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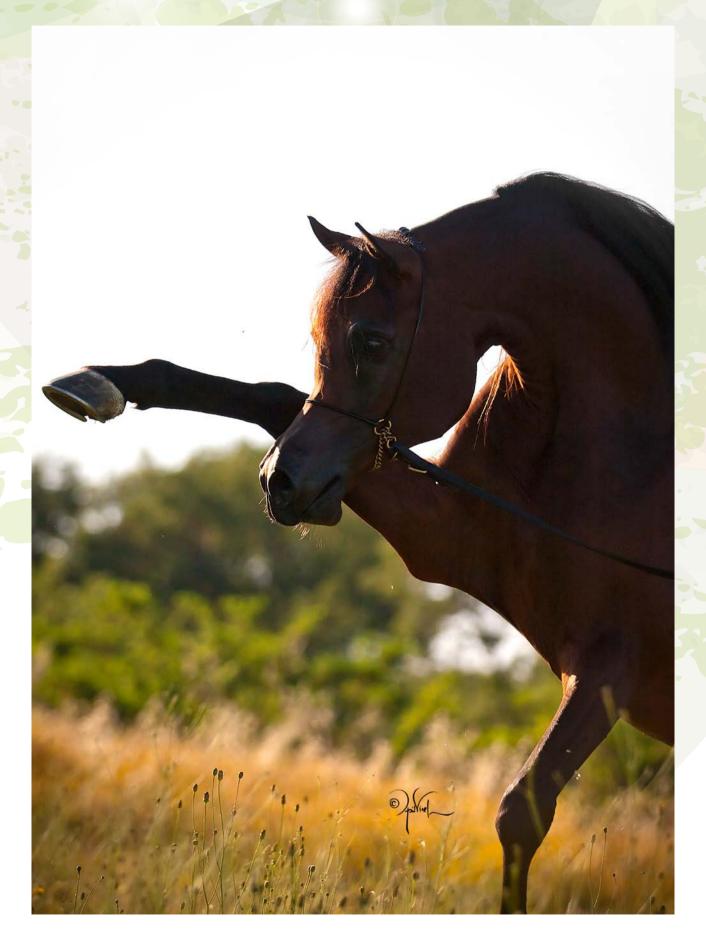
KS Alihandro is one of the most captivating show horses of recent years, and he has commanded the show-rings of the northern hemisphere since his debut as a two-year old colt in September 2012. Unchallenged in the ring, EKS Alihandro has also proved himself to be a worthy sire, including through the very special filly, Rewayah Athbah.

An impressive bay stallion, EKS Alihandro was bred in South Africa and is owned by the Athbah Stud in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He is sired by the incomparable triple World Champion Marwan Al Shaqab, himself a son of the famed Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid x Kajora) and out of

the Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose) daughter, Little Liza Fame (ex Katahza by Aza Destiny). Alihandro's dam is the lovely OFW Psylhouette, sired by multiple champion Padrons Psyche (Padron x Kilika). She is out of Hafati Julianna (ex PGN Flirtation by Aristo Kossack), a daughter of RSD Dark Victory (ex Kamasi Sabaha by Khemosabi), the famed son of Bey Shah (Bay El Bey x Star of Ofir).

EKS Alihandro's first show for Athbah Stud was the Prague International B Show, where he comfortably took the Gold Junior Male Championship. From that moment, there was no stopping Alihandro and to this date, he remains unbeaten in the show-ring. Gold titles followed – the 2012 Junior







