
**FEBRUARY MIXED SALE: TURNOVER IS UP 42%
AS HAKAM DISPERSAL PROVES POPULAR**

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The 2010 February Mixed Sale, which was staged this year at Arqana's Saint-Cloud complex due to ongoing building works at Deauville, returned an aggregate of €1,160,500, up 42% from 2009. The average price settled at €9,024 against €5,663 a year ago (+60%) and the clearance rate was down at 59,17%.

The highlight of this renewal consisted in the dispersal of the bloodstock operation of the late **Zacharia Hakam**, a prominent owner-breeder who died prematurely last December. 20 of the 27 horses on offer changed hands for a total turnover of €507,000.

- The sale was topped by **IVORY PEARL** (lot 21), who was knocked down for €77,000 to Sylvain Vidal. This two-year-old daughter of Muhtathir is a half-sister to the 2009 Listed scorer IVORY LAND.
- Lot 26, **ZACK HALL**, an unraced three-year-old colt, was snapped up for €56,000 by Hubert Barbe. This son of Muhtathir in training with Mikel Delzangles is a half-brother to the Gr.3 Prix Fille de l'Air victrix AFAF as well as to Gr.3 place-getter ZACK DREAM.
- David Redvers got the last word at €54,000 for **IVORY COAST** (lot 6), a Peintre Celebre half-sister to Gr.1 heroine HEART OF DARKNESS. This mare is already the dam of a Stakes winner in the aforementioned IVORY LAND. She is in foal to Desert Style.
- **SELOUMA** (lot 5) was bought by France Turf International for €46 000. This young mare offered in foal to Hurricane Run is a half-sister to the abovementioned AFAF.
- **ZACK HOPE**, lot 16, was the choice of Swiss bloodstock agent Andi Wyss for €44,000. This colt from the first crop of Araafa is AFAF's first foal.
- **COTE D'EBENE** (lot 12), a yearling daughter of Muhtathir out of IVORY COAST also went the way of David Redvers for €36,000.

Two stallion prospects were on offer in BLUE BRESIL and PEARLY WELLS, and they fetched €76,000 and €26,000 respectively.

- **BLUE BRESIL**, lot 97, was knocked down to Agence FIPS's Hervé Bunel, acting on behalf of a syndicate of new French investors, and will stand at Haras de la Croix Sonnet. This full brother to the Gr.3 victrix MISS SALVADOR showed rare consistency and versatility on the track. Placed in the "French Derby trials" Prix Hocquart and Noailles (both Gr.2), he then embarked on a successful career of the Auteuil hurdles, filling the runner-up spot in the Prix Amadou (Gr.2), Prix de Pépinvast (Gr.3) et Jacques d'Indy (Gr.3) en 2009.
- **PEARLY WELLS**, lot 96, was bought by Paul Nataf to stand at stud in Lybia. This son of Sadler's Wells out of the great PEARLY SHELLS, who won the Gr.1 Prix Vermeille among three Group victories, is himself a dual winner in the care of Alain de Royer-Dupré.

Regarding the fillies out of training, lot 196 **ABSOLUTE LADY** was purchased by Sylvain Vidal for 40.000€ from Haras du Logis. She is a full sister to the Gr.2 placed PARIS WINDS, being by Galileo out of the Gr.3 victrix LIL'S JESSY. Finally, lot 205 **MAHRADEVA** was knocked down for €38,000 to Ghislain Bozo's Meridian International. This German-bred filly consigned by Haras des Hautières is a half-sister to three Stakes winners including MINACCIA, the dam of Gr.2 Prix de Pomone victrix MACLEYA.

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