

**MILESTONE STAKES WINNER 150 SYNDICATED BY BARRY IRWIN SINCE 1987
VA BANK STORMS HOME IN EMPHATIC STYLE TO SEAL THE SIGNATURE WIN
INTERNATIONAL STABLE HAS NOW PASSED \$2 MILLION IN EARNINGS IN 2018**



When Va Bank powered home by 5 lengths today in Berlin to win his Group 3, he became individual stakes winner 150 for a horse syndicated by Barry Irwin since 1987.

Team Valor International in 2018 has now exceeded the \$2-million plateau in earnings with annual gleanings of more than \$2,052,000. TVI has now exceeded \$2 million in 7 of the last 10 years.

Polish-American owned Va Bank scores milestone tally for TVI.

Black-type earners for the stable this season now stand at 17. These 17 runners have accounted for a total number of black-type wins and placings of 30. There have been 7 stakes wins and 23 stakes placings. Of the 30 stakes brackets, all but 7 have come in Graded races.

Black type has been earned in America (21), France (1), Germany (7) and Uruguay (1).

Stakes have been won in 2018 for TVI by Va Bank, Talk Veuve To Me, La Sardane and Belvoir Bay, all of which won Graded races. Those placing in Graded races are Vulcan's Forge, Hayabusa One, Go Rose, Devant, Capla Temptress, Juno, Rocking the Boat, Responsibleforlove, Sun Goddess and Battle in Seattle. Those other black-type earners are First Premio, Bombshell and High Hours.

This year, TVI has contested 61 black-type races and won or placed 30 times for a remarkable ratio of just under 50 percent.

In the history of the racing partnerships, 150 individual horses have won 304 separate stakes races. The stable reached the 300 stakes win mark when Belvoir Bay won the Grade 2 Monrovia Stakes at Santa Anita.

Over the years, Barry Irwin's overall strike rate with stakes winners has been 24 percent, a ratio he has managed to maintain for the past 15 years or so.

Va Bank is among 95 Graded stakes winners to represent the stable and he is among 74 horses to win or placed in a Grade 1 race for the stable, which he did earlier this season.

Finally, the win today in the Group 3 Grosser Preis Der Deutschen Einheit was Graded stakes victory number 167.

Note: Irish-bred, Polish-American owned, German trained, Panamanian ridden. Truly international!