ANAZA EL FARID AHR*423140 Bay 1988

GAZAL AL SHAQAB QASB*620 Bay 1995

KAJORA QASB*722 Bay 1979

MARWAN AL SHAQAB AHR*599438 Bay 2000

FAME VF AHR*268987 Bay 1982

LITTLE LIZA FAME QASB*736 Bay 1987

KATAHZA AHR*224369 Bay

*PADRON AHR*175389

Chestnut 1977

PADRONS PSYCHE AHR*418979 Chestnut 1988

KILIKA AHR*266273 Bay

OFW PSYLHOUETTE AHR*619481 Chestnut 2005

*RSD DARK VICTORY BRSB*11617 Bay 1985

HAFATI JULIANNA AHR*579474 Black 2000

*PGN FLIRTATION BRSB*16983 Chestnut 1989 RUMINAJA ALI AHR*134937 Grey 1976

BINT DEENAA AHR*200068 Bay 1979

KABORR AHR*69270 Grey 1970

*EDJORA AHR*94009 Grey 1968

BEY SHAH AHR*134556 Bay 1976

RAFFOLETA-ROSE

AHR*78072 Bay 1971

AZA DESTINY AHR*73099 Bay 1971

AFHAR RAHZA AHR*56535 Grey 1969

PATRON AVS*586 Chestnut 1966

ODESSA AVS*678 Chestnut 1973

*TAMERLAN AHR*181487 Bay 1967

*KILIFA AHR*226721 Chestnut 1972

BEY SHAH AHR*134556 Bay 1976

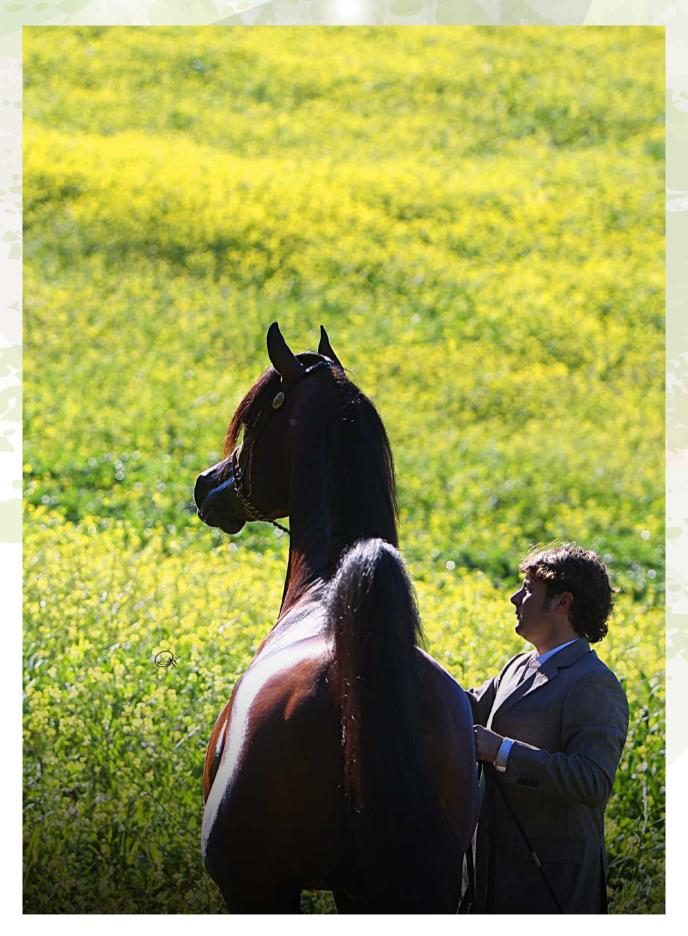
KAMASI SABAHA

AHR*135861 Bay 1976

ARISTO KOSSAK AHR*141160 Bay 1976

*FAMILIA AHR*221760 Grey 1976

Eks Atthandro 2010 chestnut, stallion









Male Champion at the All Nations' Cup in Aachen being the first of these titles, and the last that Alihandro would not win unanimously.

The next stop for Alihandro was as a three-year old, where he took the Gold Junior Male Championship at the Dubai International Arabian Horse Show. The next show saw another unanimous Gold – the Menton Mediterranean & Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championships. A very special back to back championship in Aachen followed, making EKS Alihandro one of the few elite horses to win the title on consecutive years, and then it was on to Paris for the World Championships.

