

Auctav January Sale First share in Léon du Berlais and Diamond Carl's sister offered on auctav.com

The forthcoming Auctav January Sale on 29 January promises to be a landmark event. Alongside a half-share in the illustrious Cokoriko, the catalogue features the very first publicly available share in the much-anticipated new sire Léon du Berlais, as well as Dschinging Carla, a three-year-old sister to recent Group 2 winner Diamond Carl.

Léon du Berlais: a sire with great appeal

Announced only a few weeks ago as a new stallion at Haras de la Hêtraie, **Léon du Berlais** will see his very first share offered at public auction on auctav.com—an exceptional opportunity for breeders looking to invest in a promising young prospect.

A model of consistency at three, Léon du Berlais finished runner-up on all five outings, four at Group level, notably finishing ahead of **Jigme**. He went on to score on his seasonal return at four in the Group 3 Prix d'Indy and added two further Group 3 placings to his record. A son of Derby hero **Authorized**—a leading National Hunt sire—and **Chica du Berlais** (Cadoudal), he is a half-brother to precocious Grade 1 Prix Cambacérès winner **Bonito du Berlais**.

For breeders yet to finalise their mating plans, this inaugural share provides a rare chance to invest in one of France's most exciting new stallions.

"We have decided to sell 20 of the stallion's 50 shares to breeders, reserving one for this online sale," explains racing manager Bertrand Le Métayer. "He will be on show during the Route des Etalons, giving visitors a chance to assess him physically, and we also wanted to widen our reach. To avoid staying among the same circle and open the stallion to everyone, an online sale was the perfect option."



Dschinging Carla: Diamond Carl's sister

A three-year-old filly yet to race, **Dschinging Carla** boasts five siblings who have all earned prizemoney, headlined by her outstanding seven-year-old brother **Diamond Carl**, who has eight wins to his name—four at Group level—including a recent victory in the 2024 Group 2 Prix Georges Courtois. Bred from the proven family of **Sa Carla**, and by the versatile **Dschingis Secret**, this filly offers considerable untapped potential. Backed in 2024, she is currently in pretraining with Pascal Beyer.

A breeding right in Jonbon and Douvan's full brother

Herostar, who began his stallion career in 2024, possesses a flawless National Hunt pedigree: he is a full brother to **Jonbon** and **Douvan**, two of the standout performers by leading Irish jumps sire **Walk In The Park**.

"It's the best jumping blood in the world," says Toby Jones, "combining Walk In The Park with a Saint Des Saints mare, one of France's top stallions. This cross has been proven time and again, with his brothers landing 16 Grade 1 wins between them—and that run is still ongoing. We've supported him with our best mares because we firmly believe in him."

The only son of Walk In The Park at stud, Herostar is thus a unique opportunity to access this coveted bloodline, especially given his strong physical resemblance to his sire. He covered 50 mares in 2024.

Auctav January Sale - Wednesday, 29 January

- The Jump session kicks off at 4 p.m. (CET).
- The first lot closes at 5 p.m., with subsequent lots closing at two-minute intervals.

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