

Auctav Arabian Autumn Sale

Tahira Al Wathba Tops at €190,000

Youth commanded the highest prices at the Auctav Arabian Autumn Sale: a young 5-year-old broodmare in foal to Al Mourtajez and a foal with a stellar pedigree, Oeil de Vère, achieved the two highest bids of the autumn session at Auctav, selling for €190,000 to BLM Bloodstock and €100,000 to Saubouas Bloodstock.

Tahira Al Wathba: A Top Price for BLM Bloodstock

Tahira Al Wathba, consigned by Raynal Frères, was acquired for €190,000 by BLM Bloodstock, making her the highest-priced Arabian mare sold in 2023.

Bertrand Le Métayer, BLM Bloodstock: *"We had previously tried to buy her sister without success. This is a large, distinguished family free of Amer blood. Tahira is a beautiful mare, well-covered. She represents an exceptional opportunity in the market. Additionally, her pedigree includes inbreeding to Managhi. Inbreeding through dams to top mares is quite rare in Arabians."*



Hugo Raynal, Raynal Frères: *"We are very pleased with this sale. We were top buyer in June and now top seller this autumn, only two years after founding the company with my brother. Thanks to the Auctav team for their professionalism, attentiveness, and the*

trust of our clients. We wish the best of success to the mare's new owners."

Raynal Frères were also active on the buying side, acquiring the yearling **Sudool** for €8,500 and **Karima ASF** for €10,000. *"Sudool is a very attractive filly by the late Dahess, from a maternal line that includes Tallaab Al Khalediah. As for Karima ASF, she was very appealing as she is in foal to Al Mourtajez and is directly descended from Akbar."*

Oeil de Vère, Foal Record at €100,000

With a final bid of €100,000 from Saubouas Bloodstock, **Oeil de Vère** set the foal sale record at Auctav. With two top performers already in the family—his full brother and sister—this colt, consigned by Franck Lance, attracted significant interest.



Paul Basquin, Saubouas Bloodstock: *"I purchased Oeil de Vère for Helal Alalawi, owner of HM Alchahine. Al Chyhanah is by Munjiz, an excellent broodmare sire who seems to cross very well with Al Mourtajez. At this stage, Al Mourtajez's cross with this mare is impeccable. HM Alchahine is unbeaten in four starts, and HM Al Zalmaa won this year's Qatar International Trophy for fillies, the Group 1 at Saint-Cloud. This is a very active and strong family, including Al Nachmiya and Al Fahda. Every generation has quality horses. This foal will come to the breeding program at Haras du Saubouas, where his two full siblings were raised."*

Paul Basquin also purchased two fillies with American bloodlines, previously trained by François Rohaut: **Rich Pulls Pitch** (by RB Burn) for €18,000 and **Burn to Fly** (by Majd

Al Arab) for €16,000.

Paul Basquin, Saubouas Bloodstock: *"These two mares were bought for a client of Haras du Saubouas and are likely to join the broodmare band. Burn to Fly is by Majd Al Arab, who is proving to be an excellent broodmare sire. She is Group 1-placed at Meydan and belongs to the excellent Dixie Darlene family. She is an exciting prospect for breeding in France."*

Magi du Soleil (by Al Mamun Monlau) was another purchase by Saubouas Bloodstock for €8,500.

"She is also from a family by Majd Al Arab. This line seems to produce very interesting horses and is the top Bergeronette family, which includes Prince d'Orient, Shalaa, Dahor de Brugère, Mahess du Soleil, and Amyr du Soleil."

ITC Takes Advantage of Partnership Dissolution Among Major Families

Athena, Kiss de Ghazal, Cybele, and Phasis were offered as part of a partnership dissolution. All were purchased by ITC:

- **Athena** - €78,000
- **Kiss de Ghazal** - €60,000
- **Cybele** - €48,000
- **Phasis** - €28,000

In the horses-in-training sale, **Rich Pulls Pitch**, consigned by trainer François Rohaut, and **Mansoor Bahar**, consigned by Haras de Thouars, were purchased by Mansour Alshamsi for €18,000 and €5,000, respectively. They will soon be exported to Dubai.

Arnaud Angélieaume, Auctav General Manager:

"Arabian horse sales are always a pleasure for Auctav. We enjoy visiting sellers as much as we enjoy developing our buyer client base. These autumn sessions allowed us to gather some rare offerings in the catalogue, and I would like to thank the consigners for their trust. With Tahira Al Wathba, we achieved the highest bid of the year for a broodmare, and with Oeil de Vère, we set a foal record at €100,000. Auctav remains committed to promoting the expertise of the Arabian industry."