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# The Taj Mahal

Galileo - You're so thrilling, by Storm Cat

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## Key Points

- From the one of the **best** and most **prolific** families in the stud book – the family of **Mariah's Storm** and Champion Sire **Giant's Causeway**

*“If his progeny inherit a fraction of his speed and courage, the sport will be spoilt for champions.”*

– jockey Mick Kinane on the Iron Horse, Giant's Causeway

- A full brother to four Group winners including Champions **Gleneagles** and **Happily**
- Raced against the best on **three continents**
- Peak Australian WFA ratings of 103 and 102 – the **only** horse to record two performances in the top 10 ratings over 2040m from November 2017 to November 2018
- Exhibited a **high cruising speed** that rated him **+11 lengths faster** than the average Metropolitan winner's time rating at 2040m or further over the past four seasons

*“...a tough, resolute on pacer who never gives up...”*

– theage.com.au

Winning the  
2018 G3 JRA Cup



## Pedigree

Multiple Group winner The Taj Mahal has a pedigree with impeccable credentials, hailing from one of the most prolific and best families in the stud book.

The Taj Mahal is a full brother to Champion 2YO Colt and Champion Miler **Gleneagles** who is described by Coolmore as having *‘the ultimate sire's pedigree’*, with his first crop yearlings selling up to 600,000 Euros in 2018 and already the sire of **two winners from just two runners**. In addition to Gleneagles, The Taj Mahal is a full brother to three additional Group winners including Champion 2YO Filly Happily.

Hailing from the prolific family of Mariah's Storm, his second dam, The Taj Mahal is out of the Group 2 winning Storm Cat mare You'resothrilling, a full sister to **world class sire Giant's Causeway**, who sired 31 individual Group 1 winners and was named Champion Sire in North America on three separate occasions in addition to becoming a highly successful broodmare sire.

By the great **Galileo**, who has produced sixty Group 1 winners to-date and is a sire of sires with his highly successful sire sons, Frankel, Teofilo, and New Approach, The Taj Mahal is bred on the same Galileo/Storm Cat cross as European Champion 2yo and dual Guineas winner Churchill.

27% of Galileo's Group 1 winners are out of mares from the prolific **DANEHILL** line,

suggesting that The Taj Mahal will also nick with these mares. Other ALMAHMOUD family members such as **MACHIAVELLIAN** (sire of **STREET CRY**) and mares carrying sons of **HALO** also appeal.

The Taj Mahal's damsire Storm Cat has an affinity with **NIJINSKY II**, so mares carrying **ROYAL ACADEMY** appeal. As **FASTNET ROCK** is by Danehill out of a Royal Academy mare, his daughters tick all the boxes for The Taj Mahal.

Mares by **ROBERTO** or his sons create a desirable sex balanced duplication of Roberto with The Taj Mahal.

Line breeding to Sadler's Wells' tail female line has worked well for Galileo. Damsires carrying this family include **ENCOSTA DE LAGO** (and other **FAIRY KING** sons), **NUREYEV**, **PERUGINO** and **THATCHING**. **ZABEEL** mares carry two lines to this family.

Four Group 1 winners by Galileo have **MR. PROSPECTOR** up close in their dams' pedigrees and he also works well with Storm Cat.

**In summary**, The Taj Mahal looks to have a bright future at stud, due to the astronomical quality of his pedigree in conjunction with its predicted compatibility with many lines commonly found worldwide.

## (THE) TAJ MAHAL (IRE)

Bay horse

Foaled 2014

(SIRE)	Sadler's Wells .....	<b>Northern Dancer</b> .....	by Nearctic.....
<b>GALILEO</b> .....	Urban Sea .....	Fairy Bridge .....	by Bold Reason.....
		Miswaki.....	by Mr. Prospector .....
		Allegretta .....	by Lombard.....
(DAM)	Storm Cat.....	Storm Bird .....	by <b>Northern Dancer</b> ...
<b>YOU'RE SOTHRRILLING</b>	Mariah's Storm.....	Terlingua .....	by Secretariat.....
<b>2005</b>		Rahy .....	by Blushing Groom .....
		Immense.....	by Roberto.....

**GALILEO (IRE) (Bay 1998-Stud 2002). 6 wins-1 at 2, The Derby, Gr.1, Champion GB/Ire, Sire 10 times, Sire of 2067 mrs, 1415 wns, 291 SW, inc. Frankel (York International S., Gr.1), Highland Reel, Cape Blanco, New Approach, Igugu, Decorated Knight, Found, Australia, Rip Van Winkle, Capri, Soldier of Fortune, Ulysses, Magician, Mondialiste, Red Rocks, Adelaide, Nathaniel, Treasure Beach, Intello, Ruler of the World, Minding, Churchill, etc.**

