more and more in the international scenery and calling the attention of breeders of many countries. RFI Maktub is owned and bred by the Forte family from the Brazilian stud "Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista".

Since the birth of his first product, RFI Maktub is enchanting due to the high quality and consistence of his production. His oldest product is only five years old and two of his first three products were quickly and successfully exported to Europe: RFI Farid (x RFI Fayara El Shiraz by Shiraz El Jamaal) and Stephana W (by Spartana Ludfor). the Italian stud Aretusa Arabians, and today owned by Al Hawajer Stud, from the United Arab Emirates, RFI Farid won several important shows in Europe, notably the prizes Bronze Champion Colt in the Nations Cup in Aachen - Germany and in the world championship in the Salon du Cheval in Paris, both in 2010. Farid was the first product of Maktub to disclose its name to one of the main world markets of the Arabian horse.

Stephana W, bred by Dulce Rosas from the Brazilian stud "Haras Ludfor," well known by the European public, was sold and exported when she was 10 -month-old to Al Jalawiyah Stud from Saudi Arabia. She won the Gold Medal in the Belgium Filly Championship in 2011 and is widely applauded due to her beauty and charisma. rei Maktub is a son of Altam Yshmayl, by rsD Dark Victory, out of rfi Cyntilation, by Ninjah El Jamaal, bringing together in his pedigree important names of the worldwide breeding as Bey Shah, Ali Jamaal and El Shaklan, the characteristics of which clearly appear in his phenotype and are transmitted very consistently to his descendants. "It is very easy to identify a product from Maktub. His characteristics are very remarkable and are transmitted uniformly to his offspring", says Rodrigo Forte, his breeder and owner. "His products have a general and good conformation with long legs, excellent top lines, good shoulders, short and dished heads, big and black eyes, in addition to movement and charisma", says Rodrigo.


pen twenty-years of breeding, the stud "Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista" won the 2011 edition of the Breeders Cup of Brazil, a high prestigious exhibition judged by scoring system, in which the participant animals, at most four per breeder, must be bred and owned by the exhibitor. The stud which receives the highest sum of marks is the winner. Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista took part in the competition with three products of RFI Maktub: RFI Fire Al Maktub (by Fire Glory), RFI Fidji Al Maktub (by RFI Faiza El Shiraz) and RFI Sophie Al Maktub (by RFI Sophia AI Neschi). In addition to the prize of winning stud, the three animals RFI were included in the general Top Ten of the cup, and Sophie won the Premium Cup, the horse with the highest score among all participants. Furthermore, unprecedentedly, Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista won the cup with animals the parents of which are also bred by the stud. The Breeders Cup represented an important milestone in the history of RFI Maktub.
il such impressive results, since the birth of RFI Farid and Stephana w, encouraged several important Brazilian and foreign breeders to bet on RFI Maktub. One of the first was Lenita Perroy, from the Brazilian stud "Haras Meia Lua" who upon crossing some of the main mares reached a very positive result notably Jyvara El Maktub (by Jiullya El Jamaal), Jylena Meia Lua (by Jullye El Ludjin), recently acquired by the Brazilian breeders Tadeu Gomes de Oliveira and Marlúcio Borges, Xareena El Maktub (by Xakleena El Ludjin) and Jynnah Meia Lua (by Jiullya El Jamaal), both recently soldand exported; Jynnah to the Austrian breeder Ferninand Huemer, La Movida Arabians, and Xareena to the Al Shaqab Stud from Qatar. Other examples of important breeders which are using RFI Maktub include: Jaime Pinheiro (Haras Vila dos Pinheiros), Fábio Diniz (Haras Vanguarda), Jairo Queiroz Jorge (Haras dos Faveiros) José Alves Filho (Haras JM) and Robert North (North Arabians).

The consistence of RFI Maktub has been evidenced by the excellent results obtained by all those using him. "His products are always included among the best products of these studs and are originated from mares of very different lineages, which evidences the competence of Maktub as a stallion", says Leopoldo Coutinho, a breeding advisor and manager of RFI Maktub. Rodrigo Forte further says that Maktub not only prints strongly its type on his progeny, but also is capable of keeping the qualities of the dams.


lecently, the frozen semen of RFI Maktub arrived in the United States through the rep esentation of Rodolfo Guzzo, who expects that Maktub may contribute to the American breeding with his strong Arab type, refinement, short back and long legs. The RFI Maktub's owners have as next purpose to send his semen to Europe and Middle East. "Christine Jamar from Belgium is our representative in Europe and Middle East, but we are still working to resolve bureaucratic issues related to the foreign trade so that this semen is exported as soon as possible from Brazil to these regions", says Rodrigo Forte.

RFI Maktub represents the second generation of animals born in the Brazilian stud Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista, which currently devotes itself to the development of new generations, mainly upon the collaboration of Maktub in the role of chief stallion. A group of approximately twenty-five mares are available to Maktub, the majority of which has the prefix "RFI", a brand that identifies this breeding. They descend mainly from two stallions which are famous in the history of the stud: Shiraz El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x Satyna by Etat) and Neschnij (Neman x Neschi by Kilimandscharo), "Shiraz and Neschnij gave us high quality mares, all of them correct, upon strong movement, refinement and Arab type, besides being reproducing very well with our Maktub", says Carlos Forte, patriarch of the family.
n order to evidence the success of such breeding, it is enough to check that RFI Farid is a grandson of Shiraz El Jamaal and that the beautiful Sophie AI Maktub is granddaughter of Neschnij. "We are very loyal to our breeding program. We believe in long term breeding and want to be known as real breeders", says Rodrigo Forte.

The Brazilian nationals will happen soon in November in the City of Indaiatuba, State of Sáo Paulo. The expectation of the Forte family is high, mainly upon the 2011/2012 offspring of Maktub. "We expect great results at the Brazilian Nationals for the progeny of Maktub, not only ours, but also the ones of our clients", comments Rodrigo.

RFI Maktub is contributing to its successful history, which is only beginning. Maktub is a part of a program of important Brazilian studs and is in the radar of many international breeders. Besides delighting upon the quality of his progeny, Maktub is a very beautiful horse with charisma and docility. It is better to see Maktub in the beautiful landscapes of Haras Santo Antonio da Bela Vista, a combination well portrayed by the lenses of the photographer Gigi Grasso in 2011, some of them are illustrating this subject.


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(x RFI FAIZA EL SHIRAZ) TOP TEN AT 2011 BREDEERS CUP 2012 COLT CHAMPIONSHIP

## RFI BETTINA AL MAKTUB

( $x$ SB BALLERINA BY DON EL CHALL) 2012 JUNIOR FILLY CHAMPIONSHIP

## RFI SAHIB AL MAKTUB

( $x$ RFI SOPHIA AL NESCHI by neschnil)
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