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Siyouni Filly the Star at Osarus Breeze:

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Siyouni (Fr) has been quick to establish himself as the rising star of the Aga Khan Studs and two members of his second crop featured among the leading quintet of



Lot 37
Osarus

the Osarus Breeze-up Sale, including the top lot ([lot 37](#)), a filly out of the winning Anabaa mare Everlast (Fr), who was knocked down for €65,000. Consigned by Paul Basquin's Haras du Sabouas, the half-sister to three winners is already named Time Goes By (Fr) and she will join the stable of Jean-Claude Rouget after

being bought by Alain Jathiere for Oceanic Bloodstock.

In fact, the four most expensive horses of the sale are all en route to Rouget's Pau base, including the top colt ([lot 58](#)), another from the Sabouas draft. The smart near-black son of Never On Sunday (Fr) was the most expensive yearling heading into the sale, having been bought for €35,000 at the Osarus September Sale. But he was a pinhook that paid off, with Rouget being forced to part with €63,000 to add him to his list of seven purchases.



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"He's been bought for Daniel-Yves Treves," commented Rouget. "I was under-bidder on him here at the September Sale and I thought he would make closer to €50,000 today."

A banner day for Haras de Sabouas--one of the fore-runners of the French breeze-up scene--was completed when Rouget also stepped in to buy [lot 49](#), a colt by Slickly (Fr) out of Saratoga listed winner Insan Mala (Ire) (Bahhare), whose successful offspring include



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Prix de la Californie winner Courcy (Fr) (Mizzen Mast). Named Insense (Fr), he fetched €60,000--another good turnaround for Basquin from the September Sale--where he gave €26,000 for the dark grey colt.

Some solid trade throughout the day saw figures rise across the

board, with the average of €22,725 being a significant improvement on last year's figure of €16,255 at Pornichet, while the median also jumped to €15,000 from €10,000. While the top price failed to reach last year's high of €75,000, a total of 40 of the 59 horses offered were sold in the ring for €909,000, with three

private sales boosting the tally to 43 sold for an aggregate of €960,000 (from €822,500 in 2014) and clearance rate of 73%.

Speaking at the sale's conclusion, Osarus director and auctioneer Emmanuel Viaud said, "I'm pretty pleased with the results. I have to say I felt there was quite a buzz about the place this morning and the idea of having a brunch for buyers during the breeze worked well. The breeze itself ran very smoothly and this has now become a significant sale in just a few years, having started with only about 30 horses in 2010."

Rathbarry Stud's Lilbourne Lad (Ire) is currently top of the pops in the European freshman sires' table and his sole representative at La Teste de Buch ([lot 15](#)) was another to have caught the eye of Rouget, who was pushed to €52,000 to buy her. Offered by The Channel Consignment, the March-born filly is out of the winning Keltos (Fr) mare Tenepia (Fr), who has already bred two multiple winners with her first two runners.



Lot 15
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"I have a feeling about the stallion and I bought a few yearlings by him," said the trainer. "This filly is from a good family and will need a bit of time so she'll have four weeks off back at the stud before we bring her into training, though I hope she will run at two."

Marc-Antoine Berghracht of MAB Agency broke the Rouget stranglehold on the sale when signing for [lot 23](#), the Siyouni filly named Diane d'Amour (Fr) at €50,000. Consigned by Haras de Saint Arnoult, she is the second foal of Alexandrina (Ger) Monsun {Ger} and she will head to Chantilly to be trained by Pascal Bary.

"Siyouni's doing very well and I really like Monsun as a broodmare sire," said the agent. "She looks like she will need some time but she moves really nicely and I hope Siyouni will introduce a little speed into the family. She's a very well made filly."

It didn't take long for the sale to spring to life when Chantilly trainer Cedric Boutin made a determined play for the third lot through the ring, Diane Bere (Fr), a chesnut daughter of Hold That Tiger out of the Until Sundown mare Relicia Bere (Fr), who was knocked down for €42,000.

The reason for his purchase soon became clear when, after signing the docket and hugging consignor Larissa Kneip of Haras de Saint Arnoult, he explained, "I trained the filly's half-brother, Aldo Bere (Fr) (Hurricane Cat). He won six races and was a real fighter but he wasn't very correct. This filly is much more correct and I hope she will have a good engine. Now I just have to find her a good trainer!"

Boutin was back in bidding action a little later for [lot 12](#), The Channel Consignment's colt by Turtle Bowl (Ire) (Dyhim Diamond {Ire}) from the family of leading young stallion Lope De Vega (Ire). He was thwarted in his effort by fellow trainer Nicolas Bertran de Balanda, who placed the winning bid at €38,000.