

D Seraj

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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



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2015 grey, colt

		MARWAN AL SHAQAB* b 15.3H 2000 ARABIAN AHR*599438	GAZAL AL SHAQAB* b 15.3H 1995	ANAZA EL FARID* KAJORA*
	FA EL SHAWAN* b 2005 ARABIAN AHR*621258		LITTLE LIZA FAME* b 1987	FAME VF* KATAHZA*
		FOXBIAR SHAKITA ch 2001 ARABIAN	ZT SHAKFANTASY* gr 15.1h 1995	EL SHAKLAN* RH LIGHT FANTASY
FA EL RASHEEM* b 2011 ARABIAN			SELKET MIRROR ch 1994	FURNO KHAMAL* PREFERRED TIME*
		VERSACE* b 15.3H 1995 ARABIAN AHR*525640	FAME VF* b + 1982	BEY SHAH* RAFFOLETA-ROSE*
	VIRTUOSA MLR b 2001 ARABIAN		PRECIOUS AS GOLD* ch 15.3H 1984	EL SHAKLAN* AUTUMN IN GOLD*
		ALISHAHMAAL* ch 1992 ARABIAN AHR #485172	ALI JAMAAL* b 1982	RUMINAJA ALI* HERITAGE MEMORY*
			NV ALIESHAH b 1984	BEY SHAH* AANDRAYA
		FAME VF* b + 1982 ARABIAN AHR*268987	BEY SHAH* b 1976	BAY EL BEY* STAR OF OFIR*
	VERSACE* b 15.3H 1995 ARABIAN AHR*525640		RAFFOLETA-ROSE* b 1971	RAFFON* LETA ROSE
		PRECIOUS AS GOLD* ch 15.3H 1984 ARABIAN AHR*296213	EL SHAKLAN* gr 15.3 1975	SHAKER EL MASRI* ESTOPA*
LADI VERONIKA* gr 2002 ARABIAN			AUTUMN IN GOLD* ch 15.3H 1980	CLASSY MCCOY* JULIEANN
		ANSATA EL NISR* gr 1967 ARABIAN AHR*41581	ANSATA IBN HALIMA* gr 15.0 1958	NAZEER* HALIMA*
	NISRS NATEVKA* gr 1987 ARABIAN AHR*397834		ANSATA BINT ZAAFARANA* gr 1958	NAZEER* ZAAFARANA*
		FEZ FEATHER gr 1977 ARABIAN AHR*150386	EW FEZ* ch 1972	BASK* FEREZJA
			MYECHO gr 1973	FADIJRONIMO* GWENHWYFAR*

lines of the 21st century – Marwan Al Shaqab and Versace. as Gold (El Shaklan x Autumn in Gold). Her dam in turn His sire is the late FA El Shawan, a son of Marwan Al is Alishahmaal, a daughter of Ali Jamaal (Ruminaja Ali x Shaqab (Gazal Al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) and out of Heritage Memory) who is another extremely influential sire Foxbriar Shakita (ZT Shakfantasy x Selket Mirror), while over the past thirty years. Alishahmaal is out of NV Aliesha (Bey Shah x Aandraya), thus adding strong Polish lines to his dam is Virtuosa MLR. She is sired by Versace, a son of Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose) and out of Precious the pedigree.



D Seraj, 2016 Aachen



D Seraj, 2016 Menton



FA El Rasheem



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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Lady Veronika

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', winning 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. □



D Seraj, 2016 Abu Dhabi International Show





D Seraj, 2016 Dubai



D Seraj, 2018 Dubai