

REHC and Mazad to launch Bahrain's first online Horse Auction



● **Auction to run between 26-28 April 2026**

● **Registration now open with entries closing 19 April**

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The Rashid Equestrian and Horseracing Club (REHC), in collaboration with Mazad—Bahrain's leading digital auction and market-

place platform and a Mumtalaqat portfolio company—will stage the fourth edition of its Horse Auction between Sunday, April 26, and Tuesday 28 April 2026, marking its first digital sale.

First staged in 2023, REHC will once again host its annual sale of racehorses in training, now exclusively delivered via Mazad's digital platform where users will experience a seamless and transparent online journey.

Registration for the auction is now open, with entries closing on 19 April 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

The auction catalogue will be published on 21 April.

At the 2025 edition of the auction, 66 horses were entered, and 49 were successfully sold, representing 74.2% of the catalogue and generating a total turnover of BD 81,320.

The highest-priced lot sold for BD 8,200, marking a 197% increase in total auction value compared to the previous year and highlighting the growing confidence in the sale as a competitive marketplace for racehorses in training.

By comparison, the 2024

auction saw 41 horses entered, with 28 sold (68.3%), generating BD 27,350 and a top price of BD 3,800.

Yusuf Buheji, CEO of the Rashid Equestrian & Horseracing Club, commented: "The continued development of this auction reflects its growing importance within Bahrain's racing ecosystem."

With the valued support of Mazad and Tattersalls, we are providing owners and buyers with a professional platform that enhances transparency, liquidity, and participation within the

sport.

"We remain committed to strengthening this initiative and creating accessible entry points for both existing and prospective owners, supporting the long-term sustainability and growth of horseracing in the Kingdom."

Nezar Habib, CEO of Mazad, added: "Mazad continues to advance its collaboration with REHC through this strategic initiative by delivering specialised technology-driven solutions. Alongside our partners at REHC, we are delighted to offer the au-

dience a distinctive experience as the first ever online horse auction in Bahrain."

"We see significant potential in supporting the continued development of Bahrain's equine sector, in line with the Kingdom's long-standing emphasis on its heritage and development. Through this partnership, we remain committed to creating value through innovative auction services that contribute to a more dynamic, diversified, and digitally enabled national economy, advancing Bahrain's Vision 2030."

Spurs rue bad luck as relegation fears deepen

AFP | London

Tottenham's Premier League plight deepened with a 1-0 defeat at Sunderland yesterday in Roberto De Zerbi's first match in charge before Manchester City tried to close the gap on leaders Arsenal.

Spurs brought in the former Brighton and Marseille boss at the end of last month in a last-ditch bid to save themselves from a catastrophic relegation.

But the Italian failed to inspire his team in a tricky baptism at Sunderland and his team remain in the drop zone.

Tottenham, playing under their third manager this season, are without a Premier League win since late December as they contemplate the nightmare of a first relegation from the English top flight since 1977.

The visitors looked bright in the opening stages and were



Tottenham Hotspur's French midfielder #11 Mathys Tel fails to find the target with this headed attempt

awarded a penalty that was subsequently overturned by VAR.

De Zerbi's team were grateful to goalkeeper Antonin Kinsky, who was out quickly to smother a Brian Brobbey shot at point-blank range shortly before half-time while Robin Roefs denied Dominic Solanke at the other end.

Sunderland took the lead courtesy of a huge slice of luck on the hour, when Nordi Mukiele's shot took a massive deflection off Micky van de Ven and looped into the goal.

De Zerbi made three changes,

6 games remain for Tottenham to avoid their first top-flight relegation since 1977

bringing on Joao Palhinha, Pape Matar Sarr and Mathys Tel and then lost captain Cristian Romero to injury.

Spurs pushed hard for an equaliser late on but Roefs tipped over a powerful Pedro Porro effort in stoppage time to ensure the win for Sunderland.

Tottenham, who parted ways with interim boss Igor Tudor at the end of last month, are two points behind 17th-placed West Ham and have six games left to save themselves from an almost unthinkable relegation.

They are the ninth-wealthiest club in the world, according to Deloitte's latest rankings, underlining the extraordinary nature of their predicament.

Sinner beats Alcaraz to win Monte Carlo Masters, returns to No.1



Italy's Jannik Sinner celebrates with the trophy

AFP | Monte Carlo

Jannik Sinner beat Carlos Alcaraz in straight sets to win the Monte Carlo Masters for the first time yesterday and reclaim the world number one ranking from his Spanish rival.

Sinner downed Alcaraz 7-6 (7/5), 6-3 to capture his third ATP 1000 title of the year after completing the "Sunshine Double" last month with victories in Indian Wells and Miami.

The 24-year-old Sinner joins Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal as only the third player to win four successive ATP 1000

titles. He also triumphed in Paris at the end of last season.

"We came here trying to get as many matches as possible, getting good feedback before other big tournaments coming up. Today was a high level from both of us," Sinner said.

"It was a bit windy, a bit breezy. Different conditions from what the tournament has brought. The result is amazing. Getting back to No.1 means a lot for me... I am very happy to win a big title on this surface, I haven't done it before and it means a lot to me."

It was the first meeting between Sinner and Alcaraz since the Italian prevailed at the ATP Finals in November.



Despite being among the world's richest clubs, Tottenham face a shock relegation battle rarely seen for teams with such financial power