



The Thoroughbred Group has today announced the appointment of Julian Richmond-Watson as its independent Chair. Julian takes over the role from Charlie Parker, who has served as Chair since July 2020.

Julian has recently stepped down as Chair of The Thoroughbred Breeders' Association after 12 years on the Board. He has been Chair of Newmarket, Epsom and Nottingham Racecourses, Senior Steward of The Jockey Club and is currently a member of the Thoroughbred Group Board and the Horserace Betting Levy Board. Julian breeds and races flat horses and currently has seven in training.

On the appointment, Julian said: "I am delighted to be appointed as the independent Chair of the Thoroughbred Group Board. I believe that our Members have many common aims and that by working together we can achieve much more for our constituents. I look forward to working with all the Members and the challenges ahead."



Outgoing Chair Charlie Parker said: "Following the successful changes to the BHA Governance structure, implemented last year, the five Members of the Thoroughbred Group now have direct representation on the Commercial Committee of the BHA. We therefore felt an independent Chair would allow all the constituents to play a full part in the crucial ongoing industry strategy work. I am pleased to remain a BHA Member Nominated Director."

The Thoroughbred Group membership consists of the ROA, NTF, PJA, NARS and TBA. For more information, visit [www.thoroughbredgroup.org.uk](http://www.thoroughbredgroup.org.uk).



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