



SUN STUD PURCHASES GROUP 1 WINNING COLT

Sun Stud has announced itself as a major new player in international racing and breeding with the acquisition of one of the best 3yo colts in the country.

Sun Stud has signalled its intention to become a force in the bloodstock industry with the acquisition of a stake in Palentino - the start of an expansion in Australian racing and breeding.

Previously known as Eliza Park International, the change in name comes after the initial purchase of the racing and breeding operation in 2013 by the Sun International Group.

The Sun International Group has vast business interests worldwide and the new name will align the stud with the other successful companies within the organisation.

"With its well established foundations and history of success, Eliza Park was the perfect platform for the international growth and development of our thoroughbred interests" - Danielle Cheng, Managing Director of Sun Stud.

"We welcome this exciting change and look forward to continued success with the Sun International brand," Cheng said.

Winner of the Group 1 Australian Guineas at Flemington, Palentino is a son of the juvenile Group 1 winner and proven global stallion Teofilo. Palentino will race on for further Group 1 glory in 2016, before retiring to stud in Victoria for the 2017 season.

"There were a number of studs pursuing Palentino and we have been fortunate enough to secure a 50 percent stake. He is the type of colt we are wanting to stand and make available for our clients and mare owners," said Sales and Nominations Manager, Mark Lindsay.



Group 1-winner PALENTINO will stand at Sun Stud in Victoria in 2017

Sun Stud will continue to operate farms in both Victoria and Queensland and will be announcing fees for its powerful Australian stallion roster in the coming fortnight.

The stud is determined to grow its presence both domestically and internationally.

A number of yearling colts have been purchased under the Sun Bloodstock banner from both the Magic Millions and Inglis sales this year. The country's leading trainers will nurture the careers of these potential stallion prospects.

Sun Stud currently has ten mares in foal to high profile stallions including Dubawi, Dansili, Invincible Spirit and Medaglia D'Oro in the Northern Hemisphere and the offspring of these well bred matrons will be sold at the major European yearling sales.

Another exciting venture will see four mares in foal Southern Hemisphere time to Tapit, imported to Australia from the USA. Tapit is one of the hottest stallions on the planet at present and the arrival of the mares at the Kerrie farm in Victoria next week will be a major coup.

On the international racing front, Criquette Head-Maarek, trainer of 6-time Group 1 winner Treve, has a number of unraced 2yo colts by stallions such as Cape Cross, Sea The Stars, Teofilo, Invincible Spirit and Fastnet Rock currently in work at her Chantilly training base in France. And young gun Hugo Palmer has smart juveniles by Dark Angel and Galileo on his books that are trained out of Newmarket in the UK.

While closer to home, Group 2 Grand Prix de Chantilly winner Spiritjim, a €570,000 purchase at the October Arqana Arc sale, will race on in the Sun Stud silks. Chris Waller has taken the reins of the lightly raced 6-time winner and he is close to commencing his first Australian preparation out of the leading trainer's Sydney stable.

Sun Stud is committed to racing and breeding the best and the future looks very bright indeed.

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