

## MARCHAND D'OR (FR)

2003 gr g Marchand de Sable – Fedora / Kendor 8 st. 4-1-0

## Globeform 117+

£159,207 (01Jan07)

**O:** Mme J-L Giral

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**T:** Freddie Head FR

Best performance:

### WON PRIX M. DE GHEEST (G1) GF 117+

6 ½ fur. turf (good) Deauville 6 Aug

The 2006 **Prix Maurice de Gheest (G1)**, run over a rarely seen trip, again saw a big field mostly made up of five and six furlong sprinters. Yet it was a proven seven furlong runner, Marchand d'Or, who took the spoils, bursting clear against the rails over a furlong out and coming home two lengths clear of Satri, another who had form over longer trips.

The gelded son of middle distance winner Marchand de Sable had won three of his six previous starts including the 7-furlong Prix de la Porte Maillot (G3) at Longchamp – by 3 lengths from Ridaar - and a Listed race over the same trip. On his second start of the campaign, he had run the subsequent G1-winning miler Stormy River to three parts of a length.

Marchand d'Or only ran once after the Maurice de Gheest, in the Prix de la Foret (G1) over 7 furlongs at Longchamp, where he finished seventh to Caradak. That said, the race was run at a crawl early on, he was stopped in his run at a crucial stage, and still finished only a length behind the winner.

This grey's best form to date has been at the unusual trip of six and a half furlongs but his form does not yet match up to the best of the European five and six furlong sprinters. He can show speed from the start and race from the front, or can settle early on before coming from behind, and has not been asked to race on ground any faster than good.

### Form summary

French turf sprinter, won weak G1 over 6.5 furlongs at Deauville, after G3 and LR wins over 7 furlongs.

### Looking ahead

Marchand d'Or has only raced from 6 to 7 furlongs, but could step up to a mile or possibly down to 5 furlongs. There are not many prestigious Group races over seven furlongs, but he has a wide range of options over six, whether he stays in France or crosses the Channel to England and Ireland.

	<i>Theatrical (Ire) 1982</i>	<i>Nureyev (USA) 1977</i>
<b>Marchand de Sable (USA) 1990</b> GF 109 as 2yo		<i>Tree of Knowledge (Ire) 1977</i>
	<i>Mercantile (Fr) 1983</i>	<i>Kenmare (Fr) 1975</i>
		<i>Mercuriale (Fr) 1965</i>
	<i>Kendor (Fr) 1986</i>	<i>Kenmare (Fr) 1975</i>
<b>Fedora (Fr) 1998</b>		<i>Belle Mecene (Fr) 1982</i>
	<i>Far But Near (USA) 1989</i>	<i>Far North (USA) 1973</i>
		<i>Kesar Queen (USA) 1973</i>

### Pedigree notes

**Marchand de Sable** was a G1 winner at two, in the Criterium de Saint-Cloud (10 fur. – heavy). He later won up to 13 fur. and was placed several times at G2 and G3 level. The only previous G1 winner he has sired is the E P Taylor Stakes (G1) winner *Commercante*.

Marchand d'Or is the first foal of the unplaced **Fedora**, whose dam won at two. The third dam won the Coronation Stakes (G2) and was third in the 1,000 Guineas (G1), and is out of a half-sister to Irish Derby (G1) winner *Meadow Court*.