

## River at the top end of season, Avenches October 24<sup>th</sup> 2015

*At the last race of the Swiss turf season 2015, the 6-year old thoroughbred gelding River showed a brilliant performance realizing his second season win, the fourth in total, in the Prix d'Arosa. He won this handicap over 2'150 meters with superiority. His jockey Olivier Plaçais was celebrating two times: firstly the win with River and secondly the title of the Swiss Champion jockey 2015.*



*above: River wins the Prix d'Arosa, ridden by Swiss Champion Jockey Olivier Plaçais under the colors of Golden Arabians. Foto Scarlett Schär*

After being placed two times third in Aarau on September 6<sup>th</sup> and in Maienfeld on October 11<sup>th</sup>, the betters in PMU put River as favorite in the Prix d'Arosa, a handicap with 13 starters and a dotation of CHF 8'000.-.

Starting from an outside gate, Olivier Plaçais and River had a relaxed trip in the second half of the field. Accelerating in the last bend, River made the difference when coming in the straight line and won easily with three lengths.

He finished a successful fourth racing season with 2 wins, 2 third placed and one fourth out of 8 starts. In total he has 4 wins and 12 places out of 26 starts and a life win sum of CHF 27'300.

Trainer Franziska Aeschbacher and the owners are happy to put River in full health on his well-deserved winter holidays.

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above: River at the award ceremony. From left: Owners Theres Reusser, Urs Aeschbacher, jockey Olivier Plaçais, workrider Xavier Grassini and trainer Franziska Aeschbacher. Foto Scarlett Schär



above: Jockey Oliver Plaçais and River controlling the race in front of the field. Foto Scarlett Schär