
SUMMER SALE BOUNCES BACK

Turnover and clearance rate up

With an aggregate of **€2,694,800**, including private sales, Arqana's summer sale bounced back 6.3% after a disappointing 2009 renewal. The clearance rate improved markedly to reach 66,5%.

Horses in training

79% of the horses in training changed hands, a satisfactory score. However, in the absence of real stars, prices were down from last year, with the average settling at €16,994.

Among the lots to fetch the highest bids were:

- **Lot 135, AMICO MIO**, who had been added to the catalogue through the Wild Card system, was knocked down for **€150,000** to Paul Nataf. The winner of the L. Coupe des Trois Ans last year at Lyon, he has performed very consistently since the beginning of 2010, being placed twice at Listed level in the care of Jean-Marie Béguigné.
- **Lot 162, SIR LAGRANGE**, a four-year-old AQPS, fetched €91,000 from Highflyer Bloodstock. Trained by Antoine Lamotte d'Argy, he was recently placed 3rd over the Auteuil hurdles for his debut over jumps.
- **KAZZENE, lot 203**, was bought by Hubert Barbe for €88,000. This three-year-old son of Cozzene trained by Fabrice Chappet was placed twice at Listed level this season.
- **DALAYIR, lot 126**, attracted a final bid of €65,000 from British trainer Gary Moore. This three-year-old colt by Tiger Hill, was 4th on his only start to date for Alain de Royer-Dupré. He hails from an outstanding Aga Khan family as his dam is a half-sister to Dalakhani and Daylami.

Two-year-old and three-year-old stores

The stores session performed a little better than last year, when it endured a particularly dire time. The average price bounced back from €12,916 up to €25,073, while the turnover hiked up 70%. The clearance rate also improved thanks to the smaller numbers and stricter selection.

The two-year-olds fared particularly well, and notably included the sale's top price: lot 39, a son of Astarabad consigned by Haras de la Croix Sonnet. Knocked down to leading trainer Jehan Bertran de Balanda, this AQPS is the first foal out of Miss Academy, a daughter of the regretted Video Rock who was placed at Gr.1 level over the British hurdles.

Such price shows that this sale has the capacity to sell top individuals at the right price, and one can only regret the difficulty to attract good types into the public sales circuit.

Flat-bred two-year-olds

Having been enhanced this year both in numbers and quality, the flat breeze-up session consolidated its level of 2009. The average price of €18,964 is slightly higher than last year despite the number of horses on offer having gone up from 27 to 47.

The highest price in this category was achieved by **lot 87**, a son of Pivotal out of the smart **MUSICANNA**, consigned by Mocklershill.

ARQANA chairman Eric Hoyeau stated after the hammer fell for the final lot: *“This sale is a bit tricky to assess as it comprises different categories. My analysis is that the two-year-old section has consolidated its level, the horses in training section has played its role by ensuring the turnover of the large stables, and the store market remains difficult despite a relative improvement from last year. Yet the €160,000 sale-topping price fetched by a two-year-old son of Astarabad is evidence that this sale can get the right profiles to the top. Therefore we can only regret the difficulties that we experience to attract good NH types to the public market, be it as stores or as horses in training.”*

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