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Three Japanese raiders entered in the 2025 edition of the Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois

42 entries for the 2025 Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois



42 horses, including three Japanese trained, have been entered for the 2025 edition of the Gr1 Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois, which takes place on 17 August 2025 at the Deauville racecourse during the prestigious Deauville Barrière Meeting.

As sponsors of the race, the Aga Khan Studs could have three runners, including the recent classic winner Zarigana, the three-year-old filly who last month lifted the Gr1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulaches at the ParisLongchamp racecourse. She is trained by Francis-Henri Graffard, who also looks after the four-year-old colt Zabiari, who is unbeaten in two starts this season. Ridari, who finished fifth in the Gr1 Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains, also carries the famous silks of the Aga Khan Studs.

Some of Europe's best three-year-olds have received an entry : Gr1 2,000 Guineas winner Ruling Court is one of five Godolphin entries, while Juddmonte has also made five entries, including Irish 2,000 Guineas winner Field of Gold. The Aidan O'Brien trained classic winners Henri Matisse, who lifted the Emirates Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Camille Pissarro, the Qatar Prix du Jockey Club victor, also feature on the list. In total, Aidan

O'Brien has entered no less than 10 horses, including Whistlejacket who lifted the Gr1 Sumbe Prix Morny during last year's Deauville Barrière Meeting.

Entries by countries :

UK : 16	France : 10
Ireland : 13	Japan : 3

Introduction of the 3 Japanese entries

It is the first time that three potential runners from Japan could come to Deauville this summer :

- **Jantar Mantar** : One of the best Japanese milers.



The four-year-old colt has already won three Gr 1 races (the highest level in the sport of horse racing). Last Sunday, ridden by Yuga Kawada, he won the Yasuda Kinen on his 2025 seasonal reappearance. He is trained by Tomokazu Takano who so far has never had a runner in France before.

For more information about Jantar Mantar : <https://www.jbis.jp/horse/0001350623/>

- **Ascoli Piceno** : the globetrotter



This four-year-old filly is well travelled as she lifted a Gr2 in Saudi Arabia this year. In Japan, she won the Victoria Mile and is considered one of the best milers in the country. On her last two starts she was ridden by French born and Japanese based jockey Christophe Patrice Lemaire.

For more information about Ascoli Piceno : <https://www.jbis.jp/horse/0001336992/>

- **Go to First** : the outsider



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His entry in the Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois was a surprise ! At first glance an outsider, as he is not in the habit of competing at Gr1 level, his entry was announced by the Japanese press.

For more information about Go to First : <https://www.jbis.jp/horse/0001327217/>

More about the Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois

The Gr1 Aga Khan Studs Prix Jacques Le Marois, run over the mile straight and offering prize-money of €1 Million, is one of the most competitive races in Europe. Each year, it attracts the best European milers and over the past decades has crowned many internationally renowned champions, such as Miesque, bred by the Niarchos family who sponsored the Prix Jacques le Marois for nearly 40 years, as well as Dubawi, Goldikova, Kingman, Palace Pier or more recently Inspiral. The quality of the race is consistently recognised with a rating that has seen it ranked five times since 2018 among the best two mile races in the world.

From 2025 onwards, the Aga Khan Studs will be sponsoring the Gr1 (highest level in the sport of horse racing) Prix Jacques le Marois, as well as the entire day's race card at Deauville.

The Aga Khan Studs will also sponsor the Gr3 Prix François Boutin, the Listed Prix Nureyev, as well as the Gr3 Prix Lady O'Reilly – Prix Minerve, a race where the Aga Khan silks have been carried to victory a record 11 times since 1966, thanks notably to fillies Zarshana and Candarliya. The next Gr1 Prix Jacques le Marois will take place on Sunday, 17 August 2025, in parallel with the renowned Arqana August Yearling Sale.



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