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New Stallions

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Matt Hill at
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The raw recruits aiming to stamp authority at stud

JANUARY is an exciting time of year in the bloodstock world. New arrivals are welcomed into the world, stallion masters are busy promoting their latest recruits and breeders studiously examine their mare's bloodlines looking for a suitable mate.

Those breeders have a host of new stallions to choose from this year; 25 in Britain and Ireland, to be precise.

Although there is no Frankel, who was one of 31 stallions to retire to stud last year, there is an abundance of outstanding talent for breeders to choose from, including unbeaten juvenile and 2,000 Guineas hero Dawn Approach, triple Classic hero Camelot and three-time Group 1 scorer Al Kazeem (based at The Royal Studs, whose manager Matt Hill we speak to on pages 8-9).

There are also a number of well-priced options for

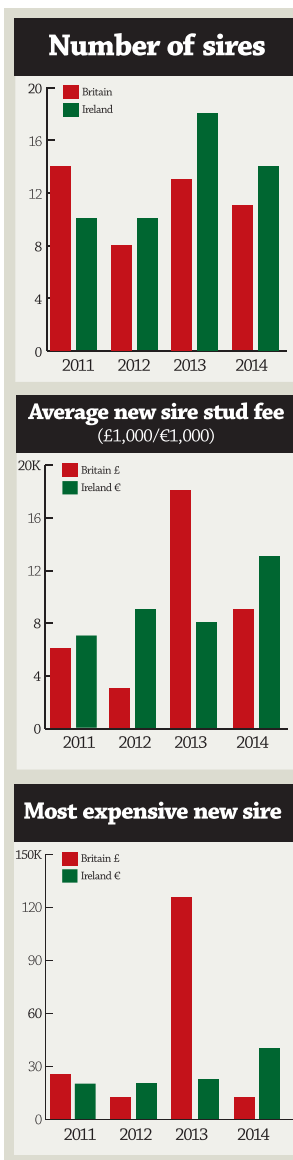
breeders looking for something more commercial and who want to inject a little bit of speed into their offspring. Top-class sprinters retiring to stud include Lethal Force, Reckless Abandon and Society Rock.

Nancy Sexton runs the rule over the new recruits on pages 2-7, while Martin Stevens looks at the European new boys on page 10. Katherine Fidler focuses on those stallions who have been relocated for 2014 on page 11, and five experts answer the questions in our Bloodstock Jury on page 12.

Mastercraftsman's first crop of runners, headed by Racing Post Trophy winner Kingston Hill, set the Flat season alight in 2013, emphasising what a seismic impact new stallions can have.

If there is another Mastercraftsman lurking among this year's new crop, hopefully this guide will help you find him.

Tom Pennington



NEW BRITISH AND IRISH-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2014					
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Highest RPR achieved	Fee
Al Kazeem	6	Dubawi	The Royal Studs	126	£18,000
Camelot	5	Montjeu	Coolmore	126	£25,000
Caudillo	11	Acatanango	Arctic Tack	113	Private
Cityscape	8	Selkirk	Overbury	126	£5,000
Dawn Approach	4	New Approach	Kildangan	128	£35,000
Declaration Of War	5	War Front	Coolmore	124	£40,000
Epaulette	5	Commands	Kildangan	121	£7,500
Farhh	6	Pivotal	Dalham Hall	128	£17,500
Finjaan	8	Royal Applause	Gazeley	118	£4,500
Havana Gold	4	Teofilo	Tweenhills Farm	113	£8,500
Imperial Monarch	5	Galileo	Coolmore NH	118	£2,500
Intello	4	Galileo	Cheveley Park	125	£25,000
King's Trail	12	Sunday Silence	Longford House	117	On application
Lethal Force	5	Dark Angel	Cheveley Park	124	£12,500
Mazameer	4	Green Desert	Throckmorton Court	108	£3,000
Most Improved	5	Invincible Spirit	Coolmore	118	£6,000
Recital	6	Montjeu	Coolmore NH	118	£2,500
Reckless Abandon	4	Exchange Rate	Kildangan	117	£10,000
Red Jazz	7	Johannesburg	Ballyhane	121	£4,500
Shantaram	5	Galileo	Coologawn	111	£1,000
Society Rock	7	Rock Of Gibraltar	Tally-Ho	122	£8,000
Swiss Spirit	5	Invincible Spirit	Whitsbury Manor	116	£4,500
Universal	5	Dubawi	Yorton Farm	117	£2,500
Westlake	10	Sadler's Wells	Hedgeholme	100	Private
Worthadd	7	Dubawi	Irish National	123	£6,000

AL KAZEEM

Age: 6; **pedigree:** Dubawi-Kazeem (Darshaan)

Standing at The Royal Studs; price: £18,000
Racing Post Rating high: 126

Performance Al Kazeem was one of the leading lights of 2013, returning from a near 12-month absence to rack up victories in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes, Tattersalls Gold Cup, Prince of Wales's Stakes and Eclipse Stakes. In the process he defeated seven Group 1 winners, including Camelot and The Fugue, and later ran with credit when second in the Irish Champion Stakes and third in the Juddmonte International. John Deer's homebred was also a winner on his second start at Newbury as a two-year-old and rose through the ranks at three to record placings in the Great Voltigeur Stakes, Dubai Duty Free Trial and St Simon Stakes. He returned at four to win the Jockey Club Stakes, his only start that year.

Pedigree A genuine performer who acted on a range of grounds, Al Kazeem was out of the first three only twice in 15 starts. He is one of 12 Group 1 winners by the ever-popular Dubawi and will be supported at stud by a powerful syndicate that includes shareholders such as Sheikh Joaan al Thani, the Royal Studs, Coolmore, Juddmonte and the Aga Khan Studs.

CAMELOT

5 Montjeu-Tarfah (Kingmambo)
Coolmore Stud, £25,000
RPR 126

Performance At 525,000gns, Camelot was the joint-second most expensive yearling colt sold at the 2010 Tattersalls October sale and went on to justify that price tag many times over, becoming a champion at two and three. After landing his two-year-old debut at Leopardstown in July, Camelot was plunged straight into Group 1 company in the Racing Post Trophy and barely came off the bridle to win by two and a quarter lengths. His reputation reached another level at three when he made a successful seasonal debut in the 2,000 Guineas, in which he came from near last to first to become Montjeu's first Classic winner at a mile. However, his performance in the Derby was even more dominant, with Camelot again coming from near last to win easily by five lengths. Victory in the Irish Derby followed, while an attempt to become the first Triple Crown winner in 42 years resulted in a creditable second to Encke

in the St Leger. When Camelot returned at four it was following a winter spent recovering from colic surgery. Although winner of the Mooresbridge Stakes on his seasonal debut, the colt did not reach the same level of form in two subsequent starts.

Pedigree A son of Montjeu, whose sons Authorized, Hurricane Run and Motivator each sired Group 1 winners in 2013, Camelot is out of Group 3 winner Tarfah.

CAUDILLO

11 Acatanango-Corsita (Top Ville)
Arctic Tack Stud, private
RPR 113

Performance Tough German performer Caudillo won no fewer than 11 races, including the Group 3 Betty Barclay-Rennen at Baden-Baden. While that victory was recorded over 2m he was also a three-year-old winner over 1m2f at Munich and won four times at Listed level over 1m6f-1m7f. A runner-up effort in the Prix Maurice de Nieuil at Longchamp was the highlight of his 22 placings.

