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SMOOTH DADDY



TOP CLASS GROUP WINNER BY
SCAT DADDY

Tough & Consistent Group Turf Winner

Won/placed 22 times from 31 starts

Won **Gr.3** Fort Marcy Stakes

2nd **Gr.3** Saranac Stakes

2nd **Gr.3** Fort Marcy Stakes

3rd **Gr.3** Hill Prince Stakes

3rd **L** Tropical Park Derby

4th **Gr.2** Monmouth Stakes

Out of a proven Stakes winner and producer

Dam of 3 Stakes horses from the family of **Catch The Blues** & **Sioux Nation**.

Scat Daddy ex
Prairie Maiden (Badger Land)

FEE **€5,000** 1ST OCT

KUROSHIO



HIGH-CLASS JUVENILE AND SPRINTER BY
EXCEED AND EXCEL

22% Black-type horses to runners in 2018 - impressive results from a limited first crop of 2yos inc:

Dunkerron - 2nd **Gr.2** Qatar Vintage Stakes, 4th **Gr.2** Arqana July Stakes & won 2 races

Daphnia - 2nd **L** Marygate Stakes & won 1 race

Kurious - 4th **L** "Bosra Sham" Fillies' Stakes & won 1 race

Plus winners **Big Ace**, **Kapona** & **Special Stars**

Own brother to the dam of Gr.1 2yo Anthony Van Dyck

Exceed And Excel ex
Arctic Drift (Gone West)

FEE **€6,000** 1ST OCT



See them both on the ITM Irish Stallion Trail at
Clongiffen Stud, Enfield, Co. Meath, Ireland A83 F660

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Compas Stallions.

Compas Stallions welcomes two new stallions to its roster this year, with **Kuroshio** and **Smooth Daddy** both standing at Clongiffen Stud, Co Meath alongside **My Dream Boat**, joining current Clongiffen Stud residents **Mamool (In The Wings)** and **Laverock (Octagonal)**. **Cappella Sansevero (Showcasing)**, who will have his first runners this year, and **Strath Burn (Equiano)**, who welcomed his first foals last year, will also stand under the Compas Stallions banner at Bridge House Stud.

Kuroshio returns to the Northern Hemisphere from his native Australia after the great success of his first crop last season. Having stood at Overbury Stud in 2015 for a single season, the son of **Exceed And Excel** left a small crop of 22 foals in the Northern Hemisphere, which last year yielded six winners from 14 runners at a 43 per cent strike rate. Those winners were headed by **Dunkerron**, who was runner-up in the Gr.2 Vintage Stakes at Glorious Goodwood, as well as **Daphinia**, who was second to the subsequent Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed **Signora Cabello** in the Listed Marygate Stakes at York. **Kurious** landed a Sandown Park maiden on debut in June and was fourth in a Listed race at Newmarket in early November.

Winner of the Gr.2 McEwan Stakes over 1000m as a three-year-old, having taken the 1100m Gr.3 Blue Diamond Prelude as a juvenile, **Kuroshio** is a full-brother to the Gr.3 winner **Believe'N'Succeed**, who has produced the Gr.2 Futurity Stakes winner **Anthony Van Dyck**, and the Champion New Zealand Sprinter **Bounding (Lonhro)**. His winning **Gone West** dam **Arctic Drift** is a daughter of the Gr.1 Alabama Stakes and Gr.1 Test Stakes winner **November Snow (Storm Cat)**. Another half-sister to **Arctic Drift** is responsible for the Gr.1-winning sire **Morning Line**.



Smooth Daddy (Scat Daddy) [blue cap] defeats the high-class **Time Test** in the Gr.3 Fort Marcy Stakes at Belmont Park.



Kuroshio (Exceed And Excel) returns to the northern hemisphere to stand for Compas Stallions after the success of his first crop.

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Joining **Kuroshio** for his first season at stud is **Smooth Daddy**, a son of **Scat Daddy** who proved his teak-tough constitution by winning or placing in 22 of his 31 starts in the US. The highlight of his career came when he landed the Gr.3 Fort Marcy Stakes over 1m1f on turf at Belmont Park, defeating the dual Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed **Time Test** with the Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed **Messi** in third. **Smooth Daddy** was also Gr.3-placed three times at 1m1f.

A \$170,000 purchase at Keeneland's September Yearling Sale, **Smooth Daddy** is a half-brother to a Stakes winner out of a multiple Stakes winner, from the further family of the top-class **Sioux Nation (Scat Daddy)**, also new to stud at Coolmore this year, the high-class sprinter **Catch The Blues (Bluebird)** and the Gr.1 Derby winner **Secret**.

Alongside the newcomers for Compas Stallions at Clongiffen Stud this year is the Gr.1 Prince of Wales's Stakes victor **My Dream Boat (Lord Shanakill)**, who also won at Gr.3 level in the Gordon Richard Stakes and the Prix Perth. My Dream Boat's first crop will be born this spring.

Out of the winning sprinter **Betty Burke (Choisir)**, he is a half-brother to a prolific winner in Italy and hails from the further family of the Gr.1 Irish 1,000 Guineas heroine **Samitar**, Gr.2 Gimcrack Stakes winner and sire **Shaweel** and the triple Gr.1 winner **Alice Springs (Galileo)**.

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Current residents: Compas Stallions Kuroshio, Smooth Daddy, My Dream Boat. **Clongiffen Stud:** Mamool, Laverock

Ballylinch Stud

Ballylinch Stud, established by Major Dermot McCalmont in 1914, has, since its foundation, been a leading stallion stud and breeder of top quality bloodstock. In 1914, it became home to the famous "Spotted Wonder" **The Tetrarch (Roi Herode)**, an unbeaten Champion Two-Year-Old who was injured before he could race at three. Though he struggled with fertility, his progeny included the 2,000 Guineas winner **Tetratema** and the outstanding filly **Mumtaz Mahal**, who later went on to be the ancestress of a host of top-class horses. Other early residents at Ballylinch included **Fortino II (Grey Sovereign)**, subsequently the sire of **Caro**.

In 1987, Ballylinch Stud and its neighbour the Mount Juliet Estate were purchased by Dr Tim Mahony from the McCalmont family and, shortly after, John O'Connor joined the stud as manager and resident veterinary surgeon before becoming Managing Director. Success for the new owner was almost instantaneous, with **The Caretaker (Caerleon)** landing the Cartier Million in 1989. Homebred **Priory Belle (Priolo)** took the Gr.1 Moyglare Stud Stakes in 1995, **River Keen (Keen)** was successful in the 1996 Gr.1 Jockey Club Gold Cup and, more recently, **Red Rocks (Galileo)** won the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Turf and the Gr.1 Man O'War Stakes, before becoming a successful stallion. Dr Mahony died in 2008 and was succeeded as director by his daughter Jenny Howes before the stud's sale in 2014 to John and Leslie Malone, who also own Bridlewood Farm in Florida.

