stud; £10,000
RPR 120

Pedigree Twilight Son joins his Group 1-winning sire Kyllachy and grandsire Pivotal at Cheveley Park Stud. He is one of three top-level sprinters by Kyllachy along with Sole Power and Krypton Factor, while another paternal sibling, Dragon Pulse, made a promising start to his stud career with his first crop including Group 3 winner Aethos and Listed scorer Legendary Lunch.

Twilight Son is out of the winning Bin Ajwaad mare Twilight Mistress, making him a half-brother to five winners, most notably Group 3 winner and Group 1-placed sprinter Music Master, who has just completed his first season at stud.

Performance Trained by Henry Candy, Twilight Son was unbeaten in his first five races, winning both his two-year-old starts and progressing up the handicap ranks before claiming a first stakes victory in the 6f Group 1 Haydock Sprint Cup, where his rivals included proven top-level performers Belardo, G Force, Gordon Lord Byron and Tiggy Wiggy.

After finishing runner-up to champion sprinter Muhaarar on his final three-year-old start in the Champions Sprint, he doubled his Group 1 tally with a thrilling victory in last year's Diamond Jubilee Stakes ahead of Gold-Fun, 2015 winner Undrafted and subsequent top-level victors Signs Of Blessing and The Tin Man.



Chris Hill
Twilight Son: the dual Group 1 winner was unbeaten in his first five races

VADAMOS

6 b *Monsun-Celebre Vadala (Peintre Celebre)*

Tally-Ho Stud; €10,000
RPR 122

Pedigree Monsun deservedly ranks as one of the great German sires with 22 Group/Grade 1 winners to his name. These include world champion Manduro and outstanding middle-distance performer Shirocco, who have both progressed into sires of top-class performers and are among the many sons of Monsun to have proved popular at stud.

Vadamos is the best of three winners produced by 1m2f Listed winner Celebre Vadala, a Peintre Celebre half-sister to 2005 Prix d'Ispahan and Queen Anne Stakes hero Valixir. Bred by Haras de Saint Pair, he shares his page with a multitude of top-class performers including 2012 Prix de Diane winner Valyra and Classic sire Val Royal.

Performance He proved a model of consistency throughout his 20-race career, winning eight times and finishing runner-up on five occasions.

Originally trained by Francois Rohaut, he won three races as a three-year-old including a 1m4f Listed contest at Vichy. After joining Andre Fabre, he began his four-year-old career by winning a 1m2f conditions race at Chantilly and followed that up with a Group 2 success at Baden-Baden over a mile, although it was aged five that he showed his best form.

In 2016 he defeated triple Group 1 winner Ervedya to win the one-mile Group 2 Prix du Muguet and then landed the Group 3 Prix Messidor before finishing second, beaten half a length, to Ribchester in the Prix Jacques le Marois.

The highlight of his final season came when recording a comfortable success in the one-mile Group 1 Prix du Moulin at Chantilly, defeating the likes of Zelzal, Zarak and Dutch Connection.

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Knockhouse Stud welcomes back big name to Europe

On the move to or within Britain/Ireland

THE most significant transfer signing in the British and Irish stallion ranks in 2017 is not so much a new face as a welcome returnee.

Charm Spirit, three times a Group 1 winner over a mile, is back at Tweenhills at a fee of £20,000 after spending last year at Haras de Bonneval in Normandy as part of a sharing arrangement with the Aga Khan Studs.

First foals by the son of promising sire of sires Invincible Spirit sold for an average of around £54,000 at the end of last year, with a high of 140,000gns paid by Epona Bloodstock for a half-brother to promising three-year-old Star Archer.

For a covering fee of just €7,000 breeders can gain access to a Classic sire, with **Fast Company** switched from Overbury Stud to Kildangan Stud this year.

The son of Danehill Dancer supplied Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Jet Setting, Norfolk Stakes winner Baitha Alga and Group 2 scorer and Irish 1,000

Guineas third Devonshire in his first two crops, bred off a fee of just €5,000.

The trajectory of **Haafhd's** stallion career has gone in the opposite direction, having failed to live up to great expectations in his second career, but the son of Alhaarth is a solid source of classy handicappers and stakes performers – as Haafaguinea



Recent Grade 2 novice hurdle winner Penhill is a son of Boardsmill Stud's new dual-purpose recruit Mount Nelson

and Fityaan demonstrated in 2016 – and a fee of £3,000 is reasonable in his new home of Batsford Stud.

Batsford this year also

welcomed **Passing Glance**, sire of Flat Group 1 winner Side Glance and Cheltenham Festival victor Attagance, after his previous residence of Pitchall Farm Stud wound down its stallion operation.

Former Newsells Park Stud inmate **Mount Nelson**, supplier of Group 2 winners Berkshire, Boscaccio and Highlands Queen, is likely to still receive his fair share of Flat custom having been switched to a dual-purpose role at Boardsmill Stud. But an easy victory for his son Penhill in the Grade 2 Guinness Novice Hurdle at Limerick over Christmas has probably ensured him a strong flow of jumps mares in the coming months.

