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DYNAMIC PART 3 CLOSES THE OCTOBER YEARLING SALE

The final day of the October Yearling Sale, which offered the second half of Part III of the catalogue, saw 84% of the 99 lots offered change hands for an average of €13,765, generating a turnover of €1,142,500.

Son of Dark Angel for Antoine Griezmann

A son of Dark Angel (**lot 685**) became the top price of the day following interest from a number of different potential buyers when he was finally knocked down for €70,000 to trainer Philippe Decouz (Racing D) and Laurent Benoit (Broadhurst Agency). Consigned by Haras de la Louviere, the colt hails from a rich black-type pedigree.

After signing the docket, the trainer said, "He really stands out and has so much going for him. He's relaxed, not too heavy, and looks like he could run at two. He's from a lovely maternal line by a great sire that is also a great producer of juveniles. He will run for the famous black and pink colours."

Philippe Decouz has already been very successful with Antoine Griezmann's silks, including with Group winner TORNIBUSH, that was also bought at the October Yearling Sale.

Overview of final figures

Organised with a significantly different format than in previous years and in partnership with Osarus due to the changes in the sales calendar, the October Yearling Sale was marked by a high clearance rate throughout the five days of sales.

This indicator, which stood at over 81% for the entire sale, reflects the practicality and flexibility of vendors, who were able to adapt their expectations to recent market developments. It should not hide the fact that not all the yearlings will have covered their production costs. The cumulative total of the 578 horses sold reached €18,569,000, for an average price of €31,249.

As a reminder, the 2019 sale saw 563 yearlings go into the ring with 414 sold (73.5%) at an average price of €41,200 and a turnover of €17,692,000.

Al Shaqab Racing top buyer at the sale

Al Shaqab Racing ended the sale as leading buyer at the sale, making their presence felt during all five days. Represented by Paul Hensey and Nicolas de Watrigant, they signed for 19 yearlings for a total of €1,721,000. They were followed by Stroud Coleman Bloodstock, that bought seven yearlings for a total of €830,000, while Federico Barberini signed for 12 lots for €817,000.

Paul Nataf purchased 31 lots during the five days, the highest number of any buyer.

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Ecurie des Monceaux leading vendors

Following the five days, Ecurie des Monceaux took the top spot as leading vendor with 21 yearlings sold for €1,136,000, followed by Haras d'Etream

with 19 lots changing hands for €1,962,000. La Motteraye Consignment sold 29 yearlings for €800,000.

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As the fifth day of trading drew to a close, ARQANA President Eric Hoyeau and Executive Director Freddy Powell commented: *“We are immensely grateful towards our vendors, who have maintained their faith in ARQANA and showed tremendous resilience throughout the season. It has been a long week and we are very much aware of the uneasy financial situation breeders and pinhookers are faced with due to the high production costs, but their adaptability has allowed the market to play its role and all these yearlings can now move on to the next stage of their career. We also wish to thank all buyers and underbidders, on the grounds on online, for their relentless competitiveness. It is specifically heartening to see a new generation of trainers step forward – there is no doubt that the measures recently announced by France Galop to bolster two-year-old racing in France will have encouraged them even further. Finally, our heartfelt gratitude goes to all members of the ARQANA team, who have been on deck every day with a positive attitude, as well as to our partners headed by caterer Henri Morel and his staff, who keep doing their best to serve our clients in spite of the logistical constraints.”*

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