Sound Investment was the first horse purchased by Owners Group and what a star he proved to be. He made an immediate impact in the newly-founded mauve and black colours when winning at Newton Abbot in October 2014, and his owners did not have to wait long before they hit the headlines. The following February, Sound Investment became the first Pattern winner for Owners Group when winning the Grade 3 Greatwood Gold Cup at Newbury, which was a tremendous result. That was his final race of the season before heading off for a well-earned rest.

He returned over hurdles the following season and needed the run over hurdles, as predicted by trainer, Paul Nicholls. He then ran a career-best to win the Grade 2 Old Roan Chase at Aintree, beating the talented Wishfull Thinking by half a length after displaying another superb round of jumping under Nick Scholfield. The following month, in November 2015, he finished a very close third in the Paddy Power Gold Cup at Cheltenham, which is renowned as one of the toughest challenges a handicap chaser can face each year. He ran on all the way to the line, and was beaten just 1¼ lengths by the former Grade 1 winner, Annacotty. It was great to see our wonderful chaser performing on the big stage, in the natural amphitheatre that is Cheltenham Racecourse. He returned there the following month to finish fifth in testing conditions in the December Gold Cup (known as the Caspian Caviar Gold Cup at the time), which proved to be his final run.

Paul Nicholls diagnosed him with a suspensory ligament injury after this run. After a long break and even with a different approach at Emma Lavelle’s Bonita Stables, sadly, he was sore after his first schooling session with Emma, so there was no option but to retire him. This is a sad end to a special career for Sound Investment, but he is totally happy and can go on to provide his next owner with great pleasure as a riding horse in a lower-pressure environment. He has given us all some very special memories, and thanks must also go to his owners for their very special support and the great patience they have shown. From all of us at Owners Group and from all his dedicated owners, Happy Retirement Sound Investment.

Sound Investment (IRE) b g 2008

- Dr Massini (IRE) 1993
- Drumcay Polly (IRE) 1993
- Sadler’s Wells (USA) 1981
- Argon Laser
- Le Bavard (FR) 1971
- Polly’s Flake