

Become a KP partner

Interest in joining the Kingsley Park partnerships has been so strong Mark has decided to add a third partnership for next season, allowing even more people to sign up and enjoy the fun. Last month we gave details of KP8; now on these pages we feature KP9, which had already been planned, and KP10, which has been set up in response to meet the high demand following the launch of KP8.

THE KINGSLEY PARK 10 partnership will consist of 20 shares in three yearling colts who will race for the partnership in 2018 and 2019. A share can be purchased either by paying £7,000 up front or by paying a deposit of £3,300 with six, monthly instalments of £700 to follow. A second payment of £1,500 for each horse taken into the second year of the partnership would then have to be paid in November 2018.

Three exciting colts have been lined up to race for the partnership. The first is a chestnut colt, foaled on April 10, 2016, by the former MJR Group 1 winner **Shamardal** out of the Danehill Dancer mare, **Sexy Lady**, bought by Mark as part of Book 2 of the Tattersalls October Yearling Sale. Shamardal is, of course, one of the leading sires in Europe, with 18 individual Group 1 winners to his name and several of his sons standing as sires in their own right.

Sexy Lady won four races in France and Germany, including the Group 3 Prix Chloe at Maisons-Laffitte and the Listed Festa-Rennen at Baden-Baden, both over nine furlongs as a three-year-old. In the paddocks, she has produced three winners from three runners, out of five foals of racing age. Sexy Girl, Salamati and Showtime are all multiple winners in Germany.

Also racing for Kingsley Park 10 will be a bay colt foaled on February 16, 2016, by **Dream Ahead** out of the Dansili mare, **Black Dahlia**. The Diktat stallion Dream Ahead was joint champion two-year-old in Europe in 2010 (with Frankel), having won the Prix Morny and the Middle Park Stakes, and Champion Sprinter in Europe in 2011, after July Cup and Betfred Sprint Cup success. Retired in 2012, he has



Shamardal colt out of Sexy Lady

proved popular at stud having produced the likes of Al Wukair, Donjuan Triumphant and Raucous. At Kingsley Park, Dream Today, Love Dreams, Peach Melba and Haley Bop have kept his flag flying.

At age three and four, Black Dahlia won five races between seven furlongs and a mile and a quarter. She was placed no fewer than 18 times, and finished second in Kempton's Listed Ladybird Stakes over a mile. She has produced two winners from her two previous foals. Al Hayyah, by Lope de Vega, won a race in France and was three times Listed placed in 2016; Another Eclipse, also by Lope de Vega, won a three-year-old maiden over 10 furlongs at Brighton in July.

Completing the trio of colts is a bay

colt, foaled on May 25, by first-season sire **War Command** out of the Machiavellian mare, **Aguinaga**. This fellow was picked up by Mark at Tattersalls December Yearling Sale. War Command, a son of War Front, was an exciting juvenile, winning the Group 2 Coventry Stakes by six lengths before going on to land the Group 1 Dewhurst, in the process becoming only the second colt to land the Coventry/Dewhurst double since Mill Reef in 1970.

Aguinaga won once, at three, when she won a Thurles maiden over an extended mile and a half. She ran just once as a juvenile, finishing third in a mile maiden at Navan behind subsequent Group 3 winner, Chiang Mai.

Her four winners in the paddocks



Dream Ahead colt out of Black Dahlia



War Command colt out of Aguinaga



Mambo Dancer

include Second Serve, a winner for MJR at three, and Conquest, by Invincible Spirit, who won the Gimcrack Stakes (Group 2) at York and an Ascot Group 3 as a four-year-old.

AFTER the October Horses-in-Training sales, Mark was delighted to confirm the identity of the two horses allocated to the Kingsley Park 9 – Ready To Run partnership for the period December 1 to November 30, 2018.

First up is **Poet's Society**, a three-year-old gelding by Poet's Voice out of the Rahy mare, Rahiyah. A half-brother to Rah Rah and to the Group-placed Decathlete, Poet's Society raced for Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed over the last two seasons and has already won five times – three times on the all-weather and twice on turf, including on the July Course at Newmarket.

He has also been placed second or third on nine occasions, and has already

amassed more than £54,000 in prize-money. He is currently rated 86 on both turf and the all-weather, and this year's campaign saw him race at all the big meetings – Ascot, York, Goodwood, Newmarket, Epsom and Chester.

Mark is confident he can take partners to these meetings again next year. To date, he has been racing over sprint distances, but Mark is hoping to step him up in trip as the season progresses and it will be interesting to see how he fares.

The second member of the KP9 team is **Mambo Dancer**, a three-year-old gelding by So You Think out of the Southern Halo mare, Mambo Halo. That makes him a half-brother not only to Mambo Paradise and Mambo Rhythm, who between them won six races for MJR, but also to Earl of Leitrim, a Listed winner of the Doncaster Stakes as a juvenile.

His sire, a multiple Group 1 winner in both hemispheres, improved with age to such an extent that he won six Group 1 races at ages five and six!

Although still a maiden, Mambo Dancer



Poet's Society

has been placed on four of his 11 starts showing a good level of placed form. He is currently rated 63, and hopefully will lose his maiden tag in the early part of the year.

He has been racing over a variety of trips, but his best performances to date seem to have come around the mile and a half distance.

With a sprinter and a stayer on board, KP9 partners can look forward to an exciting mix of racing action in the months ahead. Some shares are still available at a cost of £4,500, or £4,900 if paid by instalments.

Shares in these partnerships are expected to sell quickly, with a number of people already having signed up before the horses were allocated. Interested parties should get in touch as soon as possible either by calling the MJR office on 01969 622237 or by sending an e-mail to partners@markjohnstonracing.com