

## COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS: ARLES

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## **ARLES**

A graded stakes winner with high-class form on both sides of the Atlantic, Arles is by one of the most important European sires of his era, and is out of a granddaughter of one of the greatest mares ever to race in Europe.

The consistent and classy Arles has finished first or second in nine of her 12 starts, and has only once finished out of the first three. A winner of her second start, Arles followed up with a second in the Diana-Trial (gr. II), the trial for the German Oaks equivalent. She then gained more black-type with thirds in the Listed BMW Preis and Listed Grosser Preis Von Rossman, a second in the Listed Preis der Badener-Badener Hotellerie & Gartonomie, and a victory in the Listed Grosser Preis der VGH Verischerungen.

Second against males in the Listed Sachsenpreis on her farewell to her Europe, Arles wasted no time demonstrating her class in the U.S., missing by just three-quarters of a length to three-time graded stakes winner Suffused in the Glen Falls Handicap (gr. III), with grade one winners Photo Call and Ball Dancing, grade two winner Guapaza, graded winner Itsonlyactingdad, and stakes placed Miss Chatelaine and Modernstone behind. Switching coasts, Arles came within a nose of defeating classic winner Nuovo Record for the Red Carpet Handicap (gr. III), while defeating grade one winner Generosidade and stakes winners Frenzified and Dreamarcher. On her most recent U.S. outing, Arles took second, a length behind Suffused in the La Prevoyante H. (gr. III), in the process accounting for grade one winner Wapi, graded winner Flipcup, and stakes winners Try Your Luck, Paige, and Gypsy Eyes. On her most recent outing, Arles led every step of the way to take the Long Island Handicap (gr. III) by nearly two lengths.

Arles's sire, Monsun, was a top-class racehorse, who was a three-time group one winner. At stud, Monsun rose to become one of four most expensive stallions standing in Europe. Four times a Champion Sire, Monsun sired 112 stakes winners, 22 group one, and champions on three continents, including Stacelita – a Champion in Europe and North America – with his other champions and classic winners including Schiaparelli, Novelist, Shirocco, Manduro, Getaway, Protectionist, Maxios, Fiorente, Samum, Silasol, Salve Regina, Gentlewave, and Estimate. Possessed of a pedigree that is an outcross for most prominent commercial sire lines, Monsun is a

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fast-rising broodmare sire, his daughters having already produced 55 stakes winners, 33 group, and 12 group one.

Arles's dam is a four-time winner by another great international sire, Danehill. Her granddam is a daughter of the legendary racemare, Allez France. Champion Two-Year-Old Filly, Champion Three-Year-Old, and twice Champion Older Mare in France, the magnificent Allez France was a group one winner in each of the four seasons she raced, her victories including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (gr.I), French Oaks (gr. I), French 1,000 Guineas (gr. I), Criterium des Pouliches (gr. I), Prix Vermeille (gr. I), Prix d'Ispahan (gr. I) and two renewals of the Prix Ganay (gr. I). Allez France's dam, Priceless Gem, a great-granddaughter of La Troienne, from the Big Hurry/Searching branch of that line was an outstanding two-year-old, capturing the Frizette Stakes, and defeating Buckpasser to take the Futurity Stakes.

A mare who has proved her class in both Europe and the U.S., Arles is by a superb outcross sire, from the immediate family of the all-time great, Allez France, and tracing to La Troienne. With these stellar credentials she looks to have tremendous potential as producer of classic type runners.

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