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## *Press Release*

# STABILITY FOR CALIFORNIA SALES

**T**he Stronach Group and Fasig-Tipton announced July 13 they have reached an agreement to conduct Thoroughbred auctions at legendary Santa Anita Park beginning in 2019.

A tentative date for a 2-year-olds in training sale has been set for June 5. Tentative dates for a yearling sale are September 24 or 25.

"We're thrilled to have Fasig-Tipton back in California and to host these sales at Santa Anita Park," said The Stronach Group's COO Tim Ritvo. "The Fasig-Tipton Gulfstream Sale in March has been an incredible success for both Gulfstream and Fasig-Tipton and we want to continue building on that relationship here at Santa Anita. These sales are exciting for horsemen as well as fans. Fasig-Tipton is a wonderful partner, and our work with them allows us to reenergize our facilities with different events while continuing to bring the inventory

right to our horsemen."

Fasig-Tipton President Boyd Browning said: "We are very excited to be returning to the auction marketplace in California. Santa Anita is the perfect venue to conduct quality sales in California. We will work closely with The Stronach Group to serve the California West Coast marketplace."

The venture is receiving support throughout the industry.

"We are pleased that Santa Anita and Fasig-Tipton are joining the auction arena," said Miguel A. Santana, President and CEP of Fairplex, the parent company of Barretts Sales. "We applaud Santa Anita for stepping up and taking the lead to support the equine sales industry, and keeping a footprint on the West Coast. We look forward to supporting them, and the industry, in the future."

**Doug Burge, President of the California Thoroughbred Breeders Asso-**

**ciation, said: "The CTBA has worked diligently the last few years with Barretts and the Los Angeles County Fair to guarantee a smooth transition with the commercial sales offered in California. We are extremely gratified with the support shown by both Santa Anita and Fasig-Tipton as this partnership will provide the needed stability and confidence for California breeders."**

Terry Lovingier, Chairman of the CTBA Sales Committee and Thoroughbred Owners of California Owner Relations Committee, said the Fasig-Tipton Santa Anita sales will benefit the entire California horse industry.

"I'm excited and pleased to have been part of working with Santa Anita and CTBA to bring a brand name sales company to a brand name racetrack," stated Lovingier. "It's best for all breeders and owners in California and provides the much needed stability we all need in the horse industry. I would like to give a special thanks to Tim Ritvo at Santa Anita, Boyd Browning at Fasig-Tipton, and Doug Burge at CTBA for making this happen." **CTB**