Ballylinch stallions have been Champions under both codes, with the five-time Champion National Hunt sire in Britain and Ireland, the late **King's Theatre**, and **Lope De Vega (Shamardal)**, the 2014 Champion First Season Sire in Europe. He has sired seven Gr.1 winners to date, including the runaway Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf victrix **Newspaperofrecord**, and his 2018 yearlings were sold for up to 800,000gns and €900,000.

Standing alongside him is the multiple Gr.1 winner **Beat Hollow**, a Gr.1-producing son of **Sadler's Wells** on both the Flat and over jumps. The younger residents are the Gr.1 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Gr.1 Prix de la Foret (in record time) winner **Make Believe (Makfi)**, whose first yearlings realised up to 210,000gns and €180,000 last autumn, plus the dual Gr.1 winner **Fascinating Rock (Fastnet Rock)**, whose top-priced foal made €185,000 at Goffs in November, and French Classic winner **New Bay (Dubawi)**, whose first foals were also well-received at the sales.

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Current residents: Beat Hollow, Fascinating Rock, Lope De Vega, Make Believe, New Bay

BALLYLINCH STUD 'WORLD CLASS'



Fascinating Rock €7,500

Dual **Gr.1** winner and **TFR 127**

By top international sire **Fastnet Rock**.

Won the **Gr.1** Champion Stakes in a time faster than **Frankel & Cracksman**.

First foals in 2018 made up to **€185,000**.



Lope De Vega €80,000

Already sire of **7 Gr.1** winners

40 Black Type horses in 2018 and **8** individual Stakes winning 2yos including unbeaten Breeders' Cup Juvenile Fillies Turf winner **Newspaperofrecord**.

Yearlings in 2018 made up to **€900,000**.



Make Believe €12,000

Won the **Gr.1** Prix de la Forêt in record time and the **Gr.1** Poule d'Essai des Poulains.

First yearlings in 2018 made up to **210,000gns** and were bought by **Shadwell Estates, Mark Johnston, SackvilleDonald, Stephen Hillen, Meridian International**, etc.



New Bay €15,000

A Classic winning son of **Dubawi** and **TFR 128**

Winner of the **Gr.1** Prix du Jockey Club in a time faster than **Shamardal, Le Havre & Lope De Vega**.

From the family of outstanding stallions **Kingman** and **Oasis Dream**.

2018 first foals topped 2 individual foal sales.



Beat Hollow €5,000

Sire of **Gr.1** Punchestown Champion Hurdle winner **Wicklow Brave** and **Gr.1** Cheltenham Festival winner **Cinders And Ashes**.

By **Sadler's Wells** from the immediate family of **Martaline**.

View our stallions on

Friday 11th January and Saturday 12th January

From 10.30am to 4.00pm



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Kildangan Stud

The heart of Sheikh Mohammed's Irish breeding operation, Kildangan Stud lies some six miles outside Kildare town. Originally owned by the O'Reilly family, it was passed down through Susan O'Reilly to Dominick More O'Ferrell, under whose ownership the estate was extended and improved. His son Roderic then turned Kildangan into a successful training stable until its conversion into a stud in 1946 and he was also president of the Bloodstock Breeders' Association. He bred five Irish Classic winners, including the 1953 2,000 Guineas winner and sire **Nearula (Nasrullah)**, as well as the leading South African sire **Drum Beat (Fair Trial)**.

Sheikh Mohammed bought the stud in 1986 and set about developing it further. Its first resident was the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes winner **Sure Blade (Kris)**, later the sire of the multiple Group winner and sire **Needle Gun**, as well as **Leaping Water**, dam of the Champion racehorse **St Nicholas Abbey**. He was then joined by the Champion racehorse and sire **In The Wings (Sadler's Wells)**, who sired the Champion and Classic sire **Singspiel**, the Gr.1 Irish Derby winner and sire **Winged Love** and the German Horse of the Year and Champion Sire **Soldier Hollow**.

The stud will have 14 residents on display for the Irish Stallion Trail, headed by the Champion Sprinter **Exceed And Excel (Danehill)**, sire of 11 Gr.1 winners over both hemispheres. New to the stud this year is the dual 2018 Gr.1-winning sprinter **Jungle Cat (Iffraaj)**, while young stallions, including the multiple Gr.1-winning miler **Ribchester (Iffraaj)**, **Profitable (Timeform's highest-rated sprinting son of Invincible Spirit)**, the Champion Two-Year-Old and Gr.1-winning miler **Belardo (Lope De Vega)** and the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes winners **Charming Thought (Oasis Dream)** and **The Last Lion (Choisir)**, have proved popular with breeders in their early seasons. Champion Sprinter **Slade Power (Dutch Art)** sired three Stakes horses from his first crop last season and Gr.1 winners by the reliable **Teofilo (Galileo)** continued in 2018 with **Exultant, Happy Clapper, Humidor** and **Cross Counter**.

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Current Residents: **Belardo, Buratino, Dawn Approach, Exceed And Excel, Fast Company, French Navy, Fulbright, Jungle Cat, Profitable, Raven's Pass, Ribchester, Shamardal (private), Slade Power, Teofilo, The Last Lion**



NEW **JUNGLE CAT**

The fastest son of Iffraaj

**THE MIGHTY
JUNGLE**

**WORLD-CLASS RECORD
BREAKER OVER SIX FURLONGS.**

G1 winner over both six and seven furlongs.

Beat future Champions **Belardo** and **Muhaarar** in G2s at two and beat **U S Navy Flag** in 2018.



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Derrinstown Stud

The fabulously wealthy second Duke of Westminster, commonly nicknamed "Bendor", was bowled over when he met Anne "Nancy" Sullivan, a 31-year-old horsewoman of great prowess in Co Cork in the 1940s and, as a result of his enthusiasm he subsequently purchased both Bryanstown and Derrinstown Studs. Already a lady of considerable means herself, she eventually became the Duke's fourth wife. When the Duke died in 1953, she became an owner in her own right and possessed many a fine chaser, including the mighty **Arkle (Archive)**, **Ten Up (Raise You Ten)**, also winner of the Cheltenham Gold Cup, and the mercurial **Last Suspect (Above Suspicion)**, who landed the Grand National. Whilst in Ireland, she lived at Bryanstown and, though none of her famous horses was bred there, **Arkle** was initially buried on the estate. When she reluctantly sold Bryanstown and moved to the less grand Derrinstown in 1976, she feared that the land might be built on, so **Arkle's** skeleton was somewhat controversially transferred to the Irish National Stud. Derrinstown itself was eventually sold in 1982.

