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Record number of entries for 2018 Swedish Derby & Oaks Series

The 2018 Scandinavian Challenge, an innovative ten-race series featuring the 101st Swedish Derby and the Swedish Oaks, has received a total of 382 entries.

The entry has been boosted following an innovative initiative by Goffs UK which will see the entire catalogue at the Doncaster Breeze-Up Sale on 11 & 12 April, eligible for the series which boasts total prize money of SEK 9.4 million (approx. €990,000).

A further Triple Crown Bonus of SEK1.5 million will be awarded if the same horse wins the Swedish Derby, the Voter and the Hurricane.

Dennis Madsen, Head of Racing at Svensk Galopp said, "We are delighted with the interest we have received for next year's Scandinavian Challenge and, as there is no supplementary entry stage, we expect most of the horses entered to remain in beyond the first forfeit stage on 22 May.

"The series has attracted strong international interest with more than 40% of the entries coming from outside Sweden and a significant increase on last year's entry of 212 even taking into consideration the large additional number from Goffs UK."

Goffs UK Breeze-Up graduates have enjoyed recent success in Scandinavia with Victor Kalejs, whose latest appearance was in the Listed Al Bastakiya sponsored by Emirates Skywards at Meydan on Super Saturday, being crowned champion two-year-old in Sweden last year.

A total of 147 remain in the 100th Swedish Derby, which will be run at Jagersro on Sunday, 16 July, including Ova Ruled, a three-year-old Native Ruler (GB) filly in training with Staffordshire-based Jennie Candlish whose owners include Manchester United President, Martin Edwards.

Local trainer Lennart JR Reuterskioid who sent out Duke Of Burdon to win the 2016 running of Sweden's most prestigious race is responsible for no fewer than 12 of the 147 forfeits.

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Notes to Editors

About the Swedish Derby

First run in 1918, open to three-year-olds only and run over a distance of 2400m on Jagersro Racecourse's all-weather surface. Prize money in 2018 is 3 million Swedish Krona (£252,000).

Most successful trainer: Wido Neuroth is the most successful trainer in the history of the race with 11 winners, the most recent coming in 2012 with Bomar, sired by Epsom Derby winner, Sir Percy.

Most successful jockey: Fredrik Johannson who rode Bomar to victory in 2012 is the most successful jockey in the history of the race with eight winners.

About Jagersro Racecourse

Jagersro Racecourse is the only combined trotting and thoroughbred racecourse in Sweden. The track was founded in 1907 and is situated in the south of Sweden located 5 kilometres east of Malmö. The track is made up of an all-weather dirt surface and is 1500m round. It is a left-handed course with the finishing straight 400m long.

The Scandinavian Challenge Races

Feature races:

	Total prize fund	Distance	Raceday
The Voter	1,200,000 SEK	1730m	15 th June
The Swedish Derby	3,000,000 SEK	2400m	16 th July
The Hurricane	1,000,000 SEK	2650m	14 th August
The Swedish Oaks	1,400,000 SEK	2400m	14 th August

Supporting races:

The Derby Trial	300,000 SEK	2400m	15 th June
The Bro Park Trial	800,000 SEK	2100m	mid-June
The Sofiero	500,000 SEK	1730m	16 th July
The Derby Day Sprint	500,000 SEK	1200m	16 th July
Derby Consolation	300,000 SEK	2400m	16 th July
The Altamira	400,000 SEK	1730m	14 th August