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## **A €250,000 RACE RESERVED FOR GRADUATES OF THE OCTOBER YEARLING SALE**

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### **First ARQANA October Yearling Sale Criterium to take place during the 2017 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend.**

ARQANA is delighted to announce that the governing bodies of France Galop have just given their approval for the creation of the "October Yearling Sale Criterium". This brand new innovation on the initiative of the sales company consists of one race for two-year-old fillies, colts and geldings, restricted to yearlings which will have gone through the ring at the October Yearling Sale, and will have a total prize money of €250,000.

The race will be run for the first time in October 2017 during the most prestigious race meeting on the French racing calendar: the Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend.

With over 600 yearlings catalogued each year in the October Sale and an average sale price of around €35,000, the ARQANA October Yearling Sale Criterium will offer a huge number of owners the opportunity of fulfilling a dream: to have a runner at flat racing's most prestigious meeting - and to have one less than a year after the purchase of that particular horse. The winner will take home €125,000, equivalent to the win prizemoney of many Group 1s, and prizemoney will be allocated up to 8th place.

Eric Hoyeau, chairman of ARQANA, commented on this new initiative: *"The launch of the October Yearling Sale Criterium pursues two objectives, which ARQANA and France Galop have in common: to upgrade the owner experience by making it accessible to a wider audience, and to support French breeding. We are therefore delighted to have been given the green light to launch this exciting new project. The October Yearling Sale is the primary market for the production of French flat horses and the prospect of taking part in a race with great prizemoney during the best weekend of racing in the French calendar, will prove a substantial incentive for many French and European buyers. This dynamic will benefit all French breeders - the initial feedback we have received during our yearling inspections has also been very positive. The prize money will be guaranteed by ARQANA and we are delighted to provide support in this way to the development of racehorse ownership in France."*

### **Prizemoney guaranteed up to 8th place**

The first eight horses home in the October Yearling Sale Criterium will be allocated prizemoney as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> .	€125,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> .	€65,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> .	€35,000
4 <sup>th</sup> .	€15,000
5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> .	€2,500

These amounts are guaranteed by ARQANA who will fund the necessary complement to contributions made by vendors and buyers.

### **Conditions for participation in the Octobre Yearling Sale Criterium**

The initial entry is made by the vendor when he confirms the registration of a yearling to the October Sale.

During the next season, two confirmation stages will enable the owner to keep his horse eligible for the race, before the formal entry stage 10 days before the race.

<i>Stage</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Registration	6 September 2016 (when the catalogue is finalised)	€250
Confirmation 1	31 January 2017	€250
Confirmation 2	31 May 2017	€250
Entry	September 2017	€500

Thus, the maximum cost to the owner amounts to €1,000, a sum which will be covered by the prizemoney for the first 8 finishers in the race.

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