Derrinstown is part of the Irish arm of the extensive stud interests of Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum, which began with Derrinstown's 375 acres, but now comprises 11 establishments of about 2,000 acres in total, situated on what is considered by many as some of the finest land for horses in the world. Three stallions will be on show over the course of the two days, headed by the dual Gr.1-winning miler **Tamayuz**. Last season's representatives by the well-bred son of **Nayef** were headed by the dual Group winner **Mustashry**, who wound up 2018 when only four lengths off the winner in the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Mile, while **Tamayuz** yearlings sold for up to 200,000gns. **Awtaad (Cape Cross)**, a winner at two, won the Gr.1 Irish 2,000 Guineas and attracted an excellent first book of mares, 60 per cent of them black-type winners or producers. Their resulting foals sold for up to 170,000gns and €170,000 last autumn. The consistent dual Group winner **Markaz**, a son of the ever-popular **Dark Angel**, was also oversubscribed in his first season in 2017 and the full-brother to the dual Gr.1-winning sprinter **Mecca's Angel**, from a tough and fast family, also covered a large second book last spring.

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Current residents: Awtaad, Haatef, Markaz, Tamayuz

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Rathbarry & Glenview Studs

Situated in the beautiful Blackwater Valley in Co Cork, the history of Rathbarry and Glenview Studs stretches back 80 years, when Paul Cashman stood **Royal Pom (Pommern)** after buying 159 acres near Conna in 1935. Paul's son Liam expanded the stud, becoming interested in the Flat in the late 1970s. His first Flat stallion was Gr.3 winner **Kampala (Kalamoun)**, the Champion First Season Sire of 1984 and remembered as the sire of Gr.1 Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe winner and sire **Tony Bin**. He left after five years, but in 1980 the stud acquired a majority share in **Taufan (Stop The Music)** from Sheikh Mohammed (his first ever horse to retire to stud) and he emulated his predecessor by becoming a Champion First Season Sire, later siring **Tagula**, who stands at Rathbarry today and has proved a stalwart over many seasons. Liam and his wife Catherine proved extremely adept at selecting stallions, notably **Barathea (Sadler's Wells)**, **Alzao (Lyphard)**, plus **Namid (Indian Ridge)**, **Charnwood Forest (Warning)** and their current standardbearer **Acclamation (Royal Applause)**, whose star of 2018 was the Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Mile hero and new sire **Expert Eye**.

Liam also stood prolific National Hunt sires, including **Strong Gale (Lord Gayle)**, **Phardante (Pharly)**, **Pollerton (Rarity)**, **King's Ride (Rarity)**, **Good Thyne (Herbager)**, and more recently the multiple Champion **Presenting (Mtoto)**, who died in 2017, and **Robin Des Champs (Garde Royale)**, sire of **Vautour** and **Quevega**, who died late last year. Such was the stud's success, Liam decided to split the disciplines in 1991, with Glenview Stud set aside for National Hunt stallions, and he was joined in the business by son Paul, a useful amateur rider, and daughter Niamh, but he sadly died suddenly in March 2010.

The family has continued unabashed, however, with **Acclamation** and **Tagula** being joined by **Moohaajim (Cape Cross)**, who had his first runners last year, **Kodi Bear (Kodiac)**, whose first foals sold for up to €66,000, and new boy **James Garfield (Exceed And Excel)**, a dual Group winner and Gr.1 runner-up. On the jumping front, established sires **Malinas (Lomitas)**, **Sholokhov (Sadler's Wells)** and **Shirocco (Monsun)** have been joined by dual Gr.1 winner **Youmzain (Sinndar)**, sire of a Gr.1 winner on the Flat and Graded/Listed winners **Saglawy**, **Delire D'Estrouval** and **Etourneau** over jumps.

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Current residents: **Acclamation, James Garfield, Kodi Bear, Moohaajim, Tagula, Malinas, Shirocco, Sholokhov, Youmzain**



RATHBARRY & GLENVIEW STUDS



RATHBARRY STUD

ACCLAMATION

JAMES GARFIELD

KODI BEAR

MOOHAAJIM

TAGULA



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MALINAS

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Tara Stud

The Tara Stud, near Navan in County Meath and conveniently located for Dublin Airport, Goffs and Fairyhouse, was once owned by the Hartigan family, trainers for such as the Aga Khan, until it was bought by Lincolnshire farmer and owner Clifford Nicholson in 1946. He sent Billy Icton, aged 17, to oversee the place for a few months but he stayed for the rest of his life, building up the stud and playing a prominent part in the Irish thoroughbred world, succeeded by his son Derek, twice Chairman of the Irish Thoroughbred Breeders' Association.

The stud stood such as **Above Suspicion (Court Martial)** and **Tamerlane (Persian Gulf)**, both winners of the St James's Palace Stakes, but the stallion who put Tara on the map was **Wolver Hollow (Sovereign Path)**, winner of the Eclipse Stakes and Henry Cecil's first Gr.1 winner. He sired the Champion and sire **Wollow** in a long career, and recent stallions include **Petorius (Mummy's Pet)**, **Simply Great (Mill Reef)** and **Key Of Luck (Chief's Crown)**, sire of Gr.1 Irish Derby winner and sire **Alamshar**.

The stud stands on excellent land as part of a considerable farming enterprise, which complements the horse operation and keeps the grass in top condition. Weaned foals and yearlings are kept on a separate section of the stud, which has raised many Group winners, with a fine record at Royal Ascot, starting with **Haymaking (Galivanter)** taking the Coronation Stakes in 1966. Recent alumni include 2018 dual Gr.2 winner and Gr.1-placed **River Boyne (Dandy Man)**, **Balmont Mast (Balmont)**, a multiple Stakes winner and second in the Gr.1 Golden Shaheen, as well as the dam of Gr.1 July Cup winner and sire **Slade Power (Dutch Art)**.

Tara Stud currently stands two sons of **Dark Angel** acquired from Shadwell in the Gr.2 July Stakes winner **Alhebayeb**, who has his first three-year-olds in 2019, and **Estidkhaar**, winner of the Gr.2 Champagne Stakes at two, who went on to show very good form at four and whose first foals made up to €100,000 in 2018.

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Current residents: Alhebayeb, Estidkhaar

STANDING AT TARA STUD IN 2019

ALHEBAYEB

- SUCCESSFUL FIRST CROP SIRE OF 16 INDIVIDUAL WINNERS INCLUDING STAKES HORSE **TALK OR LISTEN** AND OVER 30 MORE PLACED HORSES
- **GROUP 2 JULY STAKES WINNER**

Fee: **€5,000** (1st Oct.)



ESTIDHKAAR

- DUAL **GROUP 2** WINNING 2YO SPRINTER,
- RATED **121** BY TIMEFORM
- FIRST FOALS STORMED THE SALES MAKING UP TO **€100,000**

Fee: **€5,000** (1st Oct.)

