A Sire of Solution

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photos: Erwin Escher, Gigi Grasso, Glenn Jacobs, Javan, Andre Shiwa, Suzanne, Stuart Vesty hen you think of who might be the world's most beautiful Arabian stallion, your mind instantly centers on the pristine white King of the Desert, Al Adeed Al Shaqab, bred and owned by Al Shaqab in Doha, Qatar.

Sheikh Hamad bin Ali Al Thani, a master breeder and passionate Arabian horse lover since childhood, is this magnificent creature's greatest fan - and of course, his breeder as well.

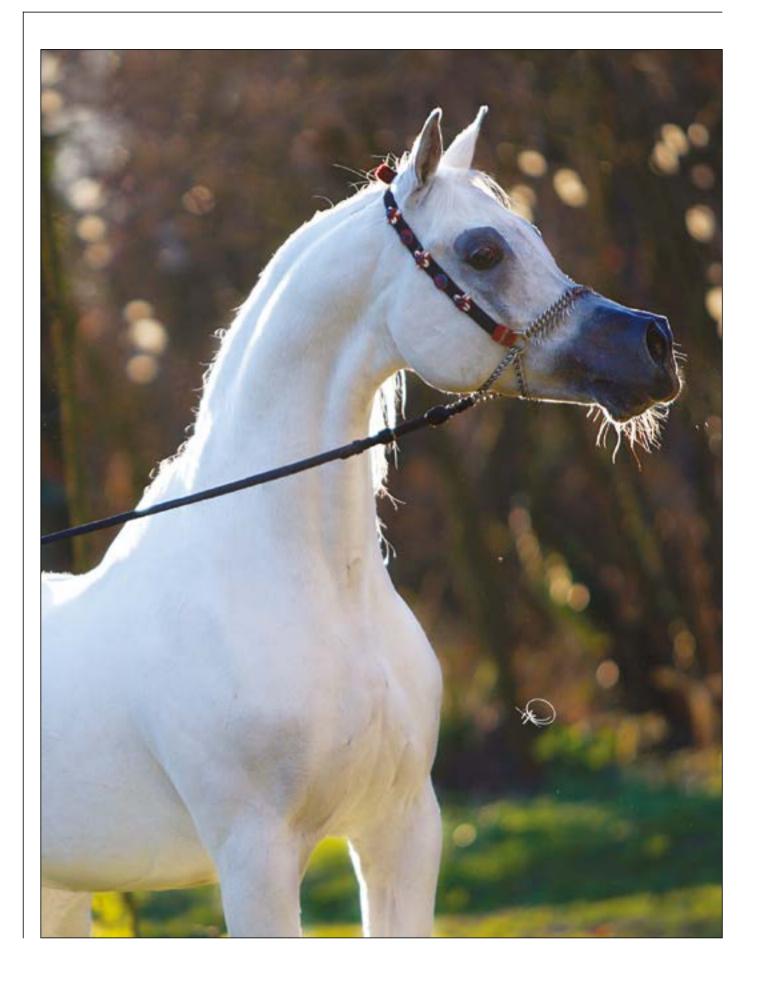
When I interviewed Sheikh Hamad earlier this year during the Qatari national show, my final question to him was asking for his vision of the perfect Arabian. Without hesitation and with a warm and glowing smile, he simply answered, "Al Adeed Al Shaqab."



