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NZ Tour an Outstanding Success!



Mick looking at prospective purchase

Our recently completed New Zealand tour was an outstanding success and a great time was had by all and we managed to secure an outstanding colt by Stravinsky in the process which has just been fully syndicated. The colt will be over in Australia next month and head on up to Sean Mott to be broken in. It was an extremely tough sale which saw averages go up 30% due in part to a strong New Zealand local market but also due to a brand new player to the market in Nathan Tinkler who splashed \$8.9 million forcing the median prices up substantially. However we were there to get a nice horse and that we did with the colt in question coming from the family that has produced two of Australia's greatest modern-day stallions in Flying Spur and Encosta de Lago. His future will also be secured at stud if racetrack performances deem it possible however attitude and temperament will also play a big part so fingers crossed on all counts!

The party that joined the tour to New Zealand had nothing but praise on the way that New Zealand Bloodstock looked after us all including the terrific facilities at Langham's

Hotel, pick up to the sales and return in luxurious vehicles and complimentary entry to the New Zealand Bloodstock marquee on Magic Millions Race Day was also an enjoyable day. Auckland is an outstanding place to share the tour as it is only a short cab ride to the viaduct which was a popular place for us all to go and socialise throughout the week. Without names being mentioned a couple of highlights worth mentioning was one member decided that it was time to walk back to his motel (without remembering doing so) when it was his shout and another member decided to continue bidding on a lovely Pentire colt after I had bailed out, such was his enthusiasm for the horse. Some concern was also raised by some of us re-entering customs in Australia as some of the guys armed themselves with so many caps that they collected from the studs at the sales that they were worried they would be questioned for importing a commercial quantity. All fears were quickly put aside as we all entered without question but look out at the local markets as I am sure there is a bargain to be found!



A great night out by the touring party at "The Steakhouse"



A few of the team learning some of the finer points from Mick



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Sales Updates!



Testa Rossa/Raven's Pal filly

As previously mentioned after a buoyant New Zealand sale the first Australian sale for 2008 was here in Melbourne and with averages up 26% it was indeed tough going and obvious that quality would sell. United Syndications extended itself to new limits in securing two yearlings by Testa Rossa and Elvstroem and we are absolutely delighted with the additions.

The Testa Rossa filly was purchased for 82,500 and comes from an outstanding

From the Stable!

Believe it or not action is currently centred around our Pentire gelding (just named **Our Gold Bullion**). He is doing everything right since coming over from New Zealand despite an early scare and seems destined to be making his racetrack debut shortly. A very forward/running Pentire with a turn of foot this guy was bought as a future stayer in New Zealand last year but seems to be one that wants to run and does not need a long time to develop. His progress has been excellent and may give this syndicate and earlier than expected present.

Bella's Bro who has recently transferred back to the Leon Macdonald stable in Adelaide returned to some of his old form running third at his most recent run at Morphettville on Adelaide Cup Day. The winner of \$95,000 in stakes he will now head to Penola to run in the Penola Cup over 1700 m on Easter Sunday. His half relation in **Damselfly** is currently in pretraining with John Ledger at Wangaratta and should have a look at Caulfield this time in. This daughter of Flying Spur has grown

into a lovely filly and has settled in well with John, who has given some nice reports about her. The spelling paddocks see **Royal Charades** who is expected to have at least another month, **Colbert** (approx six weeks) and **Princess Carolina** (to be decided due to a very nasty spider bite). Our brood mares are all good with **Ready Made Family** in foal to Choisir and **La Bella Dame** in foal to Hussonet, and a reminder that her foal by Johannesburg goes under the hammer at the upcoming Sydney Easter Sales.



Elvstroem/China Tilla filly

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