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Dual Derby hero Harzand heads the star names starting their second career

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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: Kodiac-Lady Lucia (Royal Applause)

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

**Pedigree** Adaay becomes the first son of Kodiac, 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 Kodiac – 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-B	ASED S	TALLIONS FOR	2017		
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	Highest RPR achieved	Fee (£)
Adaay	5	Kodiac	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 Ouija 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

Stallion	Age	LLIONS FOR 2017 Sire	Stud	Highest RPR	Fee (€.
Stallion	Age	Sire	Stud	achieved	ree (€,
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

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. ▶ Continues page 4

## Nine into '17 DOES go

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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 Mutakavvef 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.

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 Ptit 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 RDR 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

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 Kodiac, 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 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 1m21/2f Tattersalls Gold

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



## 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 Kodiac-Hawattef (Mujtahid) Rathbarry Stud; €10,00

Rathbarry Stud; €10,000 RPR 121

**Pedigree** Kodi Bear is the highest-rated son of the immensely popular Kodiac 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

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.

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

Performance He was

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 ▶ Continues page 8

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## **Ajaya**

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"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, 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



2012 Kodiac x Hawattef (Mujtahid)





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Clive Cox, Trainer



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- 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

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### Ballylinch Stud recruit New Bay a son of the exceptional Dubawi

►From page 6 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

**RPR 117** 

**6 b Galileo-Moments Of Joy (Darshaan)** The Old Road Stud; poa

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 Jov. 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

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

#### 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



Norfolk Stakes scorer Prince Of Lir is one of four sons of Kodiac 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 5½ f 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

> Pearl Secret: has a strong sprinting pedigree

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 Kodiac. He is a half-brother to South African Grade 2 winner Enaad and Australian Listed scorer Al Aneed.

**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 Kodiac-Esuvia (Whipper)** Ballyhane Stud; €5,000 RPR 107

**Pedigree** Another son of Kodiac 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 ►>>Continues page 10



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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 Oueen.

**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

He twice finished third in h 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 iuvenile filly

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

Toormore: the best of his generation at two in Europe 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

**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.

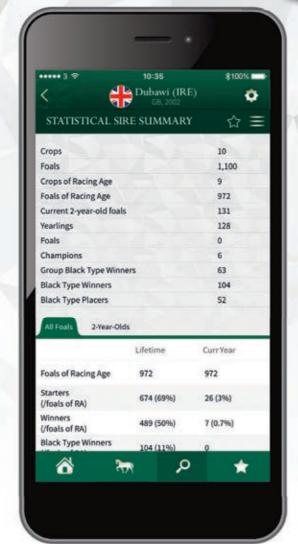
National Stakes.
Trained by Richard Hannon, he won the Craven Stakes at three ahead of The Grey Gatsby and rounded off that season with a creditable third in the Oueen Elizabeth II Stakes, while at four he finished runner-up to Night Of Thunder in the Lockinge Stakes and won the Group 2 Lennox Stakes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

USTRALIAN 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 fool

"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





# 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 Kodiac 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."

ARLEY'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."

USTRALIAN

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'Etreham. 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

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.



### 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

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.



#### **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 Valvra 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, ĥe 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

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

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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

ON THE MOVE	TO (	OR WITHIN BRI	TAIN 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

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

Batsford this year also



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

welcomed **Passing Glance**, sire of Flat Group 1 winner Side Glance and Cheltenham Festival victor Attaglance, 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

NEW MAINLA	ND E	UROPE-BASED ST	ALLIONS 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
Karaktar	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 Hêtraie, Fr	114	€2,500

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

Darivan'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

ree Port Lux:

Haras de Cercy new boy will cover Sprinter Sacre's dam 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 Karaktar.

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

Karaktar, 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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