Pedigree While Caudillo shares his sire Acatanango with successful stallion Lando, he is out of a mare by Top Ville, who remains so influential in jumps pedigrees.

CITYSCAPE

8 Selkirk-Tantina (Distant View)
Overbury Stud, £5,000
RPR 126

Performance On only three occasions did Cityscape compete outside stakes company in 23 starts over five seasons. Talented enough at two to finish second in the Royal Lodge Stakes, he was runner-up in the Greenham Stakes at three and returned from injury at four to land the Joel Stakes at Newmarket. Victories in the Prix Perth and Solonaway Stakes followed at five, while forays into Group 1 company yielded placings in the Hong Kong Mile, Premio Vittorio di Capua and Queen Anne Stakes. The Group 1 breakthrough arrived the following spring when Cityscape turned in a track record-breaking performance to win the Dubai Duty Free at Meydan by four and a quarter lengths, with seven Group 1 winners in arrears. He was out of the first four in only one of five subsequent Group/Grade 1 tries in Europe and Canada, notably when second in the Prix Jacques le Marois and Queen Anne Stakes.

Pedigree The highest-rated **Cityscape: a Selkirk half-brother to Bated Breath whose finest hour came at Meydan**



Camelot (above), a son of Montjeu who was a champion at two and three, retires to Coolmore at a fee of £25,000; Dawn Approach (top right) followed up an unbeaten juvenile campaign with a five-length 2,000 Guineas success and Declaration Of War, a dual Group 1 winner, was narrowly denied when signing off at the Breeders' Cup



son of Selkirk, whom he strongly resembles, Cityscape is a half-brother to high-class sprinter Bated Breath. He is a descendant of Juddmonte blue hen Monroe, dam of Xaar, and from the further family of El Gran Senor and Try My Best.

DAWN APPROACH

4 New Approach-Hymn Of The Dawn (Phone Trick)

Kildangan Stud, £35,000
RPR 128

Performance Dawn Approach was still several weeks short of his second birthday when he made a winning debut at the Curragh in March 2012. It was a victory that set in motion an ambitious programme; following a win in the Rochestown Stakes, he took the Coventry Stakes before signing off his juvenile season with wins in the National and Dewhurst Stakes. Unsurprisingly, he was crowned the European champion two-year-old of 2012 and returned the following year to take the 2,000 Guineas by five lengths, thus becoming the first horse since Rock Sand in 1903 to pull off the Coventry, Dewhurst and 2,000 Guineas treble. He later bounced back from a throwaway effort in the Derby, run over an unsuitable 1m4f, to win the St James's Palace Stakes. He was also second in the Sussex Stakes.

Pedigree Dawn Approach is the best runner sired by young sire sensation New Approach, also responsible for Oaks winner Talent. Out of a daughter of Phone Trick whose best placing in five starts was a Curragh maiden debut fourth, he is a descendant of influential matriarch Kittiwake.

DECLARATION OF WAR

5 War Front-Tempo West (Rahy)
Coolmore Stud, £40,000
RPR 124

Performance Unbeaten in two starts at two, Declaration Of War would likely have made a serious impact at three had he not suffered an injury that spring while in training in the US with Todd Pletcher. As it was, he ended his three-year-old season by taking the Diamond Stakes at Dundalk, one of three starts he made that autumn for Aidan O'Brien. However, it was when he enjoyed a clear run at four that we saw the real Declaration Of War. As tough as he was talented, the son of War Front was equally effective over a mile and 1m2f, winning the Queen Anne Stakes and Juddmonte International. In between those victories he was second in the Eclipse Stakes, third in the Sussex Stakes and fourth in the Prix Jacques le Marois, and bowed out with a highly creditable third in the Breeders' Cup Classic on dirt at Santa Anita – gamely closing all the way to the line and less than a quarter of a length off winner Mucho Macho Man.

Pedigree The first son of War Front to stand in Europe, Declaration Of War shares his broodmare sire Rahy with Giant's Causeway and is out of a winning half-sister to Belmont Stakes winner Union Rags.

EPAULETTE

5 Commands-Accessories (Singspiel)
Kildangan Stud, €7,500
RPR 121

Performance Following on from the success of its reverse shuttler Exceed And Excel, Darley

is introducing another high-class Australian sprinter from the Danehill line to European breeders in Epaulette. A three-parts brother to the top-class Helmet, who covered 121 mares in his first season at Kildangan Stud last year, Epaulette was Group 2-placed at two when just a nose off champion Pierro in the Todman Slipper

Trial. Victories at three included the Golden Rose Stakes and Doomben 10,000, in which he beat Sea Siren. He also finished second to Black Caviar in the TJ Smith Stakes and showed high-class form over a mile when third in the Caulfield Guineas.

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Worthadd

- Champion 3YO colt by **DUBAWI**, sire of eleven individual **Gr.1** horses
- **Won** Derby Italiano (**Gr.2**), Premio Parioli (**Gr.3** Italian 2000 Guineas), Premio Ribot (**Gr.2**), Premio Carlo Vittadini (**Gr.2**), Badener Meile (**Gr.3**), 2nd JLT Lockinge Stakes (**Gr.1**) to Canford Cliffs, 3rd Premio Vittorio Di Capua (**Gr.1**) to Rio De La Plata.
- **Won** same Italian Guineas & Derby double as the great NERCO (Champion Sire and Broodmare Sire)
- Defeated 8 individual **Gr.1** winners of 42 Group races
- 19 Lifetime starts, 15 in Graded races, Won or placed 13 times
- Official Rating 120
- Of Dubawi's sons at stud, only Makfi & Al Kazeem are rated higher
- **NEW FOR 2014** - The **FIRST son of Dubawi** to retire in Ireland
- Fee: €6,000 1st October terms



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Farhh (above), by Pivotal and who hails from a noted German family, was unbeaten in two Group 1s last season; Havana Gold (top right), the first son of Teofilo to stand at stud, enjoyed his finest hour in the Prix Jean Prat and Imperial Monarch, a Group 1 winner who scored on his debut at two, is closely related to jumps sire Oscar



Lethal Force is from sire line noted for two-year-old talent

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Pedigree Epaulette was bred in Australia but owns a pedigree familiar in Europe as the son of a Singspiel half-sister to French Group 2 winners Pozarica and Annaba. Other celebrated family members include German champions Anna Paola and Anna Monda as well as Piping Rock.

FARHH

6 Pivotal-Gonbarda (Lando)
Dalham Hall Stud, £17,500
RPR 127

Performance Farhh was never out of the first three in ten starts, the last seven at Group 1 level. Endowed with enough pace to run out the emphatic winner of last year's Lockinge Stakes, with Declaration Of War and Aljamaaheer in arrears, he also successfully stretched out to 1m2f to defeat Cirrus Des Aigles and Ruler Of The World in the Champion Stakes. A busy campaign the previous year yielded five placings, including a head second to Moonlight Cloud in the Prix du Moulin. Farhh may have shown his best form at four and five but he was also a Newmarket maiden winner at two.

