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EQUIBORN^{KA}

THE AMERICAN BREAKTHROUGH

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We can often hear long-experienced breeders maintain that when they assess a horse and try to envisage his possible breeding ability they look to see how strongly the individual resembles his pedigree. If the horse's physical characteristics closely match those of the animals in its pedigree, then breeders believe there is in fact a



very high probability that the horse will be able to reproduce those same qualities and traits with a good amount of consistency. When Equiborn KA came to life at Knocke Arabians, Belgium, in 2012, Arabian breeders Paul and Ria Geysens knew from the very beginning they were witnessing the birth of a clear star who would live up to his progenitors and bring forward their breeding generation. There are two sides to every pedigree and each is equally important. The sire side of Equiborn KA's pedigree is imbued with straight Egyptian blood with his sire QR Marc (Marwan Al Shaqab x Swete Dreams) being a great-grandson of legendary Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid by Ruminaja Ali



x Kajora), and brings with it the strong, close ties to his desert origins. From her side, Kajora conveyed a potent combination of rich and robust Russian, Polish and Crabbet bloodlines. Historically, these lines have been blended and overlapped to create masterpieces of living, breathing art. Equiborn's dam is the regal Polish mare Espadrilla. Owned and bred by Michalow State Stud in Poland, Espadrilla (Monogramm x Emanacja) is one of the many mares that have been bred to QR Marc with amazing resul-

ts, both at Knocke and in Poland itself. When leased to Knocke Arabians, Espadrilla gifted the Gheysens with Equiborn before she made her return to her mother country. While being one of the most beautiful daughters by Monogramm (Negatraz x Monogramma) makes Espadrilla an aristocratic mare by definition, it is her dam side that appears so appealing. She is out of Emanacja, a daughter of the great Eukaliptus (Bandos x Eunice) and out of one of the most important Polish broodmares of all time







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EQUIBORN KA X
JOURNALIA NAUTIC FILLY



EQUIBORN KA X
QR LIZETTE FILLY



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– Emigracjia (Palas x Emisja). Therefore, Espadilla carries two of the most important bloodlines bred at the State Studs of Poland, and this is what mainly sparked Paul and Ria Gheysens to choose her as a special partner for QR Marc. No offspring by QR Marc has ever been shown in the same year of their birth except for Equiborn KA. In 2012, the Geysens decided to introduce the foal to their friends at their annual family event and everyone there got just so captivated by the little grey colt's appearance. Reason why, the following year, in 2013, Equiborn was awarded the honor to open the event itself. No more words were needed on that day, but a few minutes of presentation had already stolen the heart of all the attendants. Equiborn stood tall

and charming in the presentation arena, he had a gentle grace about him, elegance perfectly in line with a great movement and charismatic Arabian type. All eyes were on him. That same year, in 2013, Equiborn made his debut in the show-ring grabbing the Gold Yearling Colt title at the Emerald Trophy International Show and the Silver Yearling Colt Championship title at the West Coast Cup as well as being crowned Best Belgium Horse at the show. He concluded that year with the Silver Yearling Male title at the World Championship in Paris. Many successes were achieved by Equiborn with the Schouckens on the lead. He was: Bronze Medal Champion at Menton 2014; Bronze Medal Champion at Menton 2015 regaining the Silver



Silver Junior Champion
Paris 2015





Champion title at Paris 2015. He went on being: 2016 Breeders Cup Chantilly Unanimous Gold Champion Senior Stallion + Best Male of the Show and 2017 Paris Bronze World Champion Stallion. Lately, Paul and Ria Geysens' decision about sending Equiborn KA to Davis Boggs' Midwest Training Center in the U.S. has caught everybody's attention in the industry. Since when we talk about David Boogs, we talk about one of the most in-

ternationally acclaimed horseman. One who has travelled the world over and visited every continent where Arabian horses live. His passion created his vision, it provides his energy, and it sustains his commitment to search out and find, acquire, transform, and showcase the crème de la crème of the breed. Last not the least, Equiborn KA. Of course, we are all excited to see what will come up from this new magnificent pair!

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