HH Sheikh Hamad bin Ali Al Thani with Al Adeed Al Shaqab







		NAZEER* gr 1934	MANSOUR* gr 1921	GAMIL MANIAL* NAFAA EL SAGHIRA*
	ANSATA IBN HALIMA*	ARABIAN (EG)	BINT SAMIHA* b 1925	KAZMEEN* SAMIHA*
	gr 15h 1958 ARABIAN (EG)		SHEIKH EL ARAB*	MANSOUR*
		HALIMA* b 1944 ARABIAN	gr 1933	BINT SABAH*
ANSATA HALIM SHAH* gr 1980 ARABIAN			RAGIA* ch 1938	IBN RABDAN* FARIDA*
AR 219546		ANSATA SHAH ZAMAN* gr 15 1968 ARABIAN	MORAFIC* gr 1956	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
	ANSATA ROSETTA* gr 1971	AHR# 47967	ANSATA BINT MABROUKA* gr 1958	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
	ARABIAN AHR 70167	ANSATA BINT BUKRA*	NAZEER* gr 1934	MANSOUR* BINT SAMIHA*
		ARABIAN AHR 33487	BUKRA* gr 1942	SHAHLOUL* BINT SABAH*
Al Shagab		SHAIKH AL BADI* gr 1969	MORAFIC* gr 1956	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
1995 grey stallion	RUMINAJA ALI* gr 1976	ARABIAN AHR*54456	BINT MAISA EL SAGHIRA* b 1958	NAZEER* MAISA*
<i>((((((((((</i>	ARABIAN AHR*134937	BINT MAGIDAA* gr 1970	KHOFO* gr 1965	MORAFIC* NABILAHH*
SUNDAR ALISAYYAH* gr 1987 ARABIAN AHR #387223		ARABIAN AHR #62907	MAGIDAA* ch 1964	ALAA EL DIN* MAYSA*
		KAYED* gr 1966	MORAFIC* gr 1956	NAZEER* MABROUKA*
	IMPERIAL SAYYAH* gr 1975 ARABIAN AHR #123258	ARABIAN ABSB; EAO 3/P67-630	KAYDAHOM* gr 1957	AZMI* OM EL SAAD*
		MALEKAT EL GAMAL* gr 1968	WASEEM* gr 1958	NAZEER* MALAKA*
		ARABIAN AHRA 120682	NAGDIA* gr 1959	NAZEER* ZAHIA

Many consider Al Adeed to be a near perfect example of the breed standard as evidenced by his global and enormous fan club as well as the many show ring titles he has amassed... impressive titles such as World Champion Stallion and All Nations Cup Champion, both wins garnered alongside longtime handler and friend, Michael Byatt.

Al Adeed attributes his ideal conformation to his dam Sundar Alisayyah, a daughter of legendary sire Ruminaja Ali, and his brilliant breed type to his direct sire Ansata Halim Shah. Interestingly, his maternal grandsire, Ruminaja Ali, is the paternal grandsire of another legendary Al Shaqab stallion: Gazal Al Shaqab. A true sign of master breeders at work.





In 1992, the Emir, His Highness Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, founded Al Shaqab based on his undying passion for everything Arabian horse. His goal, of course, was to breed the finest Arabian horses known to mankind. Al Adeed is a living breathing example of his most astute vision. He is Al Shaqab royalty and a testament to just how glorious a straight Egyptian can actually be. Al Adeed redefines the term "world class." However, it is not just ,for his beauty but also now as a sire of the very finest.

Today, Al Adeed sons and daughters make up a quite long and impressive list of champions - winning in all four corners of the earth. From Qatar to America and throughout Europe and the Middle East they exemplify the qualities that their benevolent sire has so generously blessed them with, thereby creating deeply satisfied breeders around the world with their choice to infuse this precious blood into their respective breeding programs.

Al Adeed is a solution stallion. He was made to do so. He is simply able to be what is needed in diverse and important situations. This was played out first as a stunning foal born during the year of his father's death, followed by show ring stardom, and now as a sire of great merit. Al Adeed enjoyed early successes when bred to the mares inside Al Shaqab, as well as American mares bred during his stay at Michael Byatt Arabians in Texas.



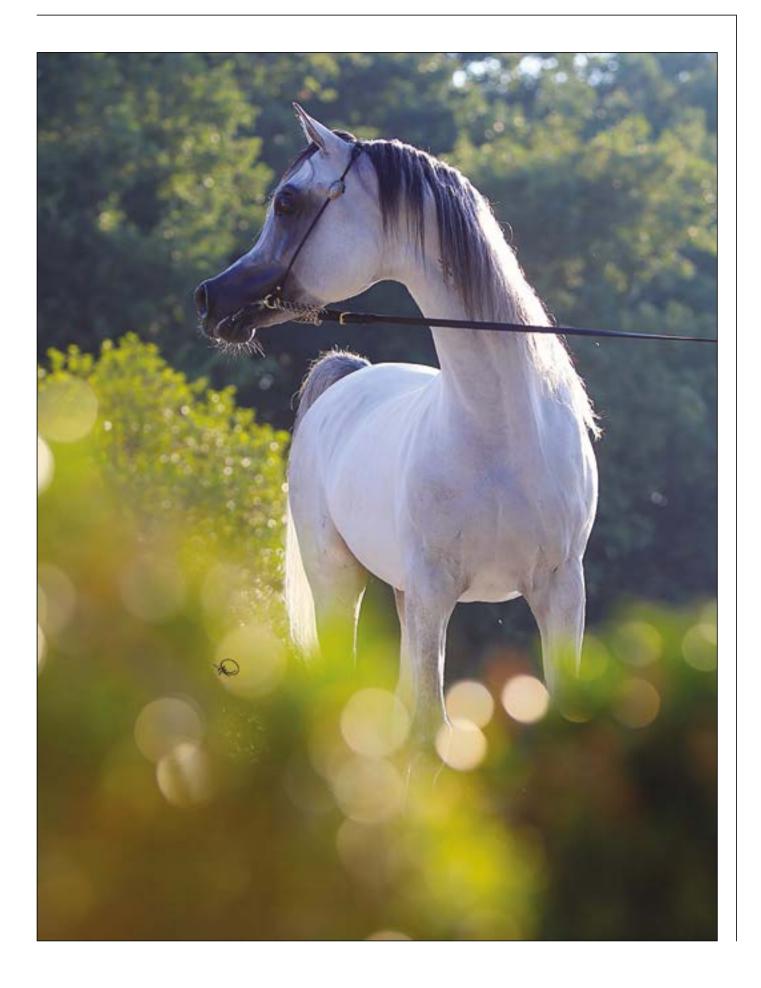
Farhoud Al Shaqab 2008 grey straight egyptian stallion







