

SOREC Invests in Two Stallions at AKTEM's First Online Stallion Sale

The **Online Stallion Sale** was held today on aktem.fr and attracted strong interest from buyers, with a **70%** clearance rate. Active bidders came from a range of countries, notably **France, Morocco, Tunisia, Spain and Italy**, confirming the international appeal of the stallions offered at the sale.

VAN BEETHOVEN achieves the stallion top price at €52,000

The bidding for Lot No. 1, **VAN BEETHOVEN**, was particularly lively. A real bidding battle unfolded in the final minutes, extending the sale before the hammer finally fell at **€52,000** in favour of **SOREC**.

A son of the highly influential **Scat Daddy**, one of the most sought-after sires of recent decades, **VAN BEETHOVEN** made his mark at the age of two by winning the Railway Stakes (**Gr.2**) at the Curragh over 1,200 metres. He confirmed his ability at three, finishing second in the Secretariat Stakes (**Gr.1**) in the United States. He has sired the black-type performer **CIARAN**, who was placed in a **Group 2** race in Germany and finished second in the Prix Daphnis (**Gr.3**) at Deauville.

The excitement immediately continued with Lot No. 2, **TAJ MAHAL**. Bidding continued until reaching **€35,000**, enabling **TAJ MAHAL** to join the ranks of **SOREC** as well.

A son of legendary sire **Galileo**, he comes from a prestigious, black-type family. He is a brother to **MARVELLOUS**, a **Group 1** winner, and to **GLENEAGLES**, a multiple **Group 1** winner who went on to become a leading sire. His dam, **YOU'RESOTHRILLING** (by Storm Cat), a **Group 2** winner, is also a full sister to champion **GIANT'S CAUSEWAY**.

Placed in a **Group 3** race at two, his career took on a new dimension at three and four, notably with two consecutive victories in the Zipping Classic (**Gr.2**) at Sandown and a win in the JRA Cup (**Gr.3**) at Moonee Valley. He also finished fourth in the Prix du Jockey Club (**Gr.1**) and the Emirates Stakes (**Gr.1**). At stud, **TAJ MAHAL** has established himself as a consistent sire, producing numerous winners on the flat.

Hicham Debbagh, Deputy Managing Director of SOREC, commented:

"We are very pleased with this first collaboration with AKTEM and absolutely delighted with the purchase of these two stallions. They have outstanding genetics for Morocco and we have a very good programme in place for them. SOREC is playing its role in improving the genetics of the Thoroughbred breed, enabling breeders and owners to gain access to the best pedigrees. As soon as the health requirements are met, we will be able to repatriate the stallions to Morocco and begin the 2027 breeding season."

ACE IMPACT share sold for €98,000

As for stallion shares, a share in **ACE IMPACT** reached **€98,000**, purchased by **James Smith**.

World's Best Three-year-old in 2023 and unbeaten in six starts, **ACE IMPACT** made racing history by winning, among others, the Prix du Jockey Club (**Gr.1**) and the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (**Gr.1**).

Shares in **ARMOR**, **PUCHKINE** and **THE GREY GATSBY** were each acquired for **€21,000**, while the share in **SEALIWAY** sold for **€18,000**.

About AKTEM

Founded in 2025, AKTEM is a French racehorse auction house dedicated to Thoroughbreds and Purebred Arabians. Committed and guided by values of proximity, transparency and professionalism, AKTEM places people and equine well-being at the heart of its mission.

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