Pedigree By Pivotal, whose sons Captain Rio, Excellent Art, Falco and Kyllachy have each sired Group winners, Farhh is the product of a noted German family that was once in the hands of Lord Howard de Walden. His dam, Gonbarda, was a dual Group 1 winner in Germany and is a Lando granddaughter of German 1,000 Guineas heroine Grimpola, also the ancestress of Fame And Glory.

FINJAAN

8 Royal Applause-Alhufoof (Dayjur)
Gazeley Stud, £4,500
RPR 118

Performance A high-class two-year-old who trained on to win a Group 2 at three, Finjaan is the only son of Royal Applause, also responsible for leading sire Acclamation, at stud in Britain. Finjaan was successful first time out in a 5f maiden at Newmarket's Guineas meeting and again showed he was not short of speed when winning the Molecomb Stakes. However, he was far from one dimensional as he later

Finjaan: a high-class two-year-old who trained on to win a Group 2 at three

stayed 7f well enough to finish only two noses behind Intense Focus and Lord Shanakill in the fastest running of the Dewhurst Stakes in 41 years. A victory over older horses in the Lennox Stakes followed at three before Finjaan headed to Dubai, where he was Listed-placed. **Pedigree** Out of a winning two-year-old by Dayjur, Finjaan is from the family of 1,000 Guineas winner Lahan and American champion two-year-old My Miss Aurelia.

HAVANA GOLD

4 Teofilo-Jessica's Dream (Desert Style)
Tweenhills Farm and Stud, £8,500
RPR 113

Performance A consistent two-year-old, Havana Gold won four of his five completed starts that season, including the Somerville Tattersall Stakes and Ascendant Stakes. He was also forward enough to make a winning debut that year at Newmarket in June. Better was to come at three, however, when he won the Prix Jean Prat at Chantilly with the likes of Poule d'Essai des Poulains winner Style Vendome in arrears. He also finished second in the Craven Stakes.

Pedigree The first son of Teofilo to stand at stud, Havana Gold owned plenty of speed and was best over a mile, which is not surprising given he is out the fast Group 3 winner Jessica's Dream.

IMPERIAL MONARCH

5 Galileo-Ionian Sea (Slip Anchor)
Beeches Stud, £2,500
RPR 118

Performance Not only is Imperial Monarch a Group 1-winning son of successful sire of sires Galileo, he is also out of a Listed-winning half-sister to leading jumps stallion Oscar. The son of Sadler's Wells has been a cornerstone stallion of Coolmore's jumps arm in recent years, siring the likes of Peddlers Cross, Oscar Whisky and Big Zeb. Imperial Monarch won his only start at two, a Curragh mile maiden by three and a half lengths, and beat subsequent Derby fourth Thought Worthly when successful on his three-year-old debut in Sandown's Classic Trial. After finishing midfield in a messy renewal of the Prix du Jockey Club, he returned to France and made no mistake in the Grand Prix de Paris, beating Main Sequence in the process.

Pedigree In addition to being closely related to Oscar, Imperial



Intello, easy winner of the French Derby, is bred on the famed Galileo-Danehill cross

Monarch is a half-brother to Derby runner-up The Great Gatsby and classy stayer Mount Athos.

INTELLO

4 Galileo-Impressionnante (Danehill)
Cheveley Park Stud, £25,000
RPR 125

Performance The highlight of Intello's stellar three-year-old season came when he ran out the easy two-length winner of the Prix du Jockey Club. However, he also boasted a versatility rarely seen in three-year-olds; a victory in the Prix Messidor and a fast-finishing third in the Poule d'Essai des Poulains from a killer outside draw of 17 stamped the colt as a miller of serious talent, while he concluded his career by finishing third in the Arc to Treve. He was also third in a vintage renewal of the Prix Jacques le Marois and won both his starts at two, a maiden race over a mile at Longchamp and a conditions race over the same distance at Maisons-Laffitte.

Pedigree Bred by Wertheimer et Frère, Intello is one of nine Group 1 winners bred on the Galileo-Danehill cross. His dam, Impressionnante, won the Prix de Sandringham and descends from Fall Aspen, the ancestress of six Group/Grade 1-producing stallions, including Dubai Millennium and South African champion sire Fort Wood.

KING'S TRAIL

12 Sunday Silence-Santa Fe Trail (Northern Taste)
Longford House, price on application
RPR 117

Performance King's Trail is the only son at stud in Britain and Ireland by Sunday Silence, whose sire sons include Japanese sensation Deep Impact and leading stallion Agnes Tachyon as well as Divine Light, sire of 1,000 Guineas heroine Natagora. Listed-placed at two, King's Trail won the Grade 2 Japanese St Leger Trial over 1m3f at three and Grade 3 Autumn Handicap over a mile at five. A tough and versatile performer, he was also fourth in the Grade 1 Sprinters Stakes over 6f. He was later imported to Ireland, where he finished second in a Dundalk conditions race for Takashi Kodama.

Lethal Force: came into his own at four with victories in the Diamond Jubilee Stakes and July Cup



Pedigree King's Trail is bred on the same Sunday Silence-Northern Taste cross responsible for the Grade 1-producing Japanese sires Daiwa Major and Durandal.

LETHAL FORCE

5 Dark Angel-Land Army (Desert Style)
Cheveley Park Stud, £12,500
RPR 124

Performance Lethal Force came to hand early for Clive Cox, finishing fourth in both the Coventry Stakes and Vintage Stakes as a two-year-old. He was also high class at three, as his defeat of Strong Suit in the Hungerford Stakes and fourth place in the Jersey Stakes illustrate. However, it was as a four-year-old that Lethal Force reached his peak. A head defeat by Society Rock in the Duke of York Stakes set him up for the Diamond Jubilee Stakes, in which he made all the running to win by two lengths over a field that contained six Group 1 winners. Another dominant winning performance followed in the July Cup, when he again made all, while he subsequently finished a creditable second to Moonlight Cloud in the Prix Maurice de Gheest.

Pedigree From a sire line noted for producing two-year-olds, Lethal Force hails from a fast family responsible for the speedy stakes-winning juveniles Flanders and Ascot Family.

MAZAMEER

4 Green Desert-Straight Miss (In The Wings)
Throckmorton Court Stud, £3,000
RPR 108

Performance Sent into training with Naaqos's trainer Freddy Head, Mazameer emulated his relation by winning first time out, in his case in a 6f Chantilly maiden. He went on to beat the game Baileys Jubilee in the Group 3 Prix de Cabourg and was not beaten too far when sixth behind Reckless Abandon in the Prix Morny. Mazameer's best effort at three came with a neck victory in the Listed Prix Texanita at Maisons-Laffitte. **Pedigree** Shadwell paid 105,000gns for Mazameer as a foal at Tattersalls in 2010. The operation was no doubt enticed

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Most Improved (above) enjoyed his finest moment in Royal Ascot's St James's Palace Stakes and **Reckless Abandon** was a brilliant, unbeaten two-year-old from the family of **Storm Cat**



Swiss Spirit is from one of the most successful sprint families

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by the pedigree, as he is by Shadwell grandee Green Desert and is closely related to Naaqos, who carried Hamdan Al Maktoum's silks to victory in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère. Mazameer is out of an unraced In The Wings half-sister to Naaqos and they both descend from Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine Gaily, ancestress of Pilsudski and Youmzain.

