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At the 21st – 23rd February, the Racing and Equestrian club in Doha, Qatar, organized its 22nd International Arabian horse show. A popular show attracting participants from all over the world. With prize money and luxury cars for the winners, the show this time counted 208 entries.

Qatar and Doha in particular with its beautiful scenery and architecture is a true pleasure for the eye. Besides visiting the city and the country as well as attending the Qatar international show, it is also a real gem to visit all the stud farms resident near Doha. In the past decades, Qatar has really become the source of (world) champions. Luckily the show organizers left some space to visit the nearby studfarms.

On February 21st the annual REC's Qatar International Equestrian Festival was held at the Racing & Equestrian Club in Doha, Qatar under the patronage of HH the Emir Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani. A 8 days event filled with racing, studfarm tour and of course two Arabian Horse Shows; The international Show and the Egyptian Event. The Festival started with the national Anthem, followed by the music band of the Qatar Army and a parade of camels and arabian horses.

The showscene was big and also contained a small 'Arabian Village' with several stand with enough to buy for all arabian horse enthusiasts!

As always the show was perfectly organized under the guidance of Sheikh Mohammed Bin Falah Al Thani - Chairman of Festival Higher Organising Committee, Mr. Ghanem Bin Ali Al Mohannadi - Vice Chairman of Festival Higher Organising Committee, Mr. Sami Jassim Al Boenain - General Coordinator, Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Boenain - Show Director & Chairman of Technical Committee, Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Subiaei - Chairman of Show Committee and their team members. This year, the Emir supplied a Mercedes car for champion for the International Show and prize money for the winners at the Egyptian show.

The show started on Thursday with the junior classes.

Judges for this event were Mrs. Silvia Garde-Ehlert and Mr. Manfred Hain from Germany, Mrs. Ann Green and Mrs. Charlotte Rowell from Great Britain, Mrs. Anna Stajanowska from Poland, Mr. Pierluigi Rota from Italy and Mr. Raouf Abbas from Egypt.

The yearling fillies were split in two classes. Class A was won with 90.75 points by AJ Bahya (Marajj x Princess of Justice) – bred and owned by Ajman stud of the UAE. Second in class with 89 points was Zenat al Shaqab (Khalil al Shaqab x ZT Maghan) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud, Qatar. In the B section yearling fillies



it was again Ajman Stud who took the lead. This time it was their recent addition Ajmaniah OS (Ajman Moniscione x AB Nastrapsy) – bred by Gestut Osterhof – who took the lead, scoring a total of 90.75 points. This filly also did a great show in Abu Dhabi, the week earlier. Like then, also here she received the Bronze medal in the final junior championships. Second in class with 90 points and later Top Five in the junior championships was Kahlal al Shaqab. A daughter of Khalil al Shaqab, who is starting to produce really well – and coming out of Aleysha al Nasser. Bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud, this filly scored a total of 90 points.

The next class, fillies aged two years old – section A, had another victory for Al Shaqab stud. This time it was Jenan al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x Aliaa al Shaqab) who took the lead with a total of 89.75 points. Second in this class with 89.50 points was Mohra tho al Janah (WN Star of Antigua x Judals Imageen) – bred and owned by Mr. Jaffer Khalil Ibrahim Radwani of Qatar. Later this filly received the High point horse owned by a citizen award! The B-section of the fillies aged two years old was of very good quality. Winner with 92.50 points was AJ Asyad (Marwan al Shaqab x Aja Angelica) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE. Later in the championships, this very typy filly got the silver medal. Second in this though class with 91 points was another Ajman stud owned filly named Inspired Najla (Ajman Moniscione x Natalia). Bred in Germany by Gerhard and Andrea Schik, this filly has already been successful in the past. Third in class with 90.75 points was the very flashy and typy Miss Dior NWA (Marajj x Mizz Challenger NWA) – bred and owned by Ole Larsen from Denmark and on lease to Al Nasser stud from Qatar.

The three years old fillies were also split in class A and B. Winner of the A-section with 92.25 points was AJ Siyadah (Vervaldee x Sweet Caroline LL) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud. Later in the championships, this filly claimed the golden medal. Second in this class with 91.25 points was stable mate AJ Warda Shah (Marwan al Shaqab x Whistler BHA).

The B-section of the class was won with 91.50 points by the beauti-

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ful Marghobot al Naif (Marwan al Shaqab x Batoul al Naif) – bred and owned by Al Naif stud from Qatar. Later this horse was awarded with the Leadin Qatar horse of the show trophy! Second in this class with 91.25 points was Mayasaa al Khalediah (Marquis x Hazy al Khalediah) – bred and owned by Al Khalediah stud from Saudi Arabia. Later in the final championships, this filly got Top Five.

In the afternoon it was time for the yearling colts. Also the yearling colts were split in class A and B. The first section was again a victory for Al Shaqab stud, scoring the first position with 91.25 points with Ghalib al Shaqab (Kahil al Shaqab x Gazala al Shaqab) and the second position with 90.50 points with Hadidy al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x White Silk). The section B was won by the beautiful refined and showy Kanz al Nasser (WH Justice x Ftoon al Shaqab) with a total of 90.75 points. This colt was bred and owned by Al Nasser stud and was later named Gold medal winner. I am looking forward to see this colt further on in the year as he is truly remarkable. Second in the class with 89.75 points was Qaswarah Tho Al Jenah (Ansata Shalim x Judals Imageen) – bred and owned by Mr. Jaffer Khalil Ibrahim Radwani of Qatar.