Mount Nelson is one of the Flat sires who have been repackaged for National Hunt breeders, in some cases much to the chagrin of Flat breeders – although in a perfect world there should be nothing to stop them still sending mares with the hope of producing a horse who will excel on the level.

Champs Elysees still deserves patronage from Flat breeders, having supplied Gold Cup winner Trip To Paris and Classic-placed fillies Jack Naylor and Xcellence, but with a number of his Flat runners in notably strong demand from jumps agents and trainers at the horses-in-training sales last year, he is bound to be popular with jumps breeders at Castlehyde Stud, which he has joined from Banstead Manor Stud.

A really big name returns to Europe to cover at Knockhouse Stud, home of former champion jumps sire Beneficial, in the shape of **Workforce** – seven-length winner of the Derby and conqueror of Nakayama Festa and Sarafina in the Arc in 2010.

The Juddmonte-bred son of King's Best, who had previously stood in Japan, certainly has the pedigree for his new job as his dam is a sister to St Leger winner Brian Boru – sire of classy chasers Fox Appeal, Next Sensation and Sub Lieutenant – and a three-parts sister to the well supported Burgage Stud stallion Sea Moon.

Coolagown Stud welcomes its own Juddmonte-bred Group 1 winner to the roster, as Grand Prix de Paris hero **Zambezi Sun** has moved there from France. The son of Dansili has multiple winners All Together and Mango Cap among his early runners, while one of his sons sold to Bobby O'Ryan for £68,000 at the Doncaster Spring Store Sales last year.

Another French emigre in Ireland is **Irish Wells**, a Group 2-winning son of champion French jumps sire Poliglote at Woodlands Stud in Galway. His powers have been advertised well by Grade 1-placed hurdler Renneti and the useful Vodka Wells and Wells De Lune.

New to British jumps stallion studs are **Linda's Lad**, a son of Sadler's Wells related to Rail Link who has sired winners and is at Vauterhill Stud, and

Scorpion, whose son Might Bite was an agonising last-fence faller when clear in the Kauto Star Novices' Chase at Kempton last month. The source of other smart talents Blue Fashion, Don't Touch It and Tell Us More, is a recent arrival at Shade Oak Stud.

Martin Stevens

Workforce: the 2010 Derby hero returns to Europe after starting stallion career in Japan

ON THE MOVE TO OR WITHIN BRITAIN OR IRELAND IN 2017

Stallion	Age	Sire	Moving from	Moving to	Fee
Champs Elysees	14	Danehill	Banstead Manor, GB	Castle Hyde, Ire	€6,500
Charm Spirit	6	Invincible Spirit	Bonneval, Fr	Tweenhills, GB	£20,000
Fast Company	12	Danehill Dancer	Overbury, GB	Kildangan, Ire	€7,000
Haafhd	16	Alhaarth	Beechwood Grange, GB	Batsford, GB	£3,000
Irish Wells	14	Poliglote	Croix Sonnet, Fr	Woodlands, Ire	€1,500
Linda's Lad	14	Sadler's Wells	Grandcamp, Fr	Vauterhill, GB	€1,000
Mount Nelson	13	Rock Of Gibraltar	Newsells Park, GB	Boardsmill, Ire	€4,500
Passing Glance	18	Polar Falcon	Pitchall, GB	Batsford, GB	£2,000
Scorpion	15	Montjeu	Castlehyde, Ire	Shade Oak, GB	£3,000
September Storm	15	Monsun	Ballyash, Ire	Knockhouse, Ire	€2,500
Workforce	10	King's Best	Shadai Farm, Jpn	Knockhouse, Ire	€4,500
Zambezi Sun	13	Dansili	Barbottiere, Fr	Coolagown, Ire	€3,000

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Melbourne Cup ace Protectionist given 'bargain' €6,500 fee

Europe

THE highest-rated racehorse starting his stallion career on mainland Europe this year is far from the most expensive. Considering his race record and prestigious pedigree, Protectionist – with an impressive Racing Post Rating of 122 – could be called a bargain at a fee of €6,500 at Gestüt Röttgen in Germany.

Protectionist was trained by Andreas Wöhler to win the Group 2 Hansa-Preis and Prix de Kergorlay at four, and at the end of the season was an easy winner of the Melbourne Cup – one of three winners of the race that stops a nation in the last four years for his sire Monsun.

After losing his sparkle somewhat in Australia at five, he returned to Europe the following season and won the Hansa-Preis again before beating Nightflower into second in the Group 1 Grosser Preis von Berlin.

Protectionist is one of five Group 1 winners retiring to stud in Germany this year, alongside **Guiliani** (by Tertullian) at Gestüt Schlenderhan; **Ito** (Adlerflug) at Gestüt Ammerland; **Isfahan** (Lord Of England) at Gestüt Ohlerweiherhof; and **Lucky Lion** (High Chaparral) at Gestüt Graditz.

The most expensive new stallion in Europe in 2017 – and by quite some distance – is **Shalaa**, who embarks on his stud career at his owner Al Shaqab Racing's Haras de

Bouquetot at a fee of €27,500. Such steep fees are unusual for newcomers in Normandy but he has a race record and pedigree that should entice breeders from Britain and Ireland and beyond.