First Yearlings 2019



Kilbarry Lodge Stud

Kilbarry Lodge Stud has been home to National Hunt stallions since 1997 and is currently home to two stallions in **Diamond Boy** and **Pillar Coral**.

Pillar Coral will welcome his first foals in the coming weeks. From an outstanding Juddmonte family, the unraced son of **Zamindar** boasts excellent credentials for stallion success as a half-brother to the top-class jumps sires **Martaline (Linamix)** who has produced such outstanding jumpers as the Cheltenham Festival winner **Dynaste**, dual Gr.1 winners **Disko** and **Terrefort**, the Gr.1 winner **We Have A Dream**, the high-class hurdler **Agrapart** and Gr.3-winning chaser **Viconte Du Noyer**. **Pillar Coral** is also a half-brother to **Coastal Path (Halling)** who has sired such as the dual Gr.1 novice hurdle winner **Bacardys**, and **Reefscape (Linamix)** who sired the Gr.1-winning hurdler **L'Unique**.

Pillar Coral stands alongside **Diamond Boy (Mansonnien)**, himself a smart performer on the Flat and a full-brother to the Gr.1-winning chaser **Golden Silver**. **Diamond Boy** is enjoying a great run of form with his French-conceived runners, with all four of his runners in Britain so far this year having won and some eye-catching successes on both sides of the Irish Sea over the Christmas period, including the smart **Valdieu** who won a bumper on St Stephen's Day and followed up with a win over hurdles two weeks later, **Le Precieux**, who landed a quick-fire double over fences when winning at Leicester on 28th December – when **Diamond Boy** registered a double courtesy of hurdles winner **Ar Mest** – and following up at Ludlow on 3rd January, **Grand Sancy** who was runner-up in the Gr.1 Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown Park last weekend, while **Monsieur Lecoq** was an impressive winner over hurdles on the same card. **Diamond Boy** is also sire of the five-year-old **Cat Tiger**, winner of the Gr.3 Prix Morgex over fences at Auteuil in November, having sold earlier that week for €180,000, following up on his previous Gr.3 chase success at the same venue in September.

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Current residents: **Diamond Boy, Pillar Coral**



KILBARRY LODGE STUD



**DIAMOND
BOY**

- **PERFECT START TO 2019;** VALDIEU (10l winner), LE PRECIEUX (16l winner), AR MEST (gains second win), GRAND SANCY (1/2 2nd in Gr.1 Tolworth Hurdle).
- **100% strike rate** in UK; all 4 winners have won.
- **2017/18 store average €71,732** - higher than Getaway, Mount Nelson, Milan, Jukebox Jury & Walk In The Park.
- Sire of **CATTIGER**, highest-rated 4YO chase in France in November 2018.
- By proven **Grade 1 sire Mansonnien**.
- Covered **235 quality mares** in 2018.

2019 FEE: €6000



**PILLAR
CORAL**

- **Brother to 3 proven Gr.1 sires;** MARTALINE, COASTAL PATH & REEFSCAPE.
- **From the family of Gr.1 winners & sires** KINGMAN & OASIS DREAM.
- A **Juddmonte BLUE BLOOD** - sires' under both codes.
- By **ZAMINDAR**, Classic sire of ZARKAVA (Champion, 5 x Gr.1), DARJINA (3 x Gr.1), CROSSHARBOUR (Gr.2, successful NH sire), TIMEPIECE (Gr.1), ZENDA (Gr.1) and COQUERELLE (Gr.1).
- Big **16.2HH** loose walking horse.
- Unraced due to injury.

2019 FEE: €1500

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Spotlight

ON COOLAGOWN STUD



New year, new beginnings

FOR so many January is a month of punishment; hitting the gym, abstaining from alcohol, eating cleanly in an effort to atone for December's excess and begin the year in a virtuous style, writes *Aisling Crowe*.

For those whose world revolves around the lifecycle of the thoroughbred, January is a month of new life as foals begin to make their appearances, stallions are in the final stages of their preparations for the breeding season and phones ring with breeders looking to book a stallion for a date with their mare.

For stallion masters it is also the month where they open the gates of their farms for the public to have a gander, peek behind the curtain around the bloodstock world and catch up on the fortunes of their racing favourites.

David Stack unlocks the gates of his family's Coolagown Stud outside Fermoy in north Cork for this weekend's Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Stallion Trail and visitors are assured of a warm welcome from one of the most personable stud owners you can find.

This January is a particularly exciting one for Stack and the Coolagown team as new stallion **Axxos** meets the public for the first time in his new home, ahead of his first breeding season in Ireland. A Gr.2 winner in his native Germany, **Axxos** is a son of the outstanding sire **Monsun**, whose influence over the National Hunt gene pool has seen his sons provide superstars such as **Annie Power** and **Sprinter Sacre** so far.

Being a son of **Monsun**, **Axxos** had obvious claims on Stack's attention, so how did the Gr.2 Union-Rennen winner find himself in the cradle of National Hunt racing?

"I sourced **Axxos** through Richard Venn," explains Stack. "Richard thought a lot of him and that he has the potential to strike it as a sire. The more homework I did on **Axxos** the more I liked him, and Richard has a very good eye for a horse."

That homework would have shown **Axxos** finishing second to another Coolagown sire, **Zambezi Sun**, in the Gr.1 Grand Prix de Paris, as well as success in a Gr.3 over 1m2f and victory at two. Bred by Gestut Ittlingen and trained by Peter Schiergen, **Axxos** began his stud career in France and his results from his first four crops, though low in numbers, were high in quality.

"When I looked into his statistics, I was impressed with what he has achieved from small numbers. He has three individual Stakes winners, including **Calett Mad** [owned by Simon Munir and Isaac Souede], who won the Listed EBF Gold Castle Novices' Hurdle and was second in the Gr.2 Towton Novices' Chase +for Nigel Twiston-Davies. He is a very good-sized individual with a great walk and a fantastic temperament. When people see **Monsun** they think stamina, but **Axxos** had speed too, which I like, he wasn't an out-



Coolagown Stud's new stallion for 2019 **Axxos (Monsun)** will be on show during the ITM Stallion Trail.

and-out stayer. He has put down good foundations in France and I think he can build on that."

Stack's research was extensive and the visual impression created by **Axxos**'s young stock enhanced the overall appeal of the 15-year-old grandson of **Rainbow Quest**, as Stack attests.

"He stamps his stock, from what I have seen he marks them very well and they are fine individuals. He has some good young horses to run for him in bumpers and hurdles, who should advertise his strengths to breeders."

