Longines and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) honoured ORFEVRE as the co-third highest-rated horse in the world for 2013

Tokyo (JPN) / Saint-Imier (Switzerland), 10 June 2014 – The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and the Swiss watch brand Longines recognized ORFEVRE (JPN) as the co-third highest rated horse in the world for 2013, on Tuesday 10 June 2014 during a ceremony held in Tokyo.

For the year, the top Japanese runner annexed a win in the G2 Prix Foy and was second in the G1 Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. Following an outstanding 8-length victory in the G1 Arima Kinen (Grand Prix) on 22 December 2013, ORFEVRE ascended to a rating of 129, tying him with the two-time American Horse of the Year, WISE DAN (USA) [129] as the co-third rated horses in the world for 2013 in the Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings.

The Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings are horse racing's equivalent to world rankings by other major sporting organizations and are based on the ratings earned by horses running worldwide from North and South America, Europe, the Middle East, South Africa, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand. The ratings are compiled under the auspices of the IFHA by racing officials and handicappers representing the five continents.

The Australian mare BLACK CAVIAR (AUS) and the French filly TRÊVE (FR) were placed equal first with a rating of 130 in the 2013 Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings. BLACK CAVIAR, TRÊVE, and WISE DAN were previously honoured at the Longines World's Best Racehorse Ceremony held 6 December 2013 during the gala dinner of the Longines Hong Kong International Races.

At the Tokyo ceremony to recognize ORFEVRE, a certificate, trophy and an elegant Longines watch from the Conquest Classic collection were presented to the connections by Mr. Juan-Carlos Capelli, Vice President of Longines and Head of International Marketing, and Mr. Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Vice Chairman of the IFHA. Owner, Mr. Shunsuke Yoshida, trainer, Mr. Yasutoshi Ikee, and jockey, Mr. Kennichi Ikezoe received the prestigious awards.

This event also marked the perfect occasion to showcase Conquest Classic, a line dedicated to Longines' passion for equestrian sports. As a tribute to the chronographs produced from 1878 on for race-goers and jockeys in New York, the famous Swiss watchmaker, partner of the most prestigious flat races of the world, has launched this collection of refined models, all fitted with self-winding calibres.

Longines has been based at Saint-Imier in Switzerland since 1832. Its watchmaking expertise reflects a strong devotion to tradition, elegance and performance. Longines has generations of experience as official timekeeper of world championships and as partner of international sports federation. Known for the elegance of its timepieces, Longines is a member of the Swatch Group Ltd, the World's leading manufacturer of horological products. With the winged hourglass as its emblem, the brand has outlets in over 140 countries.

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The International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) has as its members racing authorities from approximately 60 countries throughout the world. Every year, the Federation organizes the International Conference, which updates the International Agreement on Breeding, Racing and Wagering endorsed by the conference in 1974.

Major areas of the IFHA's activities include:

- *Welfare and safety of horses and riders*
- *International Race Planning and Grading ("black type")*
- *World Rankings*
- *Equine Prohibited Substances and Practices*
- *Harmonisation of Race Day Rules*
- *Fostering commercial development of the racing industry global*

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