MOST IMPROVED

5 Lawman-Tonnara (Linamix)
Coolmore Stud, €6,000
RPR 118

Performance A half-brother to last season's leading French two-year-old Ecrot, Most Improved was a high-class juvenile himself, running out the five-length winner of a Newmarket maiden before finishing a close third in the Dewhurst Stakes. He enjoyed his finest moment the following year at Royal Ascot when successful in the St James's Palace Stakes despite having to contend with an outside draw of 15. Three Group 1 winners were behind him that day, including Classic winners Lucayan and Power.

Pedigree The best son of Lawman, Most Improved is the product of a family cultivated by the late Gerry Oldham that includes Group 1 performers Ivan Luis and Topeka.

RECITAL

6 Montjeu-Dibenoise (Kendor)
Beeches Stud, €2,500
RPR 118

Performance There were few more impressive two-year-old Group 1 winners in 2010 than Recital, who captured the Critérium de Saint-Cloud by five lengths from subsequent French Derby runner-up Bubble Chic. Recital booked his place in the Derby the following year by taking the Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial at Leopardstown and was not disgraced in the Classic itself when sixth behind Pour Moi. He later continued his career in Qatar.

Pedigree At €750,000, Recital was the dearest Montjeu yearling sold in 2009. He is a brother to Prix Ganay winner Corre Caminos and is bred on a variation of the

Montjeu-Kenmare cross that produced Hurricane Fly.

RECKLESS ABANDON

4 Exchange Rate-Sant Elena (Efisio)
Kildangan Stud, €10,000
RPR 117

Performance Reckless Abandon was a brilliant, unbeaten two-year-old for Clive Cox. After easily accounting for an 18-runner field on his debut at Doncaster in May 2012, he stepped up to win the Norfolk Stakes at Royal Ascot before landing the Prix Robert Papin at Maisons-Laffitte at the expense of Sir Prancealot. Sent to France again, Reckless Abandon justified 6-4 favouritism to record his first Group 1 success in the Prix Morny at Deauville, in which he virtually made all, and later capped an outstanding season by winning the Middle Park Stakes at Newmarket. Although he failed to add to his tally at three, Reckless Abandon turned in several creditable performances against older sprinters, notably when beaten just half a length into third in the Temple Stakes.

Pedigree Reckless Abandon is a son of Exchange Rate, a Danzig stallion who is a noted source of precocity and speed in the US. However, making him particularly appealing is the fact he descends from the same female family as champion sire Storm Cat.

RED JAZZ

7 Johannesburg-Now That's Jazz
(Sword Dance)
Ballyhane Stud, €4,500
RPR 121

Performance Forward enough to make a winning debut in April of his two-year-old season, Red Jazz went on to finish third in the July Stakes and returned at three to finish a head second in the Jersey Stakes before capturing the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket. He was also beaten only a nose and half

Recital: bred on a variation of the Montjeu-Kenmare cross that produced Hurricane Fly



a length into third behind Poet's Voice and Rip Van Winkle in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes. A tough and genuine performer, he won a Listed race at Haydock and was placed a further six times at Group level over the next three seasons. In all, he won or was placed in 20 of his 32 starts.

Pedigree A precocious two-year-old who developed into a high-class miler, Red Jazz is the first son of Johannesburg to stand in Britain and Ireland. Johannesburg has made impressive inroads as a sire of sires with sons Scat Daddy and Teuflesberg each responsible for Group 1 winners in their first crops. Red Jazz is out of the winning Sword Dance mare Now That's Jazz, who hails from the family of Grade 1 winners Charon and Just A Way.

SHANTARAM

5 Galileo-All's Forgotten (Darshaan)
Coolagown Stud, €1,000
RPR 111

Performance Shantaram emerged as a colt of immense promise when only three-quarters of a length behind subsequent Derby runner-up Main Sequence in the Lingfield Derby Trial on his third start, an impression he confirmed when the emphatic winner of the Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket. Unfortunately, mucus in his lungs ruled him out of the St Leger, for which he had been second favourite, and he was seen out in public only once more.

Pedigree By Galileo, already a noted sire of sires, Shantaram is a brother to 2,000 Guineas third Gan Amhras and bred on the same Sadler's Wells-Darshaan cross as High Chaparral and Milan.

SOCIETY ROCK

7 Rock Of Gibraltar-High Society
(Key Of Luck)
Tally-Ho Stud, €8,000
RPR 122

Performance Few sprinters have shown the same level of consistency as Society Rock in recent seasons. Trained by James Fanshawe, the son of Rock Of Gibraltar won two Group 1s, the Golden Jubilee Stakes and Haydock Sprint Cup, and finished the July Cup and Golden/Diamond Jubilee Stakes twice, on the first occasion when still only a three-year-old. He also defied a Group 1 penalty to win last year's Duke of York Stakes from subsequent Group 1 winner Lethal Force. In addition, he was a smart two-year-old, winning the £250,000 Tattersalls Timeform Millions Sprint, and opened his three-year-old campaign by taking the Pavilion Stakes at Ascot.

Pedigree By Rock Of Gibraltar, whose

son Mount Nelson is the sire of Classic hopeful Berkshire, Society Rock is out of High Society, winner of the Rochestown Stakes.

SWISS SPIRIT

5 Invincible Spirit-Swiss Lake
(Indian Ridge)
Whitsbury Manor Stud, £4,500
RPR 116

Performance Swiss Spirit won his maiden at York second time out as a two-year-old and broke through at stakes level the following year when defeating Lethal Force to win the Carnarvon Stakes at Newbury. He later held his own against the top sprinters, notably when successful in the Dubai International Airport World Trophy, in which he beat Kingsgate Native, and when second in the King George and Temple Stakes.

Pedigree By Invincible Spirit, whose sons Lawman and I Am Invincible have made good impressions at stud, Swiss Spirit hails from one of the most successful sprint families of recent years; he is one of three stakes-winning sprinters alongside Swiss Diva and Swiss Dream out of Swiss Lake, herself a Listed-winning sprinter from the family of Maarek.

UNIVERSAL

5 Dubawi-Winesong (Giant's Causeway)
Yorton Farm Stud, £2,500
RPR 117

Performance Universal was a revelation for Mark Johnston last season, winning four races including the Princess of Wales's Stakes, Jockey Club Stakes and John Porter Stakes. Among his victims were a host of high-class horses including Group/Grade 1 winners Cavalryman and Wigmore Hall. In testament to his toughness and durability, his winning run followed a winter campaign in Dubai while his three-year-old season consisted of three wins from five starts. An injury suffered in September brought an end to his career and it is likely we did not see the best of him despite his busy campaigns.

Pedigree Universal hails from a thriving family, one that was responsible for last season's top two-year-old Toomore as well as the fast Brown Sugar.