A familiar face returns to Coolagown for the 2019 breeding season, as **Papal Bull** is home after a three-year sojourn in France. The son of **Montjeu** won the Gr.2 King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot beating Gr.1 winners **Red Rocks**, **Sixties Icon** and **Youmzain**. He also won the Gr.2 Princess of Wales's Stakes and Gr.3 Geoffrey Freer Stakes for Sir Michael Stoute and the Coolmore partners, and was second in the Gr.1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Gr.1 Rheinland-Pokal at Cologne.

Forlano, a two-year-old half-brother to last season's Gr.1 Triumph Hurdle hero **Farclas**, is one of the French-bred **Papal Bull** offspring that Stack is excitedly anticipating.

"He left some nice individuals in France, including **Forlano**, who was bought by an Irish pinhooker as a yearling at Arqana. **Port Stanley**, a winning point-to-pointer, is with Jessica Harrington and he looks a nice individual," Stack remarks.



Spotlight ~ CONTINUED

Harrington, a fine judge of a horse, purchased **Port Stanley** for €65,000 at Cheltenham in May from the noted Milestone nursery. Colin Bowe sent him out to win a late-season maiden on his first completed start and that talent has been much in evidence on his two bumper starts to date for his new connections. A running-on third on his bumper debut, he was second to the very smart **Envoi Allen** on his next outing, with the Gordon Elliott-trained winner following up with a fine victory in the Listed Future Champions bumper at Navan.

Papal Bull is a consistent producer of winners on the Flat and over jumps, proving popular with breeders – part of the reason the son of **Montjeu** was brought back to Coolagown. He has been a pivotal horse in the development of the farm, which Stack has managed for the past 22 years.

*"Myself and a couple of friends purchased **Papal Bull** for a stud career and we syndicated him, he really opened a lot of doors for me,"* Stack reveals.

He was knocking on those doors since finishing his formal education and returning to the family farm, where his father Bernie had bred National Hunt horses alongside his agricultural enterprise. The son decided to ratchet up their involvement in National Hunt breeding by several notches and stand stallions. The first recruit to his project was **Air Display (Nikoli)**, purchased from agent Hugo Merry. The 1994 Gr.1 Irish Champion Stakes winner **Cezanne (Ajdal)** was next to join the stallion roster and the son of Meon Valley Stud's foundation mare **Reprocolor** had enormous potential to catapult Coolagown several levels higher again. Sadly a lack of fertility stymied that dream. The aristocratic **Humbel** was bought as a replacement for **Cezanne** and the son of **Theatrical** out of a **Seattle Slew** mare made his mark for Stack.

The outstanding **Daylami (Doyoun)** joined the Coolagown squad upon his return from South Africa in 2010 and the winner of seven Gr.1 contests, including a first Breeders' Cup triumph for Godolphin, recently celebrated his 25th birthday and is enjoying retirement in the picturesque Blackwater Valley.

The working stallions on the farm include the beautifully-bred **Shantaram**, whose oldest foals are four-year-olds this year, and trainers have apparently been making positive noises about the **Shantaram** youngsters in their stables.

"His first foals did very well in the sales ring," comments Stack on the stallion, who stands for a fee of €1,000, *and there are good reports coming from the trainers who have them."*

Shantaram certainly has the pedigree to be a successful stallion, as the Gr.3 Bahrain Trophy winner is a son of prepotent sire **Galileo** and bred on the Classic cross of that stallion and **Darshaan**. Bred by Lady Bamford, he is a full-brother to **Gan Amhras**, who was third in the Gr.1 2,000 Guineas for Jim Bolger, and to the Listed-winning pair of **Forever Now** and **To Eternity**.

"He is one of the most striking individuals I have seen," enthuses Stack. *"He has size, body, temperament, scope, everything you could want. He is the full package."*



Coolagown Stud's striking **Shantaram (Galileo)** who has his first runners this year.

"Last season was a good one for him and we are expecting to do even better this year with him on the back of his good start."

Zambezi Sun also has Stack dreaming big as he prepares for the **Dansili** horse's third season at Coolagown. A Juddmonte homebred, naturally he comes with a big pedigree guaranteed, and a race record to match. Trained by Pascal Bary to that aforementioned Grand Prix de Paris victory, **Zambezi Sun** raced in the US from the barn of the late Bobby Frankel, showing speed to be fourth in the Gr.1 Woodford Reserve.

A grandson of the Gr.2 (then) Prix Maurice de Gheest winner **Interval**, by **Habitat**, who was also third in the Gr.1 1,000 Guineas, he is a full-brother to the Listed Prix Petite Etoile winner **Zero Gravity** and a half-brother to the Gr.2 Prix Guillaume d'Ornano winner **Kalabar (Kahyasi)**, from the family of Gr.1-winning sprinter **Continent**. Out of the winning **Zafonic** mare **Imbabala**, he is an outcross for **Sadler's Wells**-line mares and from his French crops he has already produced the Auteuil Listed Prix Santo Pietro Hurdle winner **Spirit Son** and **Bulkov**, who was second in the Gr.3 Prix General de Saint-Didier.

He has been in the headlines lately with a number of good winners over Christmas providing plenty of cheer. Joseph O'Brien trains **Desir Du Large** for Gigginstown House Stud and the five-year-old made an excellent start for his new trainer, impressing when winning a bumper at Fairyhouse in early December. The second that day, **Valdieu**, is highly thought of by Noel Meade and went on to win a bumper over Christmas and make a successful start to his hurdling career at Naas on Sunday. **Criq Sun** won at Limerick's Christmas Festival for Lorna Fowler and the well-regarded **Zambezir** was third on debut for Noel Meade in the bumper at Naas last Sunday.

