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**PROMOTIONAL ANALYSIS FOR:
JOYFUL VICTORY**

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As a sire, Tapit has become a genuine phenomenon. He has also rapidly established himself as a particularly distinguished sire of fillies and mares, with no less than seven of his daughters having scored at grade one level, among them Champion Stardom Bound, Tapitsfly, Careless Jewel and Zazu. None, however, have shown form of the highest level over such a length of time as Joyful Victory, who holds the distinction of having been a grade one performer at two, three, four and five years of age.

At two, Joyful Victory wasted little time in demonstrating that she was a filly of considerable potential, a debut victory being followed by a third in the Frizette Stakes (gr. I). Her standing among her contemporaries was further enhanced at three, when she began her season with a near nine lengths triumph in the Honeybee Stakes (gr. III) and a seven lengths tally in the Fantasy Stakes (gr. II). An excellent fourth to Plum Pretty in a vintage renewal of the Kentucky Oaks (gr. I) after encountering traffic problems, Joyful Victory further underlined her classic standing with a second in the Mother Goose Stakes (gr. I).

Joyful Victory continued to show exemplary consistency against top-class opposition at four. After defeating the talented Ravi's Song for the Tiffany Lass Stakes at the start of the campaign, Joyful Victory earned graded stakes placings in each of her five subsequent starts that year, including seconds in the Zenyatta Stakes (gr. I), the Gardenia Stakes (gr. III), with such as Sassy Image and Holiday Soiree behind, and the Chilukki Stakes (gr. II), where she missed by just a head, with the Gardenia Stakes captress Salty Strike back in third. After three seasons contending with the best of her contemporaries, Joyful Victory returned better than ever at the age of five. The year saw her add three more stakes triumphs to her record, including a spectacular pillar-to-post performance in the Santa Margarita Stakes (gr. I), where she drew off to score by four lengths, with margins of 5¼ lengths, and 13¾ lengths back to the placed horses. Wide margin victories seemed to be the theme of the season, as the gray also recorded a front-running 7½ lengths victory in the Molly Pitcher Stakes (gr. II), and another all-the-way win, this time in the \$400,000 Houston Ladies Classic, by a 4½ lengths margin. In all, the record shows that Joyful Victory is a seven time winner, with six of those coming in stakes events. She also claimed placings in eight graded contests, four of them grade one, for total earnings of \$1,252,679.

While Tapit has made a meteoric rise through the sires' ranks, he is as yet untested as a broodmare sire. There are, however, sound reasons to expect him to also distinguish himself in that role. In addition to his excellent record of a sire of distaffers – often a barometer of success as a broodmare sire – he also boasts an exceptional pedigree being a son of Pulpit, out of an Unbridled mare from the immediate family of Relaunch. A product of the

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extremely successful Tapit/Wild Again cross that has already produced six stakes performers, Joyful Victory is out of Wild Lucy Black, a sister to stakes placed Fine Impression, and to Wild Lucy, the dam of stakes winner Charlie Papa, and three-quarters sister to the multiple grade one winner A Wild Ride. The second dam, Lucy Black, is a daughter of Alydar and is half-sister to Champion Two-Year-Old Colt Roving Boy. The family traces to stakes winner War Kilt, who not only has an intriguing pedigree – she is inbred 3 x 3 to Fairy Gold and Rock Sand, two of the four grandparents of Man o' War – but is also a sister to War Relic, the sire who is the conduit through whom Man o' War's male line comes down to the present day. In that respect, it is worth noting that Tapit's dam has a double cross of In Reality, a Man o' War line stallion who is inbred to War Relic. We should also not overlook the fact that it was a similar cross of a son of War Relic out of a granddam of War Kilt that produced Champion Two-Year-Old Roving Boy.

A grade one winner of over \$1,250,000, a grade one performer every year from two to five, by one of the world's leading sires, and from an historic family, there is no denying that Joyful Victory has it all, when it comes to broodmare potential.

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