Universal: the son of Dubawi proved a revelation last year and hails from a thriving family



Society Rock (far left) proved a model of consistency during five seasons of racing, winning the Golden Jubilee Stakes and July Cup and twice finishing placed in those Group 1 sprints, and **Red Jazz**, an equally tough and genuine performer, won or was placed in 20 of his 32 starts

was described by jockey Pat Smullen as being in "second gear for most of the journey". **Pedigree** Westlake offers breeders the opportunity to tap into Frankel's bloodlines at an affordable level. The son of Sadler's Wells is out of Lancashire Oaks heroine Rainbow Quest and is thus a half-brother to Kind, dam of Frankel, Bullet Train and Noble Mission. He is also a brother to Arlington Million winner Powerscourt, who sired Moyglare Stud Stakes scorer Termagant in his first crop.

WORTHADD

7 Dubawi-Wigman (Rahy)
Irish National Stud, €6,000
RPR 123

Performance The first son of Dubawi to stand in Ireland, Worthadd was rated the champion three-year-old colt in Italy off the back of wins in two Classics for trainer Vittorio Caruso; the Italian Derby, in which he beat Ansiet, and Premio Pariolo. He was the only runner able to give Canford Cliffs a race in the following year's Lockinge Stakes, in which he finished second, and later captured the Premio Carlo Vittadini at San Siro. Further success followed at five when he was saddled by Sir Mark Prescott to win a Group 3 at Baden-Baden.

Pedigree Out of a three-time winner by Rahy, also the broodmare sire of Giant's Causeway, Worthadd is a descendant of top American filly White Star Line and is closely related to German champion Dai Jin.

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'The Queen is easy to talk to and very interested in every facet of what goes on with the horses'

THE times they are a changin' at The Royal Studs in Sandringham. The Queen's operation in Norfolk is in a transitional period, with Joe Grimwade handing over after 16 years at the helm to Matt Hill, whose arrival at the end of last year dovetailed neatly with the stud's acquisition of Al Kazeem.

However, the 42-year-old Hill, who has been fascinated by horses since he can remember, could not have envisaged being in such a prestigious position two months ago.

A Darley employee for a "wonderful" 20 years, Hill had, up until November, been at the forefront of driving Sheikh Mohammed's latest scheme, the Dubai International Thoroughbred Internship, when a call to say he had landed the job as stud manager at Sandringham changed his life.

"Luckily, when I caught my breath I was leaning on something when that call came through," he says. "I leapt at the opportunity. It was a no-brainer to take the job. If someone had told me a couple of months ago I'd be here, I'd never have believed them."

"I was at Darley for a wonderful 20 years, where I was given the most fantastic opportunities."

Hill adds the draw of working for the Queen was a big selling point.

"It goes without saying, there is only one Queen," he says. "She's the figurehead of our industry and does so much for the sport. Her knowledge

INTERVIEW

Tom Pennington talks to Matt Hill, new to his position at The Royal Studs but already excited as to what the future holds, not least with Al Kazeem



and attention to detail are unbelievable.

"She's easy to talk to, very interested in every facet of what goes on with the horses and has a great depth of knowledge."

Another, and equally integral element, of Hill's desire to join the stud was the lure of working with Al Kazeem, the first stallion to stand at The Royal Studs since Derby hero Motivator retired in 2005.

A handsome son of Dubawi,

Al Kazeem was a model of consistency for Roger Charlton and former owner-breeder John Deer, winning seven of his 15 starts during a career that spanned four seasons.

However, it was in 2013 that he joined racing's top table, displaying an electric turn of foot to beat triple Classic winner and fellow new stallion Camelot in the Tattersalls Gold Cup at the Curragh, before displaying his battling qualities to overhaul long-time leader Mukhadram in the

Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Al Kazeem completed his hat-trick of Group 1 wins in the Eclipse Stakes, a race in which he beat the top-class pair Declaration Of War and The Fugue.

"He's settled in extremely well," says Hill. "He's letting down nicely and when he begins to get into the swing of covering his top line and quarters will begin to develop. When he arrived last year he weighed in at 515 kilos and he's now 535 kilos."

"This is an important time for the horse, as it's all about getting him into a routine that he's happy with and at the moment he's taking it all in his stride. Everything he's done – and I've been dealing with stallions for 30 years – has been textbook."

The Royal Studs' new boys Al Kazeem and Matt Hill: "Everything he's done – and I've been dealing with stallions for 30 years – has been textbook"

hot cakes to some of the world's biggest breeders.

Shareholders include Coolmore, Juddmonte and Newsells Park Stud, whose

resident stallion Nathaniel was successfully syndicated, as well as Oakgrove Stud, the operation of John Deer.

Sheikh Joaan and the Queen hold the most significant stakes in Al Kazeem, and both will support the stallion with the cream of their broodmare bands.

Sheikh Joaan will send a host of big-money acquisitions, including last year's Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner Mizdirection, who was bought at Fasig-Tipton for \$2.7 million.

Also set to grace the breeding shed at The Royal Studs are Changing Skies, a Grade 3-winning three-parts sister to Nathaniel and Great Heavens, bought at Keeneland in 2012 for \$4.2m, and \$1.6m purchase Shotgun Gulch, a Grade 1 winner by Thunder Gulch.

Heading the Queen's list of mares set to make Al Kazeem's acquaintance is the highly talented Memory, a daughter of Danehill Dancer who is expected to the mighty Galileo.

Hill is a fan of syndication



CHRIS BOURCHIER



and believes it will give Al Kazeem a huge advantage during his early years at stud. "With such a strong list of shareholders investing in the stallion – and they really are the top breeders in Europe – it has to give the horse every chance, and you need numbers on your side," says Hill. "John [Warren] very much plays the long game. It's not so much about the commercial side of things, it's about giving the horse the best chance. "I know syndication isn't everyone's cup of tea. But I

maintaining healthy relations is plenty of communication."

Although it has been eight years since the stud last debuted a stallion, Hill is adamant there is the potential to expand the stud's stallion division.

HILL says: "I think there will always be the option for new stallions. But the stallion business is so competitive – everyone is out there looking for new stallions."

"It's important a new stallion caters to what the industry wants and what people want to use. But at the same time it has to be a horse you believe in. If you don't believe in him, how can you be expected to sell him to breeders?"

"It's a fickle business and breeders want to use fashionable sires. At the same time we can be a little impartial here and stand alone if we really believe in a horse."

Although it is early days, you get the impression Hill is at The Royal Studs for the long haul.

"One of the reasons I've come here, other than the honour of working for the Queen, is to work with John," says Hill. "He's ambitious and wants to make the most of the horses he has here. And, although I work on the stud and enjoy the husbandry and working with the staff, I'm competitive and want to compete."

"For me, competition is producing a horse to the best standard and getting him or her to the trainer and letting them have the opportunity to get the best out of the horse and being part of that whole process."

"I know we're involved only at an early stage, but it's an integral stage of the process as it sets the horse up for the rest of his or her career. With the bloodstock here and also with the draw of a horse like Al Kazeem, I just get the feeling things are happening and I want to be part of it."

Breeders could also be part of the new story unfolding at The Royal Studs by stumping up the £18,000 covering fee for Al Kazeem.