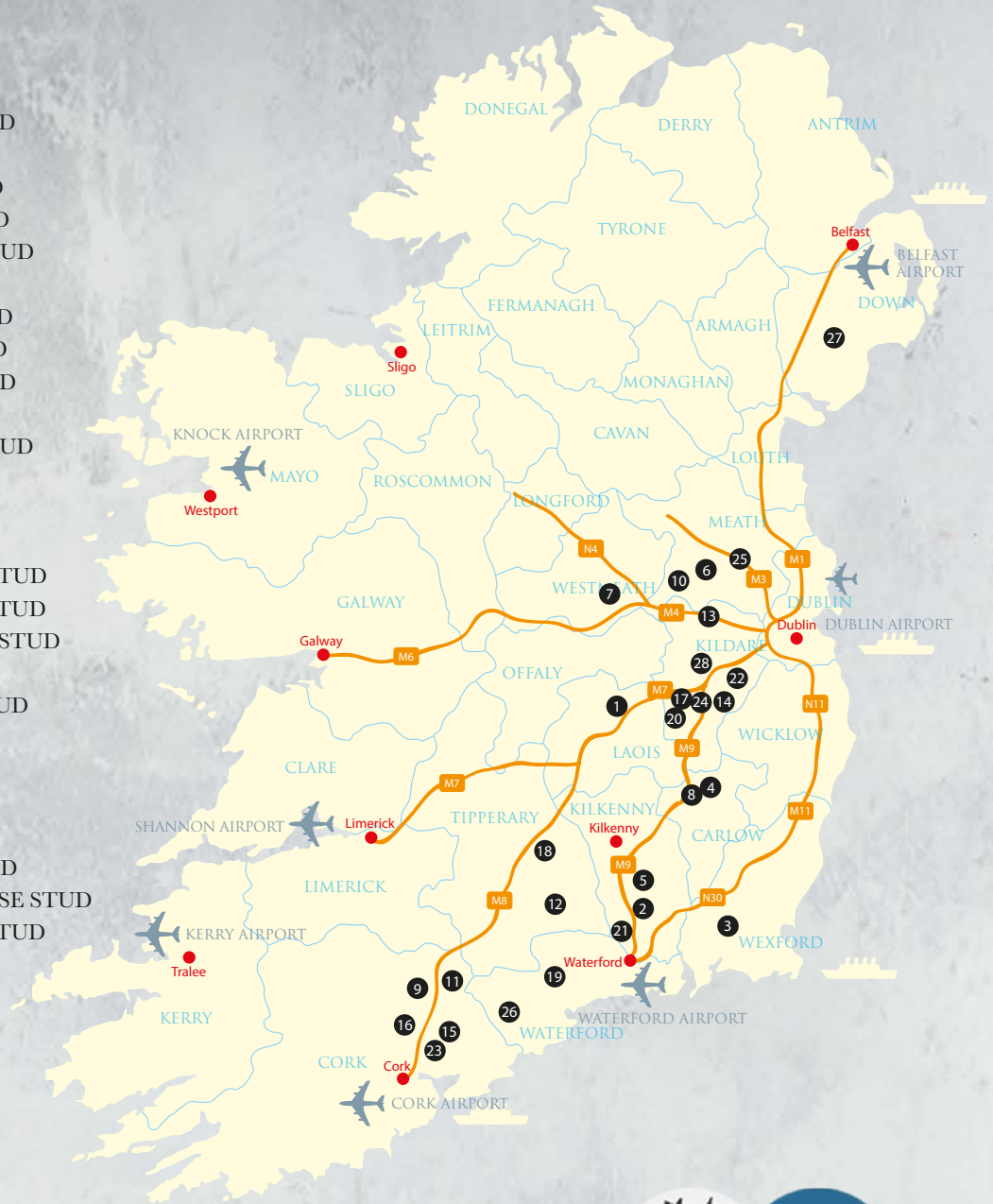
"His stock are running well at the moment, he is on a very good run of late. He has four individual black-type National Hunt runners from his French-bred crops and his first Irish crop have turned one. He is a beautiful horse, 16.2hh with a great temperament and that comes through in his foals, they have good minds."

For some, January brings the excitement and potential of young stallions making their mark and this year David Stack is among them.

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The Bloodstock World according to...

NESSA JOYCE, manager at **IRISH EBF**, talks to **EBN** about her job and future plans within her position...

1 Where did your grounding in racing and the breeding industry come from and how has this helped in your current role?

I am from a dairy farming background with a degree in Animal Science and a love of horses, but really it was the six years I spent in Lexington, Kentucky, with Fasig-Tipton in the bloodstock department and then eight years with HRI Racecourses (Leopardstown and Tipperary) that gave me the foundations for my current role as Irish EBF Manager.

2 What does a typical week entail for you?

It is always varied and driven by the racing calendar and time of year. We sponsor over 400 races all year round at 25 racecourses and I try and attend as many Irish EBF sponsored races as possible. The racecourse is a great venue to interact with owners and trainers, and keep the Irish EBF at the forefront of everyone's mind. Then it is continually liaising with each racecourse, Horse Racing Ireland, implementing the board's plans, planning the next board meeting, promoting the brand, general administration and accounts.

3 What are the main challenges you face within your role?

I am continually working to increase the awareness and profile of the Irish EBF within the industry, at every

opportunity I speak to groups and individuals about the EBF and their feedback is always invaluable. Partnering with Foran Equine and now Connolly's RED MILLS has helped to increase our profile through their superb social media presence.

4 What impact do you feel the Stallion Trail has for the Irish bloodstock industry?

It is such a positive event to showcase our world-class stallions. ITM and the participating farms have to be commended for embracing the Stallion Trail, now in its fifth year. To allow everyone the opportunity to see the stallions behind the gates of the famous farms cannot be underestimated and it is also a perfect occasion to see any newly introduced stallions to the Irish ranks.

5 Do you have any tips for people attending the Stallion Trail for the first time?

Check out the ITM website to register and to see the opening times for each farm. Map out your time carefully, use the farm's Eircode in google maps (provided on the ITM website) to get you from A to B. Don't be afraid to ask lots of questions, the stallion masters are keen to talk about their pride and joy, their stallions.

6 What does 2019 hold for the Irish EBF?

Each year the board, led by John



Nessa Joyce (left) with Mrs Evie Stockwell.

O'Connor (Chairman) and Joe Foley (Vice Chairman), maps out the sponsorship spend with HRI in great detail to get the utmost value and impact on behalf of our contributors, Irish Stallion Farms. This year we have €2.2 million to allocate directly to Irish Flat and NH races, with an emphasis to build on the success of the Foran Equine Irish EBF Flat Auction series and work hard to establish the new RED MILLS Irish EBF NH Hurdle Auction Series.

7 If you could change one aspect of the thoroughbred industry, what would it be and why?

To continue to change the perception that horse ownership is only for the wealthy. HRI Ownership department and numerous other groups that organise syndicates, partnerships and clubs are making great progress in this area. It is such a fun sport to be involved in and all new people have to be welcomed with open arms.



Youcantcallherthat wins the Irish Stallion Farms EBF Mares Handicap chase for the Lostwelton Syndicate.

8 Which race meet and sale are you looking forward to most in 2019?

Irish Champions Weekend holds a special place in my heart, as I was involved in the first two years of the weekend as Racing and Operations Manager at Leopardstown. My involvement continues, as we sponsor five races over the two days (2yo Fillies' Stakes and four €150,000 Premier Handicaps) and we co-host a gala dinner on the Saturday night to celebrate the many sponsors and individuals involved in making the weekend world-class. I closely follow all the sales where potential runners for both of our auction series races may come from (yearlings for €72k or less and NH 3/4yo unraced stores for

€45k or less and by an EBF registered sire). It is exciting to see the auction race concept come full circle, especially when people are buying yearlings with next year's Foran Equine Irish EBF Auction series in mind.

9 What does 2019 hold for Nessa Joyce?

I am going into my fourth year with the Irish EBF and my aim will be to work even harder to further develop the profile and importance of the scheme.

