



Press release

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AUTUMN SALE BUCKS THE TREND AS HORSES IN TRAINING ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL INTEREST

Horses in training session holds on strongly courtesy of international buying bench

The 2008 Autumn Sale at Saint-Cloud generated an upbeat market that seemed to make light weight of the financial and economic turmoil. The average price for the one-day session (down from two in 2007) is almost identical to a year ago at €20,688, while the **74,4% clearance rate**, a tremendous performance in the current conditions, is up 10 points from the 2007 session.

Spirited bidding came from a broad, international buying bench, with **investors from Greece, the Czech Republic, the USA, Abu Dhabi or Portugal** signing the docket alongside regular supporters of this event including trainers and agents from across the Channel.

Most sought-after lots in the horses-in-training session were:

- **Lot 22, Albahri**, a three-year-old gelding who sported the prestigious Aga Khan colours to victory at Listed level, topped the sale when selling for **€140,000** to US-based Oceanic Bloodstock. Offered from the yard of Chantilly trainer Mikel Delzangles, the bay took a Listed event since the catalogue was printed, bringing his record to an enviable 2 wins and 2 places from only 5 starts. He is nominated for the upcoming Dubai Racing Carnival.
- **Lot 129, Ronaldo des Mottes**, is heading for the UK after selling to Hubert Barbe for **€115,000**. This three-year-old AQPS gelding was another to have benefited from a timely update as he took the Prix de l'Avenir at Nantes, an important flat contest for AQPS horses, after the catalogue was out. He was offered from the yard of Cyriaque Diard, who trains in the West of France.
- **Lot 71, San Carlos**, changed hands for **€90,000** on a bid from Mrs Abeth Mussat. Offered by trainer Pascal Bary, of NATAGORA fame, the three-year-old gelding has done nothing wrong, filling the runner-up spot four times in five outings.
- **Lot 102, Safety Wire**, from Elie Lellouche's yard, is bound for the Czech Republic, where Jiri Travnicek, to whom he cost **€80,000**, is a leading owner. This Anabaa half-

brother to the Wildenstein's Gr.1 scorer SUDAN notched 2 wins and 2 places in four outings this season.

- **Lot 27, Bucintoro**, from the yard of John Hammond, will head to Greece after being knocked down to local trainer Christos Theodorakis for **€72,000**. This four-year-old son of Galileo bested subsequent Gr.2 winner INCANTO DREAM, in the Listed Prix de Turenne in 2007. His record reads 2 wins and 5 places in 9 starts.
- **Lot 44, Echoes Rock**, offered by André Fabre, fetched **€62,000** on a bid from SARL LJ Négoce. This talented five-year-old gelding was a consistent place-getter at Listed and Group level for Baron Georg Von Ullmann. He is another to hold a nomination for the 2009 Dubai Carnival.
- **Lot 60, Mandali**, a Sinndar half-brother to Princesse Zahra Aga Khan's triple Gr.1 winner MANDESHA is set to embark on a jumping career after being knocked down to top NH trainer Jean-Paul Gallorini for **€62,000**. The four-year-old gelding won a competitive maiden and ran fourth in a Listed contest.

The stores session, which had been restricted from 65 to 35 lots, predictably returned lower results with turnover reaching €129,000 € and the average price €6,450.

ARQANA president Eric Hoyeau stated after trading closed: *“The return to a more concentrated and select one-day session is a definite success. Under the current circumstances, to sell three horses in training out of four and keep the average stable is quite a performance. Finally, we are most satisfied to have seen such a diversified range of investors up to a remarkable price level”*.

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Next sale: Breeding Stock Sale, December 6-8, Deauville