SOME OF THE MARES VISITING AL KAZEEM THIS YEAR

Mare	Biggest achievement(s)
Caribana	dam of St Simon Stakes winner Cubanita
Changing Skies	dual Grade 3 winner and runner-up in Flower Bowl Invitational
Confidential Lady	won Prix de Diane, runner-up in 1,000 Guineas
Danceabout	Sun Chariot Stakes winner, dam of Listed scorer Rainbow Dancing
Dolores	won Conqueror Stakes, dam of Irish St Leger winner Duncan and Doncaster Cup winner Samuel
Exciting Times	dam of Beverly D Stakes winner Gorella and Critérium International third Porto Santo
Gino's Spirits	dam of Goodwood Stakes and Singapore Cup winner Gitano Hernando
Hotelgenie Dot Com	runner-up in Moyglare Stud Stakes, dam of Fillies' Mile and Falmouth Stakes winner Simply Perfect
Luminda	dam of Istanbul Trophy and Goldikova Stakes winner Rhythm Of Light
Memory	won Cherry Hinton and Albany Stakes
Mi Anna	dam of German 1,000 Guineas winner Mi Emma and Critérium International runner-up Anna's Pearl
Mizdirection	dual Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint winner, bought for \$2.7m
Model Queen	dam of dual Group 1 winner Regal Parade
Night Frolic	dam of Dante Stakes winner Bonfire and Musidora Stakes winner Joviality
Request	dam of Coronation Cup and Prix Royal Oak winner Ask
Shotgun Gulch	won Vinery Madison Stakes, bought for \$1.6m
Silca Chiave	runner-up in Moyglare Stud Stakes
Tara Moon	dam of Princess Elizabeth Stakes winner Lady Gloria
Tiriana	dam of Irish 1,000 Guineas runner-up Penkenna Princess
Turtle Bow	Prix d'Astarté winner and dam of Listed winner Military Bowl
What A Name	won Prix Imprudence, also runner-up in Prix Jean-Luc Lagardère
Winesong	dam of Princess of Wales's Stakes and Jockey Club Stakes winner Universal



The Queen with her racing adviser John Warren

Germany

MAYBE it is the need to replenish the stallion ranks after the deaths in recent years of big-hitters Dashing Blade, Lando and Monsun, maybe it is a renewed sense of self-confidence after Novellist dazzled on the racecourse and BBAG attracted new international clients to its yearling sale last year; for whatever reason, Germany boasts a remarkably high concentration of top-class horses retiring to stud in 2014. Four of the five new stallions going to stud in Germany boast peak Racing Post Ratings on the Flat of at least 120. Compare that with France, where only two out of 17 of its new intake can boast the same.

Maxios has been given the biggest fee of any of the German newcomers. He will stand at Gestüt Fährhof in a partnership with his owner-breeders the Niarchos family, who are supporting the Prix d'Isphahan and Prix du Moulin winner with an impressive set of mares, including Challenge Stakes winner and 960,000gns purchase Fiesolana and Prix de l'Abbaye heroine Gilt Edge Girl, bought for €550,000.

Maxios will command plenty of respect from German breeders as a precious sire son of Monsun, while he is also a half-brother to Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner Bago in the immediate family of Niarchos champions Coup De Genie, Denebola, Machiavellian and Way Of Light.

Also new to Fährhof is **Pastorius**, who beat Maxios in last year's Prix Ganay and took another notable scalp – none other than Novellist's – in the German Derby a year earlier. Pastorius is by exciting young German sire Soldier Hollow out of a Monsun mare from the family of promising jumps stallion Arcadio.

Prix du Jockey Club winner **Reliable Man** is the highest rated new stallion in Germany. The six-year-old son of Dalakhani is shuttling to Gestüt Röttgen from Westbury Stud in New Zealand, where he covered 134 mares in his first southern hemisphere book last year. Sven Hanson bred the horse out of a daughter of his Epsom and Curragh Oaks winner Fair Salinia and is giving him strong support, including with triple Group 1 heroine Pride. Röttgen will be covering its blue-chip mares Enora, a German Oaks winner, and Wild Side, the dam of Wild Coco, with him.

Champion two-year-old **Dabirsim** retires to Gestüt Karlishof, which is offering some eyecatching incentives, including a €100,000 bonus to the breeder of his first Group 1 winner. Dabirsim is out of a daughter of Italian Oaks winner Bright Generation and from the first crop of Sunday Silence's son Hat Trick. It will be fascinating to see how Sunday Silence fuses with German blood.

France

The first two stallions belonging to Sheikh Joaan Al Thani retire to the Qatari



French Classic winners Style Vendome (5, above) and Saonois (top right) will stand in the country of their biggest success. Dabirsim retires to Germany



Maxios will command plenty of respect from breeders as son of late Monsun

royal's Haras de Bouquetot this year. One is the most expensive new sire in France, the other is the highest-rated newcomer to the country.

Style Vendome's €12,000 fee is double the next most expensive in the class of 2014. That may be on the back of his good race record – he was a Listed winner at two and landed the Poule d'Essai des Poulains at three – and a fine pedigree. He is from the final crop of popular French sire Anabaa and is a half-brother to last year's Listed-winning two-year-old Prestige Vendome.

Style Vendome's studmate **Planteur**, a son of Danehill Dancer from the brilliant family of champions Pawneese and Peintre Celebre, boasts a peak RPR of 124. He earned that high rating with a defeat of Group 1 scorers Sarafina, Cirrus Des Aigles and Cape Blanco in the Prix Ganay.

Henrythenavigator has got off to a fine start at stud, supplying three top-flight winners from his first two crops, and the pair who emerged from his first crop both begin their stallion careers in France this year.

George Vancouver is the most expensive, standing at Haras de la Hêtraie for €6,000. The half-brother to Grade 1 performer Saarland out of Grade 1 winner Versailles Treaty was runner-up in the Prix Morny at two and landed the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf.

Pedro The Great, meanwhile, retires to the Haras de la Haie Neuve at a fee of €3,000. He is a half-brother to unbeaten 2,000 Guineas hero Footstepsinthesand and to the dam of Irish 2,000 Guineas scorer Power whose finest hour came with victory in the Phoenix Stakes at two.

French Fifteen is an intriguing newcomer at the Haras de la Reboursière et de Montaigu, where he was born and which used to be home to his sire Turtle Bowl until that horse's sale to Japan.

Nicolas Clément trained French Fifteen to win five races at two, including the Critérium International, and to run Camelot to a neck in the 2,000 Guineas the following season.

French Fifteen's fee is €6,000 and he could prove popular, as he hails from the family of brilliant French filly Zarkava

and one of the country's leading two-year-olds last season in Earnshaw.

Fährhof will be hoping to lure plenty of French breeders with Maxios but Logis has another impeccably bred son of Monsun who might tempt a few not to travel to Germany. **Masterstroke** is a son of Irish Oaks runner-up Melikah, a Lammtarra half-sister to champion sire Galileo and the brilliant Sea The Stars out of legendary Arc heroine and blue hen Urban Sea.

He proved he shared at least

some of his illustrious relatives' ability with victory in the Grand Prix de Deauville and a third in the Arc.

Saonois became the second Prix du Jockey Club winner for his sire Chichicastenango with victory in 2012. If you overlook his rather bare pedigree he looks good value for a Classic winner, standing at Haras du Mesnil for just €3,000.