10 Who in the racing and breeding industry do you look up to the most, and why?

John O'Connor, Ballylinch Stud

Managing Director and Chairman of Irish EBF. I feel privileged to have John as Chairman, his wealth of knowledge and broad insight into the industry is invaluable. He is passionate about the Irish EBF and is very generous with his time while juggling many other important roles.

11 What would be your favourite experience so far in your life?

I lived on the South Island of New Zealand for six months In 2007, and worked as a hunt groom. To see that wonderful countryside on horseback was a chance in a lifetime that I will never forget.

Pedigree focus



The patriarch excelling

The growth of **Exceed And Excel's** influence and legacy is assured, with the 19-year-old about to start his 15th Northern Hemisphere covering season for Darley. Last year, the son of **Danehill** became only the second Australian-bred stallion to sire 150 Stakes winners and his son **Bungle Inthejungle** made an immediate impact in his own stallion career, suggesting that this particular branch of **Danehill's** sire line is in rude health.

The sire of 151 Stakes winners so far in his career, with practically half of them at Group level, in 2018 **Exceed And Excel** was responsible for 37 Stakes performers. In Europe they were headed by **James Garfield**, a Gr.2 winner at two and successful at Gr.3 level last year, as well as being agonisingly beaten by **Polydream** in the Gr.1 Prix Maurice de Gheest. Darley's homebred filly **Threading**, winner of the Gr.2 Lowther Stakes in 2017, added the Listed Michael Seely Memorial Stakes in 2018, before chasing home star filly **Alpha Centauri (Mastercraftsman)** in the Gr.1 Coronation Stakes. **Hit The Bid** starred at the Dubai Carnival for Darren Bunyan before winning the Gr.3 Mercury Stakes at Dundalk towards the end of the year. The five-year-old entire has returned to Dubai for another Carnival.

Mr Stunning was the flagbearer for **Exceed And Excel's** older Australian-bred crops, making it back-to-back triumphs in the Gr.1 Hong Kong Sprint in December, while his Australian-bred three-year-old daughter **Nafaayes** won the Gr.2 Ipi Tombe Challenge at Turffontein last month for Mike de Kock and Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

As a source of juvenile talent he excels, and is behind only his own sire **Danehill** and the redoubtable **Galileo** in the league table of sires of two-year-old Stakes winners. His European class of 2018 was topped by **Queen Of Bermuda**, a 230,000gns Tattersalls Craven Breeze-Up Sale graduate, who won the Gr.3 Firth of Clyde Stakes and the Listed Prix de la Vallee d'Auge, as well as finishing second in the Gr.2 Criterium de Maisons-Laffitte for William Haggas.

Twice crowned Champion Two-Year-Old Sire in his native Australia and overall champion for the 2012-13 season, **Exceed And Excel's** current Southern Hemisphere two-year-olds include the highly-regarded pair of **Chicago Bull** and **Mayasseh**, who were both Gr.3-placed on their only starts so far.

His daughters are playing their part in keeping their shuttling sire at the forefront of global racing's elite. In 2016 **Kuroshio's** full-sister **Believe'N'Succeed** produced Gr.2 Futurity Stakes winner and dual Gr.1-placed juvenile **Anthony Van Dyck**, while Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes hero **Ten Sovereigns** is out of the Listed-placed **Exceed And Excel** mare **Seeking Solace**. Both are



Leading sire **Exceed And Excel** enjoying paddock time.

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potential Classic stars this year, adding further lustre to **Exceed And Excel's** shining reputation.

Stallion sons of the dual Gr.1 winner have also done their bit to enhance his glowing reputation, with **Helmet** providing the Gr.1 Dubai World Cup, Gr.1 Prix Jean Prat and Gr.1 Criterium International winner **Thunder Snow**, who developed into a high-class performer on dirt in the US last year. His Gr.1-winning miler son **Excelebration**, winner of the Gr.1 Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, Gr.1 Prix Jacques Le Marois and Gr.1 Prix du Moulin came up with **Barney Roy**, successful in the Gr.1 St James's Palace Stakes, in his first crop. Purchased during his racing career by the Coolmore partners, **Excelebration** stands at Castlehyde for a fee of €8,000, which is unchanged from 2018.

Exceed And Excel is the patriarch of a growing band of stallions, including three who have joined him under the Darley Europe banner. This season he commands a fee of €50,000, the third year in a row he has stood for that price, at Darley's Kildangan Stud, where his sons **Buratino** and **Fulbright** are also on the roster, with a third, **Outstrip**, at Dalham Hall Stud.

He has sons at stud in a number of Ireland's best stallion farms at various points early in their stud careers. **Burwaaz**, a precocious Listed winner, whose first offspring conceived in Ireland are due to be born any day now, stands his second season at Longford House Stud for €2,000.

BUNGLE INTHEJUNGLE

Bungle Inthejungle has set the bar very high for all other sons of **Exceed And Excel** with pretensions to their sire's throne. The Rathasker Stud stallion was the breakout star of the 2018 season, siring 27 individual Northern Hemisphere winners, for a 42 per cent winners to runners ratio.

His standout horse from that crop is the Gr.3 Molecomb Stakes winner **Rumble Inthejungle**, who caught the eye of Cheveley Park Stud and was snapped up by the stud as a potential stallion prospect. He subsequently finished third in the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes behind **Ten Sovereigns**, another grandson of **Exceed And Excel**. **Rumble Inthejungle** is an exciting prospect for this season's top sprint races, including the Gr.1 Commonwealth Cup.

The Gr.3 Cornwallis Stakes and Gr.3 Molecomb Stakes winner also sired the Listed Premio Vittorio Crespi winner and Gr.3-placed filly **Sopran Artemide** in 2018. He was the first of last year's newcomers to record a winner with **Jungle Jane**, beating subsequent Gr.1 Moyglare Stakes heroine **Skitter Scatter (Scat Daddy)** on debut at Dundalk on 28th March.

Buyers took note of **Bungle Inthejungle** when the 2018 yearling sales rolled around, with his son out of **Nafta** attaining the highest price of the Goffs Sportsman's sale, being sold to Roger Marley of Church Farm for €90,000. He was also responsible for the sale's highest-priced filly, a €65,000 purchase by Joe Foley from Newlands House Stud.

His success in the sales ring and on the track came through foals conceived at a fee of €5,000, which makes his success all the more remarkable. Accordingly, he has received a substantial fee increase to €12,000 for this season.

KUROSHIO

Exceed And Excel's Australian son **Kuroshio** returns to the Northern Hemisphere for the 2019 season on the back of the success of his first crop last year. He stood for a single breeding season at Overbury Stud in 2015 but was poorly patronised by breeders, covering just 33 mares during his time in Gloucestershire.