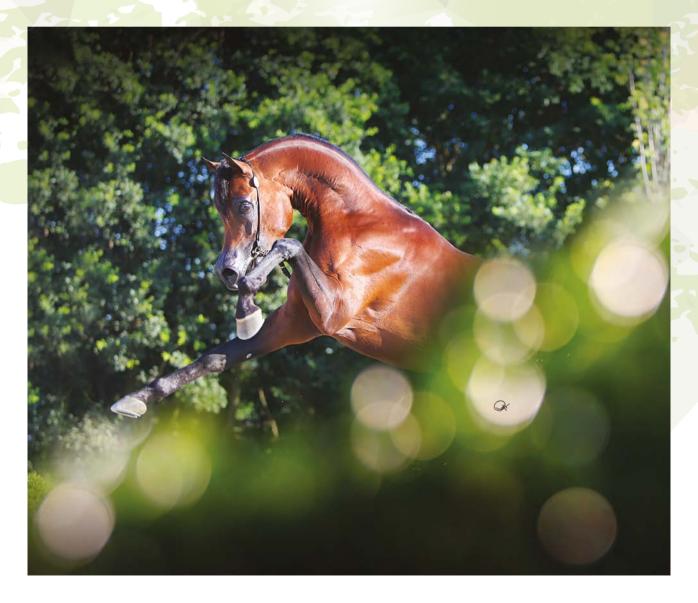
Here, in the greatest of all the European show arenas, EKS Alihandro received a terrific reception as he made his way into the arena for the highly competitive junior male classes. Statuesque, proud and showy, EKS Alihandro captivated once more and he was unanimously awarded the title, securing his name forever among the showing elite.

Now six years of age, EKS Alihandro has also secured

his place among the breeding elite, not least through the incredible success of his beautiful, exotic bay daughter, Rewayah Athbah, in 2015. Out of Fedora RG (WH Justice x Psyches Angel), this very showy bay homebred took a host of titles across Europe in her yearling year, culminating in the Yearling Filly World Championship. Breeders the world over are choosing Alihandro for his great attitude, Arabian type, and length of leg among other attributes.

This year EKS Alihandro returned back to the show ring again and he was nominated once more Gold Champion in Menton.

The EKS Alihandro story is still one that is very young indeed, and we can expect to see much more from both this amazing stallion and his wonderful progeny over the coming years.





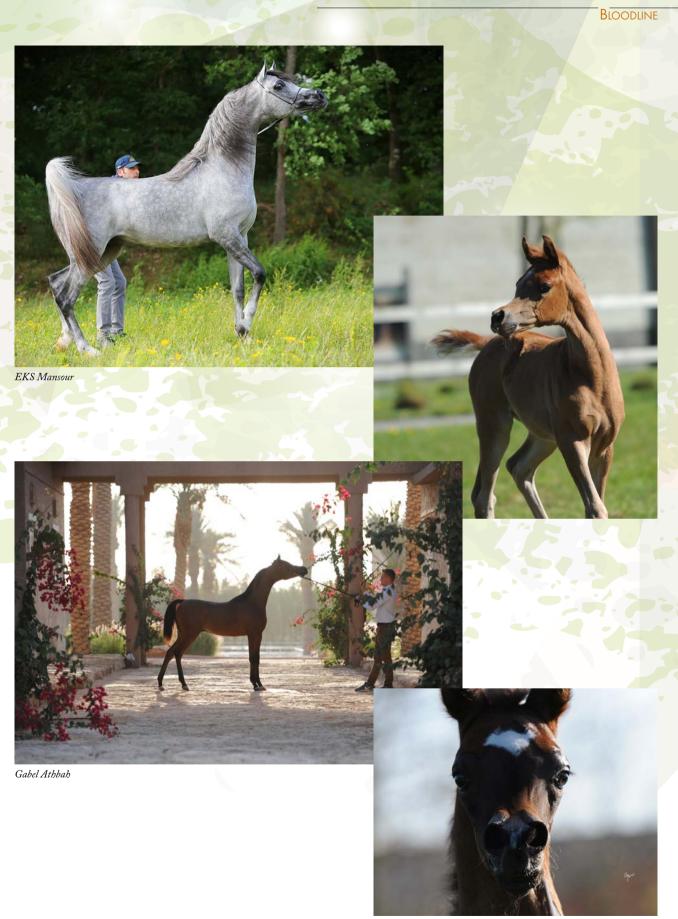






EKS Alihandro. Gold Medal Senior Male, Menton 2016





Giacomo Athbah





Shagran Athbah