More conventional pedigrees belong to the two sons of Oasis Dream retiring to stud in France. Dual Group 2 winner **Sri Putra**, who stands at

Haras du Saz for €3,000, is out of an In The Wings half-sister to Prix de Diane winner Caerlina, and **Reply**, new to Haras d'Ayguemorte at €2,000, is a half-brother to stakes winners Binoui and Indian Days.

►PLENTY of new faces to look forward to in France and Germany, then. It is a different story in Italy, though, where just three inexpensive new stallions show the depressed racing scene is having a knock-on effect on the breeding industry.

Martin Stevens

NEW FRENCH-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2014					
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Best RPR	Fee (€)
Agent Secret	8	Pyrus	d'Enki	113	2,000
Alanthus	9	Hernando	de Victot	117	2,000
Blu Constellation	6	Orpen	du Thenney	119	2,000
Cokoriko	5	Robin Des Champs	de Cercy la Tour	123 (NH)	1,700
Feel Like Dancing	4	Galileo	du Lion	101	2,500
French Fifteen	5	Turtle Bowl	du Logis Saint-Germain	120	6,000
George Vancouver	4	Henrythenavigator	de la Hêtraie	117	6,000
Masterstroke	5	Monsun	du Logis	114	3,000
Pedro The Great	4	Henrythenavigator	de la Haie Neuve	112	3,000
Penny's Picnic	4	Kheleyf	du Hoguenet	112	3,000
Planteur	7	Danehill Dancer	de Bouquetot	124	6,000
Pont Des Arts	10	Kingsalsa	du Lion	106	1,200
Reply	5	Oasis Dream	d'Ayguemorte	112	2,000
Saonois	4	Chichicastenango	du Mesnil	118	3,000
Shamalgan	7	Footstepsinthesand	du Lion	116	2,200
Sri Putra	8	Oasis Dream	du Saz	118	3,000
Style Vendome	4	Anabaa	de Bouquetot	115	12,000

NEW GERMAN-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2014					
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Best RPR	Fee (€)
Dabirsim	5	Hat Trick	Karlishof	120	9,000
Flamingo Fantasy	9	Fantastic Light	Ralf Paulick	114	2,000
Maxios	6	Monsun	Fährhof	122	10,000
Pastorius	5	Soldier Hollow	Fährhof	122	6,500
Reliable Man	6	Dalakhani	Röttgen	124	6,000

MORE NEW EUROPEAN-BASED STALLIONS FOR 2014					
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud, country	Best RPR	Fee (€)
Alandi	9	Galileo	Millennium, Poland	118	2,000
Duel	5	Shamardal	Pinna Romina, Italy	96	1,500
Mikhail Glinka	7	Galileo	Darhorse, Czech Republic	115	poa
Permesso	9	Sakhee	Spineti Trotto, Italy	112	500
Turati	8	Lomitas	Spineti Trotto, Italy	117	500

The sires packing their bags for opportunities afresh

On the move

AS ALWAYS a new season brings with it new homes for a number of stallions, and racking up the most airmiles are Lanwades recruits Leroidesanimaux and North Light, both standing in Britain for the first time.

The move for **Leroidesanimaux**, sire of Animal Kingdom, was a long time coming after stud owner Kirsten Rausing revealed she had been working for more than four years to secure the son of Candy Stripes.

For **North Light** the move to Newmarket is something of a repatriation, having been sent out by trainer Sir Michael Stoute to win the 2004 Derby. Retired to Adena Springs in Kentucky, the son of Danehill later relocated to the operation's Canadian base, from where he became the country's leading sire in 2012.

Long-haul flights are becoming a familiar experience for shuttle sire **Helmet**, who returns to Europe for a second time but will this year join his sire Exceed And Excel at

Darley's Dalham Hall Stud in Newmarket, after standing his debut season at the operation's Irish base, Kildangan Stud.

In a reverse move, Darley has capitalised on the success of progeny by **Shirocco** in the jumps sphere – think Annie Power and Red Sherlock – by sending him to Rathbarry Stud's jumps arm, Glenview Stud, in County Cork, where the son of Monsun will fulfil a dual-purpose role.

There is no question of whether **Sakhee** will fit into his new home or not, the sire of Classic winner Tin Horse and record-breaker Presvis having returned to his breeders and home up until 2012, Shadwell.

Sakhee's place at Yorton Farm, home for 2013, is filled by not one but three stallions. **Norse Dancer**, sire of

Annie Power: the success of the daughter of Shirocco has resulted in her sire's move to Glenview Stud



Listed winner Dorcas Lane, is joined by French recruit **Great Pretender**, the sire of two Grade 1 winners – and is a Listed-winning hurdler himself. First-season sire Universal completes the trio.

Norman Court Stud has bade farewell, for now, to **Winker Watson**, who has been leased to Allevamento Fattoria Renaccino. Filling his place is Prix Jean Prat winner **Olden Times**, sire of top stayer Times Up.

Another top stayer, St Leger hero **Lucarno**, joins the roster at Shade Oak Stud in Shropshire. The son of Dynaformer spent two seasons at Haras de Saint Voir after commencing his career at Wood Farm Stud.

A big name on the move last year was Motivator, whose relocation to Haras du Quesnay proved an inspired move – the son of Montjeu covered 136 mares last year, up from 42 at the Royal Studs 12 months earlier, and he will stand for a fee this year more than double that of 2013.

Hoping for a similar result is Darley, whose former Dalham Hall resident and Derby winner **Authorized** – also by

SIREs WHO HAVE RELOCATED TO OR FROM BRITISH AND IRISH STUDS IN 2014					
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud location 2013	Stud location 2014	2014 fee
Authorized	10	Montjeu	Dalham Hall	du Logis	€10,000
Camacho	12	Danehill	Mickley	Morristown Lattin	€7,500
Cockney Rebel	10	Val Royal	The National	de Saint-Arnault	€3,000
Elusive Pimpernel	7	Elusive Quality	Islammore	Irish National	€1,000
Great Pretender	15	King's Theatre	de la Barbottière	Yorton Farm	€3,000
Helmet	6	Exceed And Excel	Kildangan	Dalham Hall	€8,000
Ialysos	10	So Factual	Figlia	de la Barelère	€1,500
Kutub	17	In The Wings	Batsford	Girsonfield	€2,000
Leroidesanimaux	14	Candy Stripes	Stonewall Farm	Lanwades	€17,500
Lucarno	10	Dynaformer	de Saint Voir	Shade Oak	€2,000
Majestic Missile	13	Royal Applause	Ballyhane	Bucklands Farm	€3,500
Milk It Milk	13	Millkom	Kelanne	Norton Grove	€1,500
Mores Wells	10	Sadler's Wells	Alebäcks Stuteri	Old Road	private
Norse Dancer	14	Halling	Littleton	Yorton Farm	€1,750
North Light	13	Danehill	Adena Springs	Lanwades	€6,000
Notnowcato	12	Inchinor	Stanley House	Knockhouse	private
Olden Times	16	Darshaan	Clohamon	Norman Court	€2,500
Sakhee	17	Bahri	Yorton Farm	Nunnery	€2,500
Shirocco	13	Monsun	Dalham Hall	Glenview	private
Virtual	9	Pivotal	Cheveley Park	Woodlands	€3,000
Winker Watson	9	Piccolo	Norman Court	Fattoria Renaccino	€2,500

Montjeu – is preparing for a first season at Haras du Logis following a breakthrough year in which he registered three Group 1 winners.

