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Jadem Arabians, owned Guy and Christine Jamar, is the largest pure Polish Arabian stud in Belgium. Located near Balen, near Antwerp, the stud, run by Christine, is home to around 60 horses, with an average of 25 foals born each spring. With the mare lines very much being based on the Polish bloodlines, Christine is always looking for superb young stallions to bring in to complement her mares. In 2014, this astute judge and breeder found not just a potential stallion to breed her mares to; she believed in him enough to purchase him and add to the very select group of stallions that have called Jadem Arabians 'home'. The colt in question is Shiraz de Lafon, bred by Mas de Lafon in France.



For Christine to buy such a young horse truly underlines her belief in him, and his first foals are showing that her confidence in him was well placed.

Shiraz de Lafon was foaled in 2013 and he is sired by the brilliant Shanghai EA, a multiple champion who has earned titles at the All Nations' Cup, Aachen, the European Championships, the Paris World Championships, and the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships among others. Shanghai EA is sired by the 'champion maker' WH Justice (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher-Renea by El Sher-Mann) and thus Shiraz de Lafon comes from one of the most coveted sire lines in

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RANIA JK (ex Rayyana K by Borsolino K out of MFA Exoticaa)



GALLIANO J (ex Glamour Girl J by QR Marc out of Georgia)



modern breeding, going back to the great Padrons Psyche (Padron x Kilika by Tamerlan), a stallion who at 28 years of age is still very current. Shanghai EA's dam is the lovely Khidar (Ansata Sinan x Elizja by Esta-Ghalil) daughter,

Salymah EA (Libanon Azadika by Om El Azadik out of Warandes Shaklana). Thus, Shanghai EA's dam brings in Egyptian and El Shaklan (Shaker El Masri x Estopa by Tabal) bloodlines to complement the Crabbet/Russian/El Shaklan found in the damline.

The influence of Khidar on Shiraz de Lafon is reinforced through his dam, Diacira de Lafon, who is a daughter of Khidar. Her dam in turn brings in the Russian lines that Christine loves so much, as she is out of the Ponomarev (Salon x Palitra by Salon) daughter, Devitsa (ex Evitah by Plakat out of Novostj), who is double Aswan (Nazeer x Yoseria by Sheikh El Arab), a stallion who was Egypt's gift to Russia, reinforcing Shiraz de Lafon's Egyptian heritage even further.

With such wonderful bloodlines, there is little wonder that Christine chose Shiraz de Lafon to be the perfect outcross for her deeply Polish broodmares. However, having purchased him as a three-month-old colt, Christine also made the decision to show him and at the

2014 European Championships in Lier, Shiraz de Lafon took home the Most Beautiful Head Trophy as well as a Top Five Champion Colt title. He was also named as a Gold Champion at the 2014 West Coast Cup Gold Champion Colt and Bronze Champion Colt title to his name at the Ströhen Show, the International Days for Arabian Horses. As a two-year-old, Shiraz de Lafon won Gold at the Emerald Trophy in Brecht, and this year, he has taken the Silver Junior Male Championship at Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival 2016 in Poland.

More to the point, Shiraz de Lafon is now proving himself as a sire, and he had his first foals this year for Christine, one in partnership with Murilo Kammer, the filly Rania



JK (ex Rayyana K by Borsolino K out of MFA Exoticaa). For Jadem Arabians, Shiraz de Lafon has produced one filly and three colts, including Galliano J (ex Glamour Girl J by QR Marc out of Georgia), who took Bronze Champion Foal at the Emerald Trophy.

There is no doubt that this vibrant young stallion with his exotic face, smooth body and elegant paces will be a star of the future. He will not only benefit the mares of Jadem Arabians, but those enough lucky enough to use him. His pedigree is superb, and the sons of Shanghai EA are extraordinary. Shiraz de Lafon – the name for the future.



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