The A section class of two years old colts was double victory for the Royal Cavalry of Oman with their pretty colt Subhi (Ajman Moniscione x Lady Sorrel) being first in class with 91 points and also claiming the bronze medal in the final junior colt championships and their colt Zain al Adeyat (Ajman Moniscione x Zawah de Lam) at the second position in the class with 90.50 points. The B section of the two year old colts was won with 90.75 points by Sultan al Shaqab (Amir al Shaqab x Abha al Shaqab). This colt was very successful in the European showseason last year and looks even better now! Later in the championships he claimed the Top Five title. Sultan is bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud in Qatar. Second in this class with the same total of points was the showy ES Harir (AJ Dinar x TF Magnums Magic) – bred by Sh. Abdulla bin Majid al Qaessemi from the UAE and owned by Sulaiman S A Al Saqran from Kuwait. Later this colt claimed the Top Five title as well.

The show continued with the colts aged three years. A big class full of young sires, representing the future of the Arabian breed. Winner of the class with 92 points was the flashy Peace from the Desert (Marwan al Shaqab x FS Penelope) – bred by the King Abdul Aziz Arabian horse Center and owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz al Saud from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. This colt was later named the Silver medal winner in the junior championships. Second in this class with 91.25 points was Ghasham al Shaqab (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Gazala al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud, Qatar.

The next day it was time for the senior mare classes. Four classes of true beauty. Starting with the A-section of the mares aged four to six

years old. Winner of this class with 92.25 points was the beautiful Noorah al Khalediah (Padrons Immage x Robin K) – bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stud from Saudi Arabia. Later in the final championships, she claimed the top five title. Second in the class was Sadikah al Shgair (F Shamaal x Syrena) – bred and owned by Abdul Mohsen Bin Abdul Malik al Sheikh of Saudi Arabia. The B-section of the four to six years old mares was won by the Australian bred Klassic Harmony MI (Klass x Fames Harmony), scoring a 91 points for her owner Al Shaqab Stud. Second in this class was another Al Shaqab owned mare named Wisal al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x Aliaa al Shaqab) with 89.75 points.

The next class of mares, aged seven to ten years old, all deserved twenties in type. A phenomenal collection of mares entered the arena. The battle of the World champions you could call it as almost all of them won a world champion or reserve title at least once in their life. At the end of the class two mares scored the exact same score of 93 points! Winning on type was Venetzia (Versace x Givanna) – bred by Royo Arabians and owned by Al Shaqab Stud. Later in the mare championships, this mare scored the golden medal! Second in class was Layan al Khalediah (Dakhro x Padrons Amour) – bred and owned by Al Khalediah Stud from Saudi Arabia. This mare later achieved the bronze medal in the final mare championships. Third in class with 92 points was the always beautiful Panarea by Palawan (WH Justice x Palawan) – bred by the Boscarino family from Italy and owned by Ajman stud. Another mare that would catch the eye was the beautiful Bint al Shamal (Koronec x Thee Cover girl), placing fourth with a total of 91.75 points.

The class of mares aged eleven years and older was won with 93.35 points by the timeless Emira (Laheeb x Embra) – bred by Michalow stud in Poland and owned by Ajman Stud of the UAE. Later this mare achieved the silver medal in the final championships. Second in this class with 91.25 points was Ftoon al Shaqab (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Malvina). This mare has proven to be a real addition to Al Nasser stud as she is the dam of the champion colt Kanz al Nasser. Later in the championships, this Ftoon got awarded with Top Five.

The last day was for the senior stallions. Again, a big number of horses were entered. Winner of the class of stallions aged four to six years old – section A with 91.25 points and later Top five in the final championships was Gazwan al Nasser (Gazal al Shaqab x Ftoon al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud from Qatar. Second in class was Fouad al Gharafa (Marwan al Shaqab x Al Jazia al Oula) – bred and owned by Sh. Hamad bin Jassim bin Faisal al Thani of Qatar.

Winner of the class of stallions aged four to six years old – section B with 93.25 points was the charismatic Spartacus TO (Marwan al Shaqab x DA Shahnia) – bred by Thirteenth Oaks Arabians and ow-

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ned by Ajman Stud. This stallion was already successful the week before in Abu Dhabi and also this time he achieved the silver medal in the final championships. This time he repeated his success by claiming the silver medal again! Second in this class with 89.50 points was Wazeer al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x Hanouf al Shaqab) – bred by Al Shaqab stud and owned by Abdul Hadi Manaa Abdul Hadi al Hajiri from Qatar. Later in the championships, this stallion got awarded with the Top Five honor.

The class of stallions aged seven to ten years old was again a battle between the world (res) champions. Big winner of the class was Baanderos (Marwan al Shaqab x HB Bessolea) – who proved to be still the most beautiful of them all, scoring a total of 94.25 points. A great success for his breeder Tylor Hickman Arabians and his owner Al Khalediah Stables from Saudi Arabia. Later in the championships, this stallion was awarded with the golden medal. Second in this class with 91.75 points was the big moving LVA Maximus (Españo Estopa x Challon Salana) – bred by Virginia Brown and owned by Athbah

Stud from Saudi Arabia. In the final championships, this stallion was awarded with the bronze medal.

Last class of the day was the one of the stallions aged eleven years and older. A small class with only three participants. Winner was the Italian bred Ben Shai (Simeon Shai x PH Allante) – bred by Paul Hulme and owned by Emad bin Mohammed Saad al Rashid from Saudi Arabia. Second in this class was