Notnowcato, who defeated Authorized in the Eclipse Stakes, is off to pastures new both literally and figuratively, having switched from covering for the Flat at Stanley House Stud to a jumps sire role at Knockhouse Stud.

Woodlands Stud and Knockatrina House Stud joined forces to buy Cheveley Park homebred **Virtual**. The son of

Pivotal will now be aimed at both the Flat and jumps markets from his base at Woodlands in Galway.

Also boosting the Irish stallion ranks is **Camacho**, sire of top two-year-old Green Door, who returns to Morristown Lattin Stud after a year plying his trade at Mickley Stud in Shropshire.

Girsonfield Stud in Northumberland has expanded its roster considerably in the last few years and continues this season with the addition of Shadwell stallion and triple

Group 1 winner **Kutub**, who joins fellow outlying sire Bahri – the sire of Sakhee.

Both Mores Wells and Elusive Pimpernel will stand this year in Ireland, but while the move is an international one for **Mores Wells**, having relocated from Alebäcks Stuteri in Sweden, for **Elusive Pimpernel** it was a much shorter journey, following in the hoofprints of his Islammore Stud predecessor and relation Big Bad Bob in a move to the Irish National Stud.

Katherine Fidler

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NEW SIRE JURY	Ross Doyle Bloodstock agent 	Katherine Fidler Bloodstock journalist 	Ed Harper Whitsbury Manor Stud director 	Barry Reilly Manager of Woodcote Stud 	James Tate Trainer 
<p>Do you think Dawn Approach is good value at €35,000?</p> 	<p>He looks good value considering what he achieved on the racetrack – winner of eight out of his first nine starts, including four Group 1s – and he's by a proven stallion in New Approach, therefore you'd expect him to be very popular among breeders this year.</p>	<p>It's at the very top end of what I think he could be priced, so on that thinking I couldn't say he was the best value. However, he's from the most sought-after sire line in the world with an exemplary two-year-old record and he proved extremely tough at three – even if blotting his copybook towards the end of the year – so in a few years time I could be eating my words.</p>	<p>Yes, definitely. For a horse to win the first two-year-old race of the season and go on to become a champion at two and then a brilliant Classic winner is hard to believe. Furthermore, Galileo's quality seems to be passing down the sire line very effectively.</p>	<p>When you take into account his two-year-old career, when he was an unbeaten champion, and his sire [New Approach] and grandsire [Galileo], then I'd say he's pitched just about right.</p>	<p>Yes. Arguably the best of his crop, he offers something for everyone. He was an exceptional two-year-old and equally exceptional at three – he won the 2,000 Guineas and St James's Palace Stakes. He's from the right sire line and is going to appeal to those wishing to sell his progeny as foals or yearlings because everyone will be desperate to see his stock.</p>
<p>Where does the value lie among this year's new stallions?</p>	<p>Society Rock is a proven racehorse and good-looking son of Danehill who represents decent value at €8,000. Al Kazeem also looks good value at £18,000. He was a top-class racehorse and is another with the looks and pedigree to match.</p>	<p>Most Improved looks good value at €6,000 – a Group 1 winner from the Green Desert sire line – and for the same price Planteur, who was a tough, consistent performer at the top level, plus his sire Danehill Dancer isn't short of a good stallion son or two!</p> 	<p>You'd struggle to find a more commercial pedigree than that of our own Swiss Spirit (left), which is very exciting. Other than him, I think Reckless Abandon is good value for an unbeaten dual Group 1-winning two-year-old.</p> 	<p>I'll go with Havana Gold, a Group 1-winning son of rising sire Teofilo, and Reckless Abandon, a wayward but talented horse from the ever-popular Danzig line.</p>	<p>Darley has a strong hand this year with Dawn Approach, Farhh and Reckless Abandon – all three of whom are good value. Intello also catches the eye among the other newcomers at £25,000, although his progeny may not reach their peak until they're three-year-olds.</p>
<p>Will we see an upturn in the use of freshman sires this year on the back of strong yearling sales in 2013?</p>	<p>Yes, first-season sires have become very attractive to breeders in recent times, primarily because of their popularity at the foal and yearling sales. Therefore the freshman sires look affordable and a clever move if you get a nice foal.</p>	<p>Last season's yearlings offered a good mix of potential Classic types by big-name performers, plus the sharp-looking, precocious types pinhookers seek, all of which drove prices sky high, and this year's intake of stallions looks set to offer a similar range, so yes.</p>	<p>Yes, breeders seem very keen to use first-season sires again this season. With stallion fashions changing so quickly, it can be a safer way to take advantage of the current strength in the market, so I'm sure it will continue.</p>	<p>I don't think the uptake for first-season sires will change dramatically, you either use freshman sires or you don't.</p>	<p>Yes. First-season sires are always well supported because their progeny are on most people's viewing lists. As a result, they tend to make good prices at the sales because none of them 'slip through' the ring for less than they're worth.</p>
<p>Which freshman would you use if you were selling progeny as a yearling and why?</p> 	<p>Society Rock and Al Kazeem make a lot of sense at slightly different levels. Along with the likes of Reckless Abandon, Dawn Approach and Declaration Of War (left), we'll be looking forward to seeing all of their stock at the yearling sales.</p>	<p>Dabirsim. He was outstanding at two while his sixth in the French Guineas belies the blanket finish in which he just missed out. He's nicely put together and at €9,000 could prove a real bargain – the main risk is that his sire line is unproven in Europe, but the Sunday Silence line dominates in Japan and we could do with an injection of diversity.</p>	<p>We like to concentrate most of our attention on breeding for speed, and we're always fans of July Cup winners, having acquired three of our own, so Lethal Force is an obvious choice for us. I think [his sire] Dark Angel will consolidate his position in the next few years, which would also help him.</p>	<p>I'd fancy Lethal Force on the back of his sire Dark Angel's rising profile. Society Rock also appeals as he was a fine racehorse and stands at a farm [Tally-Ho] that has a knack with commercial horses.</p>	<p>It can be hard to predict the market fashions in two years' time, but Dawn Approach, Farhh and Intello would be my pick depending on the mare.</p>
<p>Which freshman would you use if you were an owner-breeder and why?</p>	<p>Al Kazeem and Dawn Approach would be top of my list because they tick all the boxes – very good racehorses, good-looking and by good stallions with a decent female line as well.</p> 	<p>If I had a fairly speedy mare, I'd go to Camelot (below). He was near flawless at two and three and we'll never know to what extent colic surgery affected his performance at four. Judging by other Montjeu stallion sons, his progeny will likely need time, but if Treve has taught us anything it's they could be worth the wait.</p>	<p>Dubawi is quickly becoming a phenomenon and Al Kazeem provides an excellent opportunity to get into him through a high-class racehorse. For owner-breeders who can be a little more patient, he's a very good option when seeking a quality outcross to Sadler's Wells.</p>	<p>We'll be using Al Kazeem and Camelot. Both horses stand out and given the right mares could produce a class horse.</p>	<p>I'd use Dawn Approach. He's a Classic winner and descends from a sire line that is really proving itself.</p>



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