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**SUMMER SALE : HORSES IN TRAINING  
ARE THE MARKET'S DRIVING FORCE**

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**€180,000 for the Aga Khan Studs' SCEPTRE ROUGE**

ARQANA's Summer Sale returned an aggregate of €2,502,000 for 205 horses offered, i.e. an average price of €21,757.

The horses in training section showed very satisfactory dynamism, registering results on a par with last year: a turnover of €1,784,000, an average price of €26,235 for a 70% clearance rate and a €14,000 median, marginally up.

Bloodstock agent Nicolas de Watrigant (Mandore International Agency) signed for the **€180,000** top price on behalf of Nasser Abdullah Al-Attiyah, the Aga Khan's SCEPTRE ROUGE (lot 216). This four-year-old gelding notched the Prix Hérod (L.) as a juvenile and was placed in two more Listed events at three. The same duo got the better of the opposition for **lot 162, TICOZ**, a triple Listed for Jean-Claude Rouget, who cost **€80,000**.

Peak Bloodstock, acting on behalf of British owner Alan Potts, purchased several lots from the Aga Khan Studs' draft, and they will all be targeted at a career over jumps in the care of leading Maisons-Laffitte trainer Jean-Paul Gallorini :

- **Lot 146, DARBAN**, a Kalanisi half-brother to DARYABA, who won the Prix de Diane and Prix Vermeille (both Gr.1), was knocked down for €115,000. He was placed three times in four outings for Alain de Royer-Dupré.
- **Lot 184, ZARKAMAR**, a close relative to the outstanding ZARKAVA, fetched €100,000. He won and was placed four times in five runs.

The two-year-old section confirmed the current interest in ready-to-run horses. 17 lots found a new home at an average price of €18,000 against €10,000 the previous year, up **80%**. Like at the ARQANA Breeze Up Sale, French owner Gérard Laboureau paid for the section's two highest prices: **lot 101b**, a Bahamian Bounty colt from Oaks Farm Stables, who sold for **€67,000**, and **lot 100**, a son of Muhtathir consigned by Ballycullen Stables, knocked down for **€50,000**.

As for the 2yo and 3yo store section, it followed the downward trend observed at similar sales in Ireland and Great Britain. The average price was €13,414, down from €23,333 in 2008, and the clearance rate a disappointing 37%.

Reflecting on the sale, ARQANA president Eric Hoyeau stated: *"The decrease concentrates on the store market, which is going through a hard crisis. Indeed, the French demand hasn't stepped in to make up for the Anglo-Irish clientele, which was less numerous as in recent years and not always*

*suited by the quality on offer. On the other hand, the horses in training section proved very resilient, notably thanks to the excellent competitiveness of French racing. It definitely encourages investments from French as well as foreign owners.”*

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