

mannered horse. He raced professionally and showed a lot of ability. We are thinking he is quite a nice type. He is only two, so he has got it all ahead."

INTERNATIONAL

Kew Gardens retired



Kew Gardens

RACING POST

Champion stayer Kew Gardens (Galileo) has been retired and will stand at Coolmore's national hunt stud from next season. Trained by Aidan O'Brien, the dual Group 1 winner was last seen defeating fellow champion Stradivarius (Sea The Stars) in the British Champions Long Distance Cup (Gr 2, 1m 7.5f) in October last year. "Kew Gardens is a big, good-looking horse, clear winded and an excellent mover," said O'Brien. "He has a super mind and is extremely brave. He was a top-class middle-distance horse." The five-year-old had 17 starts for six wins and seven placings, earning a total of £1,399,112 in prize-money.

World Tote Association created

The World Tote Association (WoTA) has been

established, it was announced yesterday. The organisation will bring together 20 horse betting operators, all who were members of the European Pari Mutuel Association (EPMA) and the Asian African Tote Association (AATA), and it will focus on four key pillars: revenue investment, technology optimisation, social responsibility standards and the creation of national and global pools. Australia's Paul Cross, General Manager International at Tabcorp, and the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Richard Cheung will co-chair WoTA for the first two years. "We have created a body to represent tote operators globally and show people that the Association is not created to talk a lot but to do a lot," said Cross.

Kentucky Derby to welcome fans

The rescheduled Kentucky Derby (Gr 1, 10f), to be held at Churchill Downs on September 5, will be open to spectators, the racetrack announced on Thursday. The Run for the Roses is traditionally run on the first Saturday in May as the first leg of the American Triple Crown, but it is now the second leg after Tiz The Law (Constitution) won the first leg, the Belmont Stakes (Gr 1, 9f), last week. A usual Kentucky Derby would welcome between 150,000 and 170,000 people to the Louisville track and, while there will be nowhere near as many patrons as that, a ticket limit is yet to be determined. "Our team is deeply committed to holding the best Kentucky Derby ever, and we will take all necessary steps to protect the health and safety of all who attend and participate in the Derby," said Churchill Downs president Kevin Flanery.

Focus Gaming News

<https://focusgn.com/tote-betting-operators-new-global-body>

Tote operators launch new global body

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Tote gambling operators from all continents have created a new body to represent the trade.

Belgium.- Twenty tote betting operators from Europe, Asia, the US, Africa and Australia have joined forces to create the World Tote Association (WoTA).

The body, which will be headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, aims to boost equestrian sport and create better conditions for operators internationally.

The founding members include from Europe the UK Tote Group, Tote Ireland, Sweden's AB Trav och Galopp, and France's Zeturf, the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Australia's Tabcorp, Churchill Downs and AmTote from the US and South Africa's Phumelela.

Paul Cross, Head of International at Tabcorp, and Richard Cheung, Head of International Business Development at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, will jointly chair the new body for its first two years.

Cheung said: "WoTA is an association to promote interest in tote business and drive prosperity [for the sector]."

ATG's Chief Executive Hasse Lord Skarplöth has been elected deputy chair and Keith Johnson, Chief Executive of Stronach Group-owned US tote technology provider AmTote, will take responsibility for finance.

The body held its first general assembly virtually this month and established objectives and priorities, including collaborative best practice in the use of technology to ensure engaging customer experience, revenue contributions to support the horseracing sector and social responsibility standards.

The European Pari Mutuel Association and the Asian African Tote Association will transfer knowledge and achievements to the new World Tote Association.

Skarplöth said: "I am convinced that this is a force needed to maintain and, in the long run, lift the world's trotting and cantering sports to new levels.

"It will further simplify collaboration; we can benefit from the knowledge and different experiences, and act as a strong force for horse gaming companies worldwide."

The UK Tote Group and Tote Ireland recently reached an agreement on a partnership deal for Irish tote betting.

Betting Operators Unite to form WOTA

Friday, June 26, 2020 at 12:48 pm



The Tote Irish Cesarewitch won by Digeanta (Billy Lee) The Curragh Photo: Patrick McCann 11.10.2015

Pari Mutuel/Tote operators offering betting on horse racing around the world have united to form the World Tote Association (WoTA). Comprised of 20 operators, members, which represent €20 billion in turnover, will advocate and promote:

- A percentage of revenues going toward supporting beneficiaries, including the horseracing sector
- Optimization of technology and operations to ensure members can exchange best practice and develop mutually beneficial work streams collaboratively
- Leading standards for social responsibility that make safer betting and protection of customers a priority
- National and global pools utilizing technology to ensure an engaging and positive customer experience

WoTA combines members of the European Pari Mutuel Association (EPMA) and the Asian African Tote Association (AATA), which will share their support and resources to the new Association.

Paul Cross, General Manager International at Tabcorp and Richard Cheung, Executive Director, Customer and International Business Development at The Hong Kong Jockey Club are co-chairing WoTA for the first two years. Hans Lord Skarploth, CEO of ATG will act as the Vice Chairman and Keith Johnson, President of AmTote of Stronach Group, will serve as treasurer.

The newly elected Board will present its priorities July 15.

Thoroughbred News

<https://www.thoroughbrednews.com.au/News/Story/20-horse-betting-operators-have-created-the-world-tote-association-123868?section=International>

20 horse betting operators have created the World Tote Association

26 June 2020

The Extraordinary General Assembly organized online on Monday 15 June brought together the world's Pari Mutuel/ Tote operators offering betting on horseracing events around the world.

20 operators representing all continents and a turnover of €20 billion have decided to join forces to advocate and promote:

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- The optimisation of technology and operations to ensure members can exchange best practice and develop mutually beneficial work streams collaboratively
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WoTA merges members of the European Pari Mutuel Association (EPMA) and the Asian African Tote Association (AATA). Both structures will transfer their knowledge, achievements, and legacy to the new Association.

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“WoTA is an Association to promote interest for tote business in the whole world and push prosperity for the industry,” said Richard Cheung.

“We have created a body to represent tote operators globally and show people that the Association is not created to talk a lot but to do a lot,” said Paul Cross.

The newly elected Board will present its priorities on 15 July 2020.

The Headquarters are in Brussels: WoTA, [Avenue des Arts 43 - 1040](#) Brussels, Belgium.