PRESS RELEASE

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DAUGHTER OF DUBAWI DOMINATES FIRST DAY OF THE SELECT SALE

Following the conclusion of the first day of the Select Sale, that saw the first half of Part 1 of the catalogue go under the hammer, 73% of the 126 lots that went through the ring changed hands for an average of €147,739, generating a turnover of €13,592,000.

Daughter of DUBAWI for Godolphin

Bids sky rocketed for a daughter of Dubawi (**lot 61**) both inside and outside the ring before the filly was knocked down to Anthony Stroud for €620,000, the top price of the day. Offered from Baroda Stud out of Group 3 winning mare DAYTONA BAY, the filly is from a rich German black-type family that includes Group 1 winner DONALDSON.

Signing the docket on behalf of Godolphin, Anthony Stroud said, "She's a lovely filly - very athletic and with great confirmation. We've already had a lot of success with Dubawi. There was a lot of interest in the filly and so we are very happy to have her. We're delighted to be here at Deauville."

David Cox of Baroda Stud added, "She's a super filly that looks quite precocious - this is the reason why we decided that she would suit this sale well and it was the case!"

Japan in Force

A son of Lope de Vega (**lot 23**) was the subject of a lot of interest from the outset from several different buyers. Consigned by Haras du

Mezeray, the colt hails from the close family of this season's 2000 Guineas (Gr.1) second placed WICHITA. Acting on behalf of a Japanese client, it was however Sebastien Desmontils (Chauvigny Global Equine) that had the final say at €480,000 for the good-looking chestnut. He commented.

"He's a son of Lope de Vega, an established stallion out a very current family that we know well in France. We are very happy. I've bought him for a Japanese client. We don't yet know where he'll go into training, all will be decided after he is broken and in view of the other colts that we might buy, however he will stay in France.»

Later in the day, Hiroo Shimizu and Daniel Cole, bidding from the restaurant, had the final say for a son of Siyouni (**lot 95**) from Ecurie des Monceaux for €340,000. The well-bred colt is a grandson of dual Group 1 winning mare SAFARI QUEEN, herself the dam of the Wertheimer Brothers' ROYALMANIA. He is now set to carry the colours of Shigeo Nomura.

Deauville has already been a great success ground for the Japanese owner, as his first purchase was none other than MIDLIFE CRISIS. Bought for €120,000 at the August Yearling Sale last year, the juvenile won easily in the Prix de Crevecoeur on his debut last month and runs in the Prix du Chene (Gr.3) tomorrow at ParisLongchamp.

"He's a lovely colt by Siyouni, a very good stallion," said Shimizu. "He's very attractive. We hope that he will follow in the footsteps of Midlife Crisis!"

€450,000 for GOLDEN VALENTINE's first foal

Ecurie des Monceaux offered the first foal (**lot 103**) out of Gr.3 Prix Minerve winner GOLDEN VALENTINE, and it was David Redvers, acting on behalf of Qatar Racing, that had the final say at €450,000. The son of Galileo is from the family of the excellent GOLDIKOVA.

"I've bought him for a new partnership," said the agent. "He's by one of the best stallions out of a daughter of Dalakhani, an excellent broodmare sire. What's more he comes from one of the best French studs. I saw him at Monceaux six weeks ago and he was my favourite. I'm delighted - he's a colt with lots of quality and is very well bred."

Lope de Vega colt for the Hong Kong Jockey Club

Bidding rose to €420,000 for a son of Lope de Vega (**lot 93**) consigned by Haras des Capucines. A halfbrother to black-type performer MANTASTIC, the colt hails from the family of the excellent five-time Group 1 winner and Champion mare ALEXANDER GOLDRUN.

Knocked down to Mick Kinane, acting on behalf of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, the former jockey said, "He was my favourite, he's a lovely colt. We had to pay a bit more than we expected but we really liked him. We hope he'll now be a good racehorse!"

A few minutes later, the Hong Kong Jockey Club also bought a yearling from Champion Three-Year-Old Colt Almanzor's first crop (**lot 101**) for €280,000. Consigned by Ecurie des Monceaux, the colt is a half-brother to US multiple Grade 1 winner. MISS TEMPLE CITY.

Galileo filly makes €380,000

For the fourth year running, a yearling out of the excellent Gr.1 Falmouth Stakes heroine GIOFRA (**lot 100**) was offered from her breeder Haras de la Perelle. This particular one, a filly by Galileo, went the way of Philippe Jousset (France Turf International) for €380,000. He said,

"The filly has a very good pedigree, and her halfbrother is in training with Andre Fabre. It's a good maternal line and she is by a stallion that is already shown how good he is. She'll go into training in France."

Daughter of Invincible Spirit for AMO Racing

Just before the end of the sale, agent and pinhooker Robson Aguiar, acting on behalf of AMO Racing, had the final say on a filly (lot 143) by Invincible Spirit for €350,000. Offered from Haras du Mezeray, she is a close relative of Group 1 winner SIGNS OF BLESSING.

"I really liked this filly, said Aguiar. I've bought her for AMO Racing, who dream of winning at Royal Ascot. I think she has all the potential to do that. She'll go to Ireland and we'll decide later where she goes into training."

Daughter of Dark Angel goes to Charlie Gordon-Watson for €340,000

Offering yearlings under their own name for the first time at the sale, Gestut Ammerland's consignment included a daughter of Dark Angel out of black-type mare LIGHT THE STARS (**lot 140**) that sold for €340,000 to Charlie Gordon-Watson. The blue-blooded yearling hails from the excellent maternal family of LADY VETTORI, the dam of top stallion LOPE DE VEGA, Group 1 winner DANCETERIA, and the very talented LADY FRANKEL.

Gordon-Watson said after signing the docket,

"I've bought her for Ahmed Abu Kadra. This is his first purchase for a long time. He's passionate about Polo and, like me, a fan of Andre Fabre, so we have lots of things in common! I really like the way this filly moves and she's from a great stud. We're delighted to have got her and can't wait to see her run!"

See the results at: www.argana.com

The Sale continues tomorrow at 2pm

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