### 1st Dam

**YOU'RE SOTHRRILLING, by Storm Cat. 2 wins** at 2, £52,658, €83,681, Newmarket Cherry Hinton S., **Gr.2**, Naas Swordlestown Stud Sprint S., **Gr.3**, 2d Royal Ascot Albany S., **Gr.3**, Curragh Marble Hill S., **L**, 4th Leopardstown Matron S., **Gr.1**. Sister to **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY, Freud, Tiger Dance, Tumblebrutus, Roar of the Tiger**, Pearlring (dam of **DECORATED KNIGHT**), half-sister to **Butterflies, Hanky Panky, Love Me Only** (dam of **STORM THE STARS**). Dam of 6 foals, 5 to race, **all winners**, inc:-

**GLENEAGLES (c by Galileo) Champion 2YO Colt in Europe & Ireland in 2014.** Champion 3YO Miler in Europe & Ireland in 2015. **7 wins-4** at 2-from 7f to 1m, £527,545, €500,125, Curragh National S., **Gr.1**, Royal Ascot St James's Palace S., **Gr.1**, The Two Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**, Irish Two Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**, Curragh Futurity S., **Gr.2**, Leopardstown Tyros S., **Gr.3**, Curragh Barronstown Stud 2YO S., 3d Longchamp Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, **Gr.1**. Sire.

**HAPPILY (f by Galileo) Champion 2YO Filly in Europe & France in 2017. 4 wins** at 2, £137,557, €570,160, US\$20,000, Curragh Moyglare Stud S., **Gr.1**, Chantilly Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, **Gr.1**, Leopardstown Silver Flash S., **Gr.3**, Curragh Westgrove Hotel Irish 2YO Fillies S., 2d Newmarket Sun Chariot S., **Gr.1**, Curragh Debutante S., **Gr.2**, 3d The One Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**, Irish One Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**, 4th Chantilly Prix de Diane, **Gr.1**.

**MARVELOUS (f by Galileo) Second Top Filly on The 2015 Irish 3YO Free H. Joint Third Top Filly on The 2014 European 3YO Free H. 2 wins-1** at 2-at 1m, £7,087, €184,005, Irish One Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**. Dam of-Fort Myers. **Winner** at 2 in 2019 in Ireland.

**(THE) TAJ MAHAL (c by Galileo) 4 wins.** See below.

**COOLMORE (f by Galileo) Winner** at 2, £30,223, €75,955, US\$107,000, Curragh Park S., **Gr.3**, 2d Leopardstown Ballylinch Stud 2YO Fillies S., 3d Belmont Oaks, **Gr.1**, Curragh Irish Stallion Farms 2YO Fillies S., 4th Newmarket Fillies' Mile, **Gr.1**.

### 2nd Dam

**MARIAH'S STORM, by Rahy. 10 wins-2** at 2-from 5½f to 9f, US\$724,894, Arlington-Washington Lassie S., **Gr.2**, Turfway Breeders' Cup H., **Gr.2**, Churchill Downs Falls City H., **Gr.3**, Arlington Matron H., **Gr.3**, Arlington Heights Oaks, **Gr.3**, Ak-Sar-Ben Oaks, **Gr.3**, Arlington Park Rolling Meadows S., **L**, Churchill Downs Mrs Revere S., **L**, 2d Keeneland Valley View S., **L**, Arlington Park Palatine S., **L**, 3d Keeneland Spinster S., **Gr.1**. Three-quarter-sister to **RELINQUISH**, half-sister to **PANORAMIC, AIR ZION**, Tinaca (dam of **QUEST STAR**). Dam of 13 foals, 11 to race, **8 winners**, inc:-

**GIANT'S CAUSEWAY (c Storm Cat) Horse of the Year in Europe in 2000.** Jt Champion International 3YO (intermediate) in 2000. Champion 3YO Colt in GB in 2000 (Intermediate). Champion 3YO Colt in Ireland in 2000 (Mile & Intermediate). **8 wins-2** at 2-from 1400m to 2100m, £1,373,040, 400,000fr., US\$954,000, Leopardstown Irish Champion S., **Gr.1**, York International S., **Gr.1**, Sandown Eclipse S., **Gr.1**, Goodwood Sussex S., **Gr.1**, Royal Ascot St James's Palace S., **Gr.1**, Longchamp Prix de la Salamandre, **Gr.1**, Curragh Gladness S., **Gr.3**, Futurity S., **Gr.3**, Yeomanstown & Morrinstown Lattin Studs S., 2d Breeders' Cup Classic, **Gr.1**, Ascot Queen Elizabeth II S., **Gr.1**, The Two Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**, Irish Two Thousand Guineas, **Gr.1**. Champion sire.

**YOU'RE SOTHRRILLING (f Storm Cat) 2 wins.** See above.

**Tumblebrutus (c Storm Cat) Winner** at 2, 2d Curragh Futurity S., **Gr.2**, Leopardstown Irish Stallion Farms 2YO S. Sire.

**Freud (c Storm Cat) Winner** at 1m, Curragh Second Empire S., 2d Leopardstown Ballyboden S., Curragh 2YO S., 3d Royal Ascot Cork & Orrery S., **Gr.2**. Sire.

