

MATING ANALYSIS

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LANE'S END

CITY OF LIGHT

Quality Road – Paris Notion, by Dehere
2014 Bay | 16.2 Hands

The scope of Quality Road's success at stud has been astonishing, though not entirely surprising given his looks, race record, and pedigree. Bred and raced by the late Edward P. Evans, Quality Road is by Elusive Quality and is therefore a member of the Gone West branch of Mr. Prospector. On the bottom, he traces in tail-female to the highly influential mare Myrtlewood (seventh dam), from which Mr. Prospector (fourth dam) and Seattle Slew (fifth dam) also descended. Speed was the salient characteristic of these horses, and Quality Road expressed that trait by setting three track records, one at 6.5F and two at 9F. He stayed 10F well enough when second in the G1 Jockey Club Gold Cup, beaten a length. He is physically attractive, with height, length, and balance, and he was nimble, athletic, and notably fast for a 16.3-hand specimen. He reliably passes along his physical and aptitudinal traits to his offspring, who are effective from sprints to classic distances on dirt and turf at the highest levels, and as a sire, he has ascended to elite status in a short time.

Quality Road has the record and pedigree to become a "sire of sires" like Mr. Prospector and Seattle Slew before him, and his son City of Light is a strong candidate to move his sire's name forward in pedigrees. City of Light is also an attractive, big, and fast horse, a multiple G1 winner at 7F who was also good enough to defeat multiple G1 winner Accelerate in the G2 Oaklawn Handicap at 9F and finish third in the G1 Gold Cup at Santa Anita at 10F.

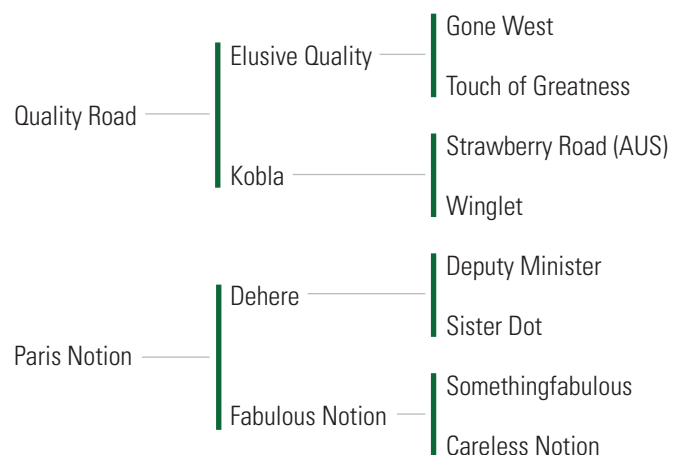
Many of the broodmare sire lines that worked with his sire should suit City of Light as well. He is from a mare by **Dehere** (by **Deputy Minister**), and this cross with **Deputy Minister** has been potent for Quality Road, with other G1 winners Spring Quality (**Deputy Minister**) and champion Abel Tasman (**Deputy Minister**) bred on the pattern, as well as G3 winners Guest Suite (**Ghostzapper**) and Long Haul Bay (**French Deputy**). **Deputy Minister** is also in the pedigrees of the Quality Road champion and G1 winner Caledonia Road (**Deputy Minister** is the sire of second dam) and G3 winner Great Stuff (**Dehere** is the sire of the second dam).

Because **Deputy Minister** works so well with Quality Road – as well as with other Mr. Prospector-line stallions, like Curlin, for example – mares by sons and grandsons of **Deputy Minister** are recommended for City of Light, as well as mares that have **Deputy Minister** in the interiors of their pedigrees. Doubling up on Deputy Minister has been a successful strategy at large, with such G1 winners as Curalina (3x4 to **Deputy Minister**), Keen Ice (3x3), Mind Your Biscuits (3x4), and Shakin It Up (4x4) recent examples of it at the top level.

Former Lane's End sire **Dixie Union** has crossed spectacularly with Quality Road, and mares by **Dixie Union** and his young Lanes End-based son **Union Rags** should be considered for City of Light. The previously mentioned champion Caledonia Road (**Dixie Union**), and G1 winners Klimt (**Dixie Union**) and Salty (**Dixie Union**), are outstanding representatives of this cross.

The **Storm Cat** line, especially through **Scat Daddy** (grandson of **Hennessy**), is likely to be a successful combination for City of Light going forward. Quality Road's G1 winner Hootenanny is out of a **Hennessy** mare, as is his G3 winner Great Stuff (who also has **Dehere** in the pedigree, as noted earlier). Quality Road's G2 winner Blofeld and stakes winner Five Star Rampage are from **Storm Cat** mares, while G3 winner Princess La Quinta is from a **Tabasco Cat** mare. G1 winner Klimt's second dam is by **Storm Cat**.

Another potential nick is **Danzig** through **War Front** and **Hard Spun**. Quality Road's sire Elusive Quality's best son and daughter in the Southern Hemisphere, G1 winners Sepoy and Camarilla, were from **Danehill** mares, and one of his best European sons was G1 winner



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Elusive City (**Dayjur**), while Quality Road has G1 winner Illuminant (**Polish Numbers**) and stakes winners Master Merion (**Danehill**) and Overprepared (**Dayjur**) on the cross to date. It's notable that the Elusive Quality sires Sepoy and Elusive City, as well as Raven's Pass, have sired graded winners from mares by **Danzig**-line sires, including **Exceed and Excel**, **Polish Precedent**, **Oasis Dream**, **Redoute's Choice**, **Belong to Me**, **Desert King**, and **Polish Patriot**. Even the Elusive Quality stallion Smarty Jones got a G3 winner from a **Danzig** mare and a stakes winner from a **Polish Numbers** mare. There's strong sire-line affinity for Danzig to forecast success for this cross with City of Light.

Likewise, there's enough historical evidence with **Seattle Slew** to believe that the **A.P. Indy** branch is a potentially lucrative partner for Quality Road and his sons. Elusive Quality has had five stakes winners with **A.P. Indy**, including G2 winner Enterprising, and Quality Road's G1 winner Bellafina (**Malibu Moon**) and her stakes-winning brother Diamond King are other indicators. Also notable is that Smarty Jones's only G1 winner, Centralintelligence, is from a **Seattle Slew** mare. Potentially, several **A.P. Indy**-line sires are in play, notably **Bernardini** (already the broodmare sire of stakes winners with both Elusive Quality and Quality Road) and **Tapit**, whose daughters are becoming increasingly common in the broodmare pool.

Other lines that have had stakes winners with Quality Road include **Forty Niner** (making **Distorted Humor** a possibility), **Smart Strike** (which opens up **Curlin**, **English Channel**, and **Lookin At Lucky**), **Unusual Heat**, **Devil's Bag** (therefore **Sunday Silence**), **Unbridled's Song** and **Broken Vow** (both by **Unbridled**), Tiznow, **Cozzene** (therefore **Uncle Mo** as a **Caro**-line representative), and **Lomitas** (a strain of **Nijinsky**).

— Sid Fernando