



Adaay leading the way

It is an acknowledged fact that the way in which our industry judges young sires has shifted significantly over the last two decades. Where once Classic stamina was important, speed and precocity has become increasingly prized, which means the spotlight is shone every more intently on the results a stallion achieves in his earliest years at stud.

Ed Harper and his team at Whitsbury Manor Stud in Hampshire will therefore be delighted with the flying start that the dual Gr.2 winner **Adaay (Kodiac)** has made to his stud career. In this highly-unusual year, with a truncated Flat season, the young stallion was the leading first season in Britain by number of individual winners in Europe to the end of August, with earnings of over £140,000, and was lying joint-second in the list of leading first crop sires in Europe by number of winners, sharing the second spot with Haras de Colleville's **Goken** in behind Tally-Ho Stud's **Mehmas**.

Adaay has also been siring quality as well as quantity, with three black-type performers already representing him, ahead of the cavalcade of juvenile Stakes racing between now and the end of the season.

Those Stakes performers are headed by the Italian-trained **Doctor Strange**, who became his sire's first winner when striking in Milan at the end of May, just days into the new season in Italy. Having also taken a conditions event at Rome the following month, he returned to Milan to finish third in the Gr.3 Premio Primi Passi over 1200m in early July. That result was followed for **Adaay** by his daughter **Furlong Factor** finishing runner-up in the Listed Marygate Stakes at York, also in July, while **Tea Dance** finished third in Listed company at La Teste in July and filled the same spot in the Listed Prix de la Vallée d'Auge at Deauville in mid-August.

Adaay's sire success began in the sales ring, where last year his yearlings sold at public auction were headed by a colt fittingly bred by Whitsbury Manor and purchased by Shadwell for £210,000 at the Goffs UK Premier Yearling Sale. Named **Asadjumeirah** and a half-brother to **Heartache (Kyllachy)**, winner of the Gr.2 Flying Childers Stakes and the Gr.2 Queen Mary Stakes, and the Listed-placed **Heartwarming (Showcasing)**, the colt finished third on his only start to date.

Burrows also trains the second-highest priced of **Adaay's** sales yearlings last year, another Shadwell purchase. Now named **Twaasol**, he was bought for 150,000gns during Book 2 of the



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Tattersalls October Yearling Sale and has struck twice for his sire this season, winning on debut at Windsor in June and following up the next month in the famed EBF Woodcote Stakes at Epsom on Derby day.

Trained by William Haggas, **Adaay** also raced for Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum's Shadwell operation. Having broken his maiden on debut at Newbury in May, he also took a novice contest at Yarmouth and went on to be Listed-placed behind the future Gr.1 winner **Limato**. At three, he defeated the subsequent Gr.1 winner **Jungle Cat** to win the Listed Pavilion Stakes and then turned the tables on **Limato** when winning the Gr.2 Sandy Lane Stakes. Later that season, he bested **Coulsty** to win the Gr.2 Hungerford Stakes, and as a four-year-old he was beaten only a head in the Gr.3 Criterion Stakes and was also third in the Gr.2 Park Stakes.

Out of the **Royal Applause** mare **Lady Lucia**, he is a half-brother to several winners headed by the speedy Stakes-placed **Mullionmileanhour (Mull Of Kintyre)** and is of course a son of one of the best speed influences currently in the stallion ranks.

