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# EQUATOR

QR MARC X EKLIPTYCA BY EKSTERN

## *King of the Ring*

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**E**quator is in every respect the phenotypic reflection of his sire - World Champion and internationally renowned sire QR Marc, exuding extraordinary quality, refinement and ultra-exotic type. His masculine, commanding presence is further enhanced by his smooth, well-coupled body shape, strength and levelness of topline, len-

bian Horse Festival, Elran Cup Champion Stallion, World Reserve Champion Stallion and two-time World Champion Stallion, Reserve Champion Stallion, Champion Stallion Elran Cup older, Reserve Champion Stallion Menton; in the season 2012 - Champion Stallion show in Dubai, Nations Cup Champion Stallion and World Champion Stallion. QR



gth, shape and suppleness of neck and a beautifully designed head with large black liquid eyes. He embodies the extraordinary merits of his world-renowned sire line, that of Nazeer, via the incomparable unbroken line of international super-sires tracing through Morafic - Shaikh Al Badi - Ruminaja Ali - Anaza El Farid - Gazal Al Shaqab - Marwan Al Shaqab and QR Marc. Equator's sire, QR Marc, is himself a champion and a sire of champions and boasts a rich collection of titles - Champion Colt at Al Khalediah Ara-

Marc's sire, Marwan Al Shaqab needs really no introduction. Still do date, he is one of the most respected reproducers in the world. Marwan Al Shaqab conquered first Middle East and Europe, winning all the shows, which appear: Qatar International Show in Doha, the International Eastern Bavaria Show in Kreuth, Danish International Show in Vilhelmsborg, and the culmination of the procession was a triumphant victory World Championships in Paris. In 2002, the 'Triple-crowned' won the titles of Junior Cham-

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pion Nations Cup, Junior Reserve Champion Stallion and Europe Junior World Champion in Paris. After the debut in the role of a sire at Ses Planes Stud in Spain (2002), Marwan Al Shaqab went to conquer America. First unanimously won the Championship Region 9, and then he was twice elected, also unanimously, as US Junior Champion Stallion (2003-2005). In 2008, again appeared on shows in Europe, winning titles again Nations Cup and World Champion -

this time in the Senior Category. What's more, for six years in a row, from 2007 to 2012, Marwan Al Shaqab received the title of best sire World Championships in Paris. Not only does Equator exemplify the extraordinary qualities of his sireline. He is further blessed with the unparalleled excellence of Poland's exemplary "E" family of champions via his dam Ekliptyka. A full sister to international show sensation and respected Polish sire Esparto, Ekliptyka is sired by the legendary Ekstern, source of Equator's breed standard top-line, enchanting eyes and effervescent attitude, and out of the gorgeous Eukaliptus' daughter Ekspozycja from whom Equator inherits his undeniable aristocratic presence, his impressive neck, his smooth and balanced conformation, his dynamic and powerful trot, which have earned him the highest acclaim around the world.

With the poise and composure of a King, Equator has raised the level of Polish breeding to a new standard of excellence by inspiring breeders and judges all across Europe and the Middle East. In 2012, he was Polish National & Spring Show Gold Champion, European Gold Champion, All Nations Cup Bronze Champion & World Silver Champion Junior Colt. In 2014, he was acclaimed Bronze Champion at All Nations Cup - Championship Senior Stallions and Bronze Champion at World Arabian Horse Championship Paris 2014 - Senior Male Championship. In 2015, he was crowned Gold Champion at Verona - Senior Males Championship and became Silver Champion at Paris - Senior Stallions Championship. In 2017, he thrilled the Salon du Cheval in Paris and became Silver Champion - Senior Stallions Championship. Year 2018 was indeed a special one for this ultra-exotic stallion. With four more fantastic achievements that will surely earn him the call sign of 'Epoch-maker', Equator was Gold Champion at Sharjah International 2018 - Stallions



*GOLD CHAMPION at Liep 2018  
Senior Stallions Championship*



*GOLD CHAMPION at Verona 2015  
Senior Stallions Championship*

*GOLD CHAMPION at Paris 2018 - Senior Stallions Championship*



Championship; Silver Champion at Dubai 2018 - Senior Stallions Championship; Gold Champion at Lier 2018 - Senior Stallions Championship, and the recent striding victory at the Salon du Cheval Paris 2018. Shown by French-born handler Raphael Curti for his leaser Mohammad Sheikh Suliman from Al Sheikh Stud, Israel, and for his Polish breeder Stadinina Koni Michalow, Equator looked at the entrance to the show arena on Sunday morning, snorted, went in full of fire and became World Gold Medal Champion Paris 2018 in a blaze of glory.

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## PALMARES

### **GOLD CHAMPION**

at Paris 2018

Senior Stallions Championship

### **GOLD CHAMPION**

at Lier 2018

Senior Stallions Championship

### **SILVER CHAMPION**

at Dubai 2018

Senior Stallions Championship

### **GOLD CHAMPION**

at Sharjah International 2018

Senior Stallions Championship

### **SILVER CHAMPION**

at Paris 2017

Senior Stallions Championship

### **SILVER CHAMPION**

at Paris 2015

Senior Stallions Championship

### **GOLD CHAMPION**

at Verona 2015

Senior Stallions Championship

### **BRONZE CHAMPION**

at WAHC Paris 2014

Senior Stallions Championship

### **BRONZE CHAMPION**

at All Nations Cup 2014

Senior Stallions Championship