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Hooria Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Hanouf Al Shaqab) 2006 grey straight egyptian mare

He continues to be the solution for straight Egyptian breeders the world over, in addition to new breeding programs like Al Thumama whose gorgeous QR Marc daughter Penelope KA is in foal to Al Adeed. He was the perfect solution for great breeder Marek Trela during his years at Janow Podlaski when looking to breed a more contemporary female from P line queen, Pilar. The resulting grey and glorious filly, Pilarosa, is now one of the top young mares in Poland with near perfect current-day breed type. He was the solution for sustaining the influence of the 1988 straight Egyptian mare Johara Al Shaqab who when bred to Al Adeed produced Farhoud Al Shaqab, a consistent producer of beauty and lovely conformation as he stands in Europe with Luca Oberti. Lastly, at the Al Rayyan Farm, whose modern collection of straight Egyptian bloodstock is second to none, Al Adeed is emerging as the perfect solution for the daughters of the late Ashhal Al Rayyan. Sheikh Hamad is over the moon with one beautiful foal after another.

As the world embraces Al Adeed Al Shaqab as a sire of solution, I drift back to that moment during our interview in Doha when Sheik Hamad proclaimed Al Adeed as his perfect vision. Now man and horse stand united in that profound vision. And their story is only beginning to unfold. O

