

Now three-years old, D Seraj is a colt who has taken the Arabian show-ring by storm. Bred and owned by the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud in the United Arab Emirates, D Seraj oozes quality and potential – and his is a story that is only just beginning. D Seraj is sired by international superstar, and multiple champion, FA El Rasheem. Himself just six-years old, FA El Rasheem was bred in the USA and is also owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. Celebrated from the moment he was born, FA El Rasheem combines two of the most popular sire



D Seraj, 2016 World Championship Paris





lines of the 21st century – Marwan Al Shaqab and Versace. His sire is the late FA El Shawan, a son of Marwan Al Shaqab (Gazal Al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) and out of Foxbriar Shakita (ZT Shakfantasy x Selket Mirror), while his dam is Virtuosa MLR. She is sired by Versace, a son of Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose) and out of Precious

as Gold (El Shaklan x Autumn in Gold). Her dam in turn is Alishahmaal, a daughter of Ali Jamaal (Ruminaja Ali x Heritage Memory) who is another extremely influential sire over the past thirty years. Alishahmaal is out of NV Alieshah (Bey Shah x Aandraya), thus adding strong Polish lines to the pedigree.

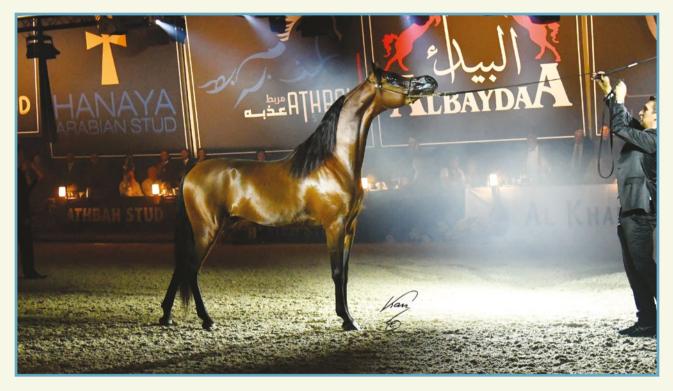


D Seraj, 2016 Aachen



D Seraj, 2016 Menton

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Looking to D Seraj's damline, we have the fleabitten grey Ladi Veronika, herself a Reserve World Champion mare. The Versace influence in D Seraj is reinforced through his dam as she, too, is by this great stallion. Her dam, however, brings in Egyptian lines as she is Nisrs Natevka, sired by Ansata El Nisr, a son of the legendary straight Egyptian stallion, Ansata Ibn Halima (Nazeer x Halima), and out of Ansata Bint Zaafarana (Nazeer x Zaafarana). Nisrs Natevka, also brings in Polish lines through her dam Fez Feather, who is by EW Fez (Bask x Ferezja) and out of Myecho,





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who in turn is by Fadjuronimo (Fadjur x Calina) and out of Gwenhwyfar.

With five crosses to Bey Shah (Bay El Bay x Star of Ofir), three to Nazeer (Mansour x Bint Samiha), three to Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose), and two each to Bask (Witraz x Balalajka) and Versace (Fame VF x Precious as Gold), it is clear to see that D Seraj has a pedigree that blends the older breeding lines with those of the modern age. The result has been exciting – a young colt with a particular look, and a style that is all of his own.

So, with such a pedigree combined in one package, D Seraj had all the ingredients necessary to make an impression; and he certainly did in his yearling year! Naturally showy, this grey colt won his class at the 2016 Ajman Show and took the Gold Yearling Male Championship. At his 'home' show, the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships, D



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Seraj was successful once more, as he again won his class and took the Yearling Male Championship title.

From there, the trip to Europe was made, and D Seraj continued his 'show doubles', wining and taking the Gold Yearling Male Championship at the Mediterranean and Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championships held on the French Riviera in Menton. The All Nations' Cup in Aachen was the next challenge and again, D Seraj remained unbeaten as he won his class once more, and added the All Nations' Cup Gold Yearling Male title to his growing collection.

The final challenge for D Seraj in his yearling year was the Paris World Championships, where he went up against the best of the best. With his free movement, expressive attitude, undeniable show quality and clean, upright lines, D Seraj shone once more. He won his qualifying class on the Saturday, and come Sunday's championship, he took it all in his stride. D Seraj left Paris as World Yearling Male Champion, and became another homebred star for Dubai



Lady Veronika

Horse Arabian Stud in the process. Indeed, his win in Paris helped to cement the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud's place in Arabian breeding history as his maternal half-sister, the yearling D Ajayeb by RFI Farid (RFI Maktub x RFI Fayara El Shiraz), won the Yearling Female Championship; the stud's straight Egyptian World Champion Royal Colours (True Colours x Xtreme Wonder) went Platinum; and the farm also took home the Best Owner/Breeder Award. Quite the show for them! D Seraj is clearly a future star for the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. As a three-year old, he will start now is breeding career too. The breeding barn also awaits and, with such a pedigree behind him, his first foals will be interesting to see. One thing is for sure, however; the best is yet to come from D Seraj, and the world is eagerly waiting to see what happens next. \Box

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D Seraj, 2016 Abu Dhabi International Show





D Seraj, 2016 Dubai



D Seraj, 2018 Dubai