Shalaa won five races at two, including the July Stakes, Richmond Stakes, Prix Morny and Middle Park Stakes. Although injury wiped out most of his three-year-old season he proved he was no fly-by-night by winning the Group 3 Bengough Stakes in October.

He is out of a Grade 3-placed half-sister to another Middle Park winner in Hayil and is closely related to Dragon Pulse, who got off to a good start with his first two-year-olds last year.

Shalaa is the joint highest-rated new stallion in France alongside **Exosphere**, whose best mark was also 120 (see page 12).

The next-best new boys in France on RPRs are Bow Creek and Dariyan, both sons of Shamardal on 118.

Bow Creek achieved the figure for his defeat of Mustajeeb and Gordon Lord Byron in Group 2 company at Leopardstown, one of three Group 2 victories on his CV. He is out of Dahlia Stakes winner Beneventa and his price of just €4,000 at Haras du Logis is appealing, especially



Free Port Lux: Haras de Cercy new boy will cover Sprinter Sacre's dam

NEW MAINLAND EUROPE-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2017

Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud, country	Highest RPR achieved	Fee
Bow Creek	6	Shamardal	Haras du Logis, Fr	118	€4,000
Dariyan	5	Shamardal	Haras de Bonneval, Fr	118	€8,000
Dartagnan D'Azur	8	Slickly	Haras des Elys, Fr	110	€2,200
Exosphere	4	Lonhro	Haras du Logis, Fr	120	€6,000
Free Port Lux	6	Oasis Dream	Haras de Cercy, Fr	115	€2,000
Gengis	7	King's Best	Ljungstorps Stud, Swe	111	On application
Goken	5	Kendargent	Haras de la Huderie, Fr	113	€5,000
Guiliani	6	Tertullian	Gestüt Schlenderhan, Ger	115	On application
Isfahan	4	Lord Of England	Gestüt Ohlerweiherhof, Ger	113	€4,000
Ito	6	Adlerflug	Gestüt Ammerland, Ger	117	€5,000
Karakter	5	High Chaparral	Haras de Cercy, Fr	114	€2,000
Lightning Moon	6	Shamardal	Yeguada Torre Duero, Sp	114	€2,500
Lucky Lion	6	High Chaparral	Gestüt Graditz, Ger	117	On application
Martinborough	8	Deep Impact	Haras du Grandcamp, Fr	111	€4,000
Morandi	7	Holy Roman Emperor	Haras du Mont Goubert, Fr	117	€3,000
Night Wish	7	Sholokhov	Haras de Montaigu, Fr	109	€3,000
Protectionist	7	Monsun	Gestüt Röttgen, Ger	122	€6,500
Scissor Kick	5	Redoute's Choice	Haras d'Etreham, Fr	115	€10,000
Shalaa	4	Invincible Spirit	Haras de Bouquetot, Fr	120	€27,500
Silas Marner	10	Muhtathir	Haras de Saint Vincent, Fr	113	On application
Swipe	4	Birdstone	Rävdansens Stud, Swe	113	On application
Triple Threat	7	Monsun	Haras du Mont Goubert, Fr	115	€3,000
Vif Monsieur	7	Doyen	Haras de Longechaux, Fr	110	On application
Walzertakt	8	Montjeu	Haras de la Hétraie, Fr	114	€2,500

as he comes with the further tempter of being part of the Darley Club incentive.

Dariyan's mark of 118 was awarded when he convincingly beat subsequent Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud winner Silverwave in the Group 1 Prix Ganay last year. The son of Hong Kong Vase heroine Daryakana has form that ties in with some really big-hitters, as he was placed in races won by A Shin Hikari, Highland Reel, New Bay and Postponed.

The National

Hunt sire ranks in France have been swollen by some middle-distance horses who it is easy to see being represented by high-class imports over hurdles and fences in Britain and Ireland in the future.

Haras de Cercy, which has lost two successful stallions before their time in Saddler Maker and Voix Du Nord in recent years, is launching two worthy replacements in Free Port Lux and Karakter.

Free Port Lux is by Oasis Dream out of Monsun's Grade 1-winning daughter Royal Highness. He beat Adelaide to win the Prix Hocquart at three and scored in the Prix Dollar at four, and is due to cover Sprinter Sacre's dam Fatima in his debut book.

Karakter, a son of High

Chaparral, won the Prix Noailles with such ease in 2015 that he was sent off favourite for the Prix du Jockey Club and was not disgraced in eighth at Chantilly. He made amends with victory in the Group 3 Prix du Prince d'Orange.

The dams of Vroum Vroum Mag, Triolo D'Alene and Capitaine have been pledged to him.

Haras de Montaigu recruit **Night Wish** is by Sholokhov – sire of the recently retired reigning Cheltenham Gold Cup winner Don Cossack – and is a brother to former German horse of the year Night Magic. He won the Group 3 Prix de Vichy and was placed at the highest level in the Grosser Preis von Baden and Preis von Europa.

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