## **Press release**



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# David Ashby Underwriting renews sponsorship for rising jockey Rossa Ryan for second year running

David Ashby Underwriting, part of DUAL Group, today announces the renewal of the sponsorship agreement with jockey Rossa Ryan for the 2024 flat racing season. The partnership, now entering its second year, continues to showcase the mutual commitment to excellence in the world of horse racing.

David Ashby Underwriting is a leading insurance specialist in bloodstock and High Value Sport Horse insurance. They have a wide network of contacts and leading veterinarians all over the world which allows them to give clients access to the best experts in their field.

To date, Rossa has had a total of 557 career wins and counting with two Royal Ascot wins in 2023, including a 150-1 win in the Group 2 Norfolk Stakes where he rode Adrian Murray trained horse Valiant Force to victory. His 202 wins in 2023 alone also include his first Group 1 victory. Held at the Pertemps Network July Cup Stakes in Newmarket on Julie Camacho trained horse Shaquille - a significant achievement in his career so far.

David Ashby, CEO of David Ashby Underwriting said: "We are delighted to extend our partnership with Rossa Ryan for another year. He has proved himself as a force to be reckoned with in the world of flat racing over the past year and has a well-deserved reputation as one of the most promising jockeys of his generation. We look forward to continuing this journey with him and seeing what's in store for him next!"

Rossa Ryan, added: "I'm very happy to continue my relationship with David Ashby Underwriting and really value their support in my career. Ashby are part of the fabric of the racing world and have previously sponsored many jockeys over the years including Ryan Moore, Andrea Atzeni, Richard Johnson, Andrew Thornton, Tom O'Brien and Josh Moore. I look forward to working with them again in the year ahead."

DUAL is the underwriting arm of Howden, the leading global insurance group. Howden has already made considerable investments in horse racing and supports clients from the grassroots to the elite levels. The company is an official partner of Ascot racecourse in the UK, and recently announced two new horse racing sponsorships with the Victoria Racing Club and The Bahrain Turf Club, reinforcing its commitment to the global equine market and strengthening its connection to horse racing.

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#### Notes to editors

## **About David Ashby Underwriting**

David Ashby Underwriting has underwritten Bloodstock Insurance for over 25 years, dealing with many of the world's leading owners, breeders and trainers. David Ashby Underwriting was formed in 2020 and later became part of DUAL in 2023.

## **About DUAL**

DUAL, the specialist underwriting arm of Howden Group, is driven by a mission to be the MGA of choice for brokers, clients and carriers, through provision of deep underwriting expertise and global distribution. DUAL Group is one of the world's largest international underwriting agencies with US\$3.2bn of GWP.

DUAL's investment in data and technology enables it to deliver over 70 products and services with speed and efficiency to 11,000 broker partners working with over 70 carrier partners worldwide.

Established in 1998, today DUAL has over 1,500 people in 21 countries across the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific, and is one of Lloyd's' largest international coverholders.

## **About Howden**

Howden is a leading global insurance group with employee ownership at its heart. Founded in 1994, it provides insurance broking, reinsurance broking and underwriting services and solutions to clients ranging from individuals to the largest multinational companies.

The group operates in 50 countries across Europe, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, the USA, Australia and New Zealand, employing 15,000 people and handling \$35bn of premium on behalf of clients.

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