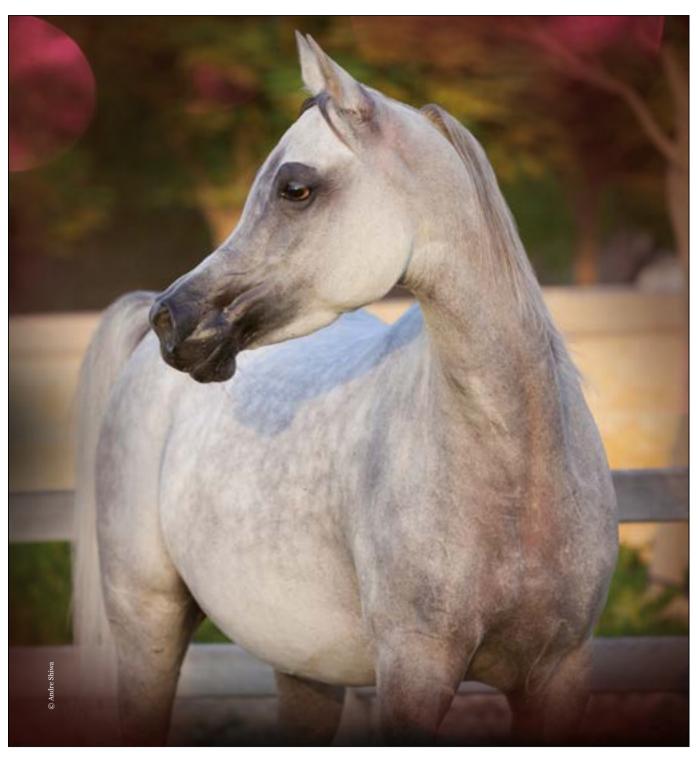




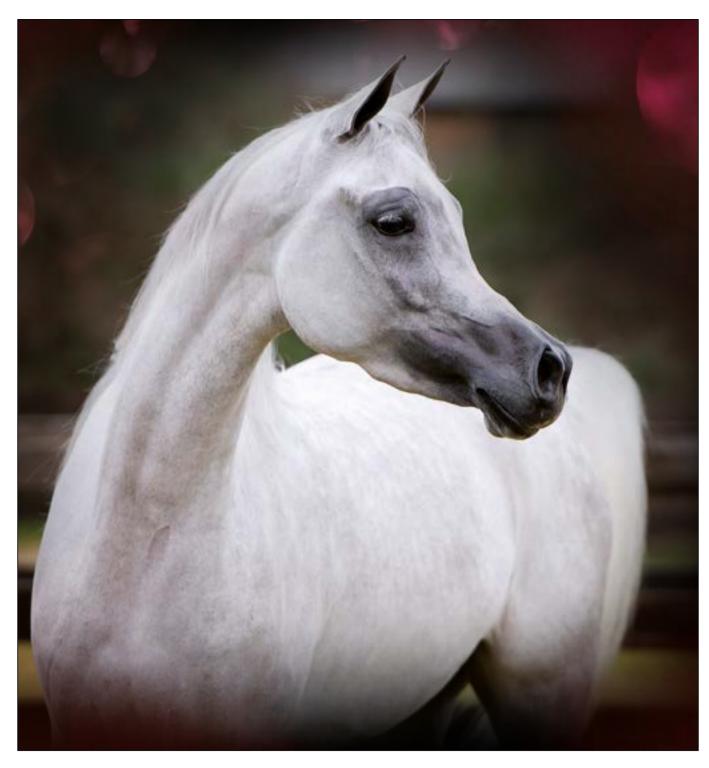
Amirat Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Imperial Phanilah) 1998 grey straight egyptian mare



Amina Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Amwaj Al Shaqab) 2010 bay straight egyptian filly



Laian Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Meseda Al Shaqab) 2008 grey straight egyptian mare



Dawlah Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Badawieh Al Shaqab) 2008 grey straight egyptian mare



Nouf Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Mesada Al Shaqab) 2006 grey straight egyptian mare



Al Wajba Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Imperial Phanilah) 2007 chestnut straight egyptian mare



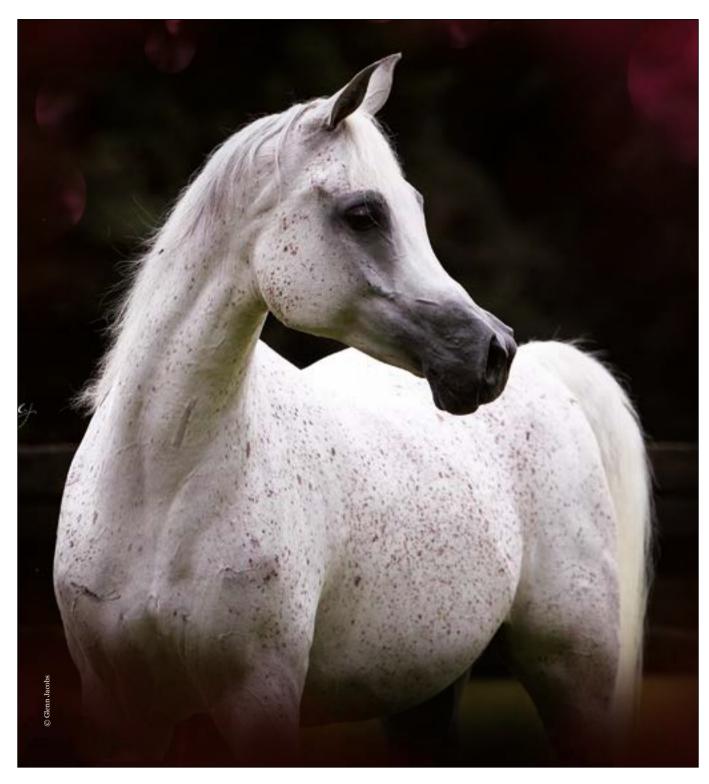
Wijdan Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Amwaj Al Shaqab) 2007 grey straight egyptian mare



Mayyasa Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Alhambra El Dakar) 2006 grey mare



Hathfa Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Kajora) 1999 bay mare



Hazmia Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Dalilat Albadeia) 1999 grey straight egyptian mare