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BRAZILIAN GRANDE PREMIO BRASIL WINNER SINSEL EMERGES AS LEADING CONTENDER FOR GRAN PREMIO LATINOAMERICANO

Following his victory in the G1 Grande Pr mio Brasil, the Luis Esteves trained 3-year-old **Sinsel (BRZ)** has emerged as a leading contender for the **US\$300,000 Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1)**, which takes place on Saturday, 18 October 2025, at the Gavea racecourse in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Sporting the colours of Stud Red Raffa, Sinsel was the second favourite in this year's edition of the G1 2400m Grande Pr mio Brasil, which had attracted 20 runners. Ridden by Leandro Henrique, the homebred son of Alpha and Golden Land followed the leader **Galo White (BRZ)** in fourth position before producing a nice turn of foot to take the lead as they turned into the final straight.

It got very tight in the final stages, with **Valparaiso (BRZ)** and the favourite **Ethereum (BRZ)** finishing fast on his inside, but **Sinsel** managed to hold onto victory by a nose from **Valparaiso**, with **Ethereum** a further neck back in third.

It was a second G1 success for **Sinsel** at the Hipodromo da Gavea track and his owner Rafael Steinbruch, who bred the colt at his stud Red Rafa said:

"We are very excited to win the Grande Premio Brasil, especially with Sinsel who we have liked a lot ever since he was a yearling. This is why we breed racehorses. We have come close in the past on more than one occasion, and I remember Aerosol beating us by a head, but today everything fell into place. It is all very emotional and I'm still coming to terms with it."

Sinsel now has several options, including the Breeders' Cup Turf, as the Grande Pr mio Brasil is part of the "Win and You're In" series, but his owner prefers to target the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano**.

“We have horses in the United States, and I don’t think six months is enough for the colt to toughen up. The Latino is run here at Gavea, a racecourse that he knows and where he has been very successful, so it makes sense that it will be his main target.”

Trainer Luis Esteves agreed, adding: *“He is a very good horse, who always gives his best. The other day he was beaten, which was obviously disappointing, but he proved today that he has a great future ahead of him. And the Latino is part of that future.”*

Sinsel was partnered by Brazilian Jockey Leandro Henrique, who made headlines around the racing world when he stood up in his stirrups to celebrate this much sought-after victory, unaware that two of his opponents were rapidly closing in on him on his inside. Crossing the finish-line, **Sinsel** though had his nose in front and will now be prepared for the **2000m Gran Premio Latinoamericano** in October.

It will be the 8th time that the Hipodromo da Gavea will host the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano** and **Sinsel** will attempt to become the 12th Brazilian winner of this international event.

About the Gran Premio Latinoamericano

Since the merger of OSAF (South American Organization for the Development of Thoroughbreds) and the Asociación Latinoamericana de Jockey Clubes e Hipódromos in December 2012, the **Gran Premio Latinoamericano (G1)** has become the flagship event of OSAF. This prestigious race has solidified OSAF's international presence and elevated the visibility of South American racing and breeding on the global stage.

Held annually at rotating venues across member nations, the "Latino" brings together the best Thoroughbreds from South America, offering the **region’s richest purse**, distributed among the top five finishers. More than a race, it is a celebration of unity, excellence, and the spirit of collaboration among South American racing authorities.

Since its inaugural edition in 1981 at **Maroñas Racecourse** in Montevideo, the Gran Premio Latinoamericano has journeyed through Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay. Now in its **41st edition**, held at **Gávea Racecourse** in Rio de Janeiro, the race continues to symbolize the shared commitment to development, harmonization, and sporting excellence within our industry.

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