**Butterflies (f Galileo) Winner** at 2, 2d Cork Munster Oaks, **Gr.3**, 3d Curragh Flame of Tara S., **Gr.3**, Leopardstown Irish Stallion Farms 2YO Fillies S.

**Hanky Panky (f Galileo) Winner** at 1m, 2d Curragh Kevin Cullen 2YO Fillies S., 3d Leopardstown Ballyogan S., **Gr.3**, 4th Curragh Silken Glider S., **L**, Galway Corrib S., **L**, Naas Sweet Mimosa S., **L**.

**Tiger Dance (c Storm Cat) Winner** at 2, Leopardstown Irish Stallion Farms S., 3d Curragh Minstrel S., **Gr.3**, 4th Leopardstown Ballycorus S., **Gr.3**. Sire.

**Roar of the Tiger (c Storm Cat) 4 wins-1** at 2-from 6f to 8½f, 3d Ellis Park Governor's H., **L**, 4th Curragh Celebration S., **L**, Mountaineer Park West Virginia Governor's H., **L**. Sire.

Pearling. Placed at 3 in Canada. Dam of 2 winners-

**DECORATED KNIGHT (c Galileo) 8 wins** from 1600m to 2100m, £295,056, €926,670, 1,101,000Dhs in GB, Ireland and U.A.E, Leopardstown Irish Champion S., **Gr.1**, Curragh Tattersalls Gold Cup, **Gr.1**, Meydan Jebel Hatta S., **Gr.1**, Leopardstown Meld S., **Gr.3**, Goodwood Festival S., **L**, Lingfield Winter Derby Trial, **L**, Sandown Daily Price Boosts With Unibet H., 2d Royal Ascot Prince of Wales's S., **Gr.1**, Epsom Diomed S., **Gr.3**, Doncaster DFS 2YO S., 3d Newmarket Joel S., **Gr.2**, 4th Newmarket Darley S., **Gr.3**, Ascot Paradise S., **L**.

Love Me Only. Unraced. Dam of-

**STORM THE STARS (c Sea the Stars) 3 wins** from 1¼m to 1½m, £335,032, €306,080, A\$66,000, York Great Voltigeur S., **Gr.2**, Goodwood Cocked Hat S., **L**, 2d Irish Derby, **Gr.1**, Chester Vase, **Gr.3**, 3d The Derby, **Gr.1**, Longchamp Grand Prix de Paris, **Gr.1**, ATC Hill S., **Gr.2**, NSW Tatt's RC Chelmsford S., **Gr.2**, 4th The St Leger, **Gr.1**.



## Form Analysis

Winner of the 2017 and 2018  
G2 Zipping Classic



### ***Stamina and Speed!***

In a short career in Australia, The Taj Mahal showed top class speed and stamina characteristics with two wins in the 2400m G2 WFA Zipping Classic.

He achieved his peak in 2017, with a dominant 3.5L win over 2016 Melbourne Cup winner Almandin, who would go on the following Autumn to win the G1 WFA Tancred Stakes over 2400m at Rosehill and Big Duke (4.8 length away in 3rd), a three-time Group 1 placegetter who was coming off a 4th placing in the 2017 Melbourne Cup.

In the 12 months spanning his two Zipping Classic wins, **The Taj Mahal's WFA Performance Ratings of 103 and 102 ranked in the top 10 performances we**

**saw in Australia at 2400m. He was the only horse to record two performances in the top 10.**

The Taj Mahal's greatest asset was his high cruising speed and the ability to run fast overall time!

**His time rating winning the 2017 Zipping Classic was +11 lengths faster than the average Metropolitan winner's time rating at 2400m or further over the past 4 seasons.**

He also showed similar speed over 2040m when he won the 2018 G3 JRA Cup at Moonee Valley, recording **a time rating that was +10 lengths faster than the average Metropolitan winner at 2000m over the past 4 seasons.**

## Race Performance

- ▶ WON – October 7, 2016  
**1400m MAIDEN**
- ▶ 4th – June 4, 2017  
**GROUP 1 PRIX DU JOCKEY CLUB**
- ▶ 2nd – August 12, 2017  
**GROUP 1 SECRETARIAT STAKES**
- ▶ 4th – November 11, 2017  
**GROUP 1 EMIRATES STAKES**
- ▶ WON – November 18, 2017  
**GROUP 2 ZIPPING CLASSIC**
- ▶ WON – September 28, 2018  
**GROUP 3 JRA CUP**
- ▶ WON – November 17, 2018  
**GROUP 2 ZIPPING CLASSIC**



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*"It's not often a horse with such an incredible pedigree has the looks to match. He's an absolutely outstanding individual and his family is high class and very current. In my opinion he's the best opportunity for a middle-distance stallion in this part of the world since Dundee."*

- Part-owner Nick Williams,  
racingpost.com



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