The 22 foals that resulted from those matings did their sire proud in 2018. From 14 runners he sired six winners for a 43 per cent strike rate, with the Alan King-trained **Dunkerron** successful twice and earning black type courtesy of second place in the Gr.2 Vintage Stakes. **Kuroshio** also sired **Daphnia**, second in the Listed Marygate Stakes to subsequent Gr.2 winner and Gr.1 second **Signora Cabello (Showcasing)**. Interestingly, both of **Kuroshio's** Stakes performers are out of mares whose sires are sons of **Green Desert; Cape Cross** and **Invincible Spirit** respectively.

A full-brother to Gr.3 Blue Diamond Prelude winner **Believe'N'Succeed**, who is also the dam of New Zealand Champion Sprinter **Bounding (Lonhro)**, as well as the aforementioned **Anthony Van Dyck**, **Kuroshio** won the colts' version of the race his full-sister was successful in as a two-year-old and won the Gr.2 McEwen Stakes over 1000m at three. His dam **Snow Drift (Gone West)** is a three-parts-sister to the dam of Gr.1 Carter Handicap winner, Gr.1 Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile and Gr.1 Donn Handicap second and sire **Morning Line**, by **Tiznow**. Their dam **November Snow** won both the Gr.1 Alabama Stakes and Gr.1 Test Stakes and the daughter of **Storm Cat** is a full-sister to the multiple US Group winner and sire **Scatmandu**.

Kuroshio's second spell in the Northern Hemisphere is at Clongiffen Stud in Ireland, where he stands on behalf of Compas Stallions and Rabban Stallions at an increased fee of €6,000.



PEDIGREE FOCUS

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COTAI GLORY

Standing at Tally-Ho Stud, **Cotai Glory** has an important victory in common with the hugely successful **Bungle Inthejungle**; that of success in Glorious Goodwood's Gr.3 Molecomb Stakes.

Cotai Glory was a high-class sprinter during his racing career for trainer Charlie Hills, finishing second in the Gr.1 King's Stand Stakes and third in the Gr.1 Nunthorpe Stakes. He is a full-brother to the Listed-placed filly **Excel's Beauty** and a half-brother to the Listed winner **Permission**, a daughter of **Authorized**. Their unraced **Elusive Quality** dam is a full-sister to **Huntdown**, third in the Gr.1 Middle Park Stakes.

With that in mind, it is easy to see why breeders flocked to him in their droves last season, his first at stud, and he covered in excess of 180 mares at a fee of €6,000. Tally-Ho has reduced his fee slightly to €5,000 for the 2019 season.

JAMES GARFIELD

The latest son of **Exceed And Excel** to retire to stud is the high-class **James Garfield**, a Gr.2 winner at two who was narrowly denied a triumph at the highest level as a three-year-old. Bred by Bill Gredley, who will continue to support him at stud, **James Garfield** has the pedigree and performance to excel as a stallion for Rathbarry Stud.

Winner of the Gr.2 Mill Reef Stakes and the Gr.3 Greenham Stakes, he is out of the Listed Chesham Stakes winner **Whazzat (Daylami)**, a daughter of **Wosaita** who is a **Generous** half-sister to Gr.1 Prix de Diane winner **Rafha (Kris)**, the dam of leading sire **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)**, a prolific font of successful stallion sons, and **Kodiac (Danehill)**, a world record holder as a sire of two-year-old winners. **James Garfield** will stand at a fee of €7,000.



James Garfield winning the Gr.3 Greenham Stakes at Newbury in 2018. He stands at Rathbarry Stud. © Steve Cargill

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Anglo-Scottish brewing magnate William Hall Walker, later Lord Wavertree, purchased land at Tully in 1900 from the Fay family and became the era's most successful breeder. He loaned homebred **Minoru (Cyllene)** to King Edward VII and he won the 1909 Derby, making the King the only reigning monarch to win it. He also bred five consecutive winners of the Gimcrack Stakes and warned bookmakers would control the sport in a speech at the traditional dinner. He believed in astrology and gave away horses born under a bad sign; he only lost one good horse, but he was very good, **Prince Palatine (Persimmon)**, winner of the St Leger and other top-class races. He introduced Aga Khan III to British racing and constructed the Japanese Gardens, probably the finest in Europe and a real attraction at Tully today. He was a remarkable man indeed.

In 1915, he gave the entire stud and its stock to the Crown and the National Stud under Sir Henry Greer produced the winners of all the Classics, headed by **Sun Chariot (Hyperion)**, winner of the fillies' Triple Crown for King George VI in 1942. It became the Irish National Stud in 1946 and occupies 850 acres, with 400 stables and a roster of seven stallions.

They are headed by multiple Champion sire and Gr.1 winner **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)**, sire of 18 top-flight winners to date, who has several sons at stud around the world. One of them is **National Defense**, a Champion Two-Year-Old in France after winning the Gr.1 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere and whose first foals are expected at any time. He was joined at the stud last year by the triple Gr.1 winner **Decorated Knight (Galileo)**, who is out of a full-sister to multiple Champion sire **Giant's Causeway**. Fellow Gr.1 winner **Free Eagle (High Chaparral)**, will have his first runners this season, while the dual Classic-placed **Gale Force Ten (Oasis Dream)** had his first in 2018.

Established sires on this year's roster include the dual Pattern winner **Dragon Pulse (Kyllachy)**, sire of ten Stakes horses to date, along with the dual Gr.3 winner **Elusive Pimpernel (Elusive Quality)**, who has sired five Stakes horses at a minimal fee, as well as several promising young National Hunt horses.



Triple Gr.1 winner **Decorated Knight (Galileo)**, whose first foals will be on the ground this spring.



Multiple Champion sire **Invincible Spirit (Green Desert)** remains the star of the stud. © Bronwen Healy

The stud is also home to the *Living Legends*, including **Hurricane Fly**, who holds the world record for the number of Gr.1 wins by any racehorse at 22; Gr.1 Cheltenham Gold Cup victor **Kicking King**; ten-time Gr.1-winning chaser **Beef Or Salmon**; dual Gr.1 Champion Hurdle winner **Hardy Eustace** and Gr.1 Gold Cup hero **Rite Of Passage**. The on-site museum houses the skeleton of **Arkle**, the greatest steeplechaser ever; memorabilia connected with **Sea The Stars**, who was bred and raised at the stud, and Gr.1 Melbourne Cup winner **Vintage Crop**. Along with the Japanese Gardens, the stud contains St Flachra's Garden, designed in 1999 by Martin Hallinan, commemorating the patron saint of gardeners.

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Gr.1 winner **Free Eagle (High Chaparral)** will have his first runners this year.

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Meet the Living Legends

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2 - 2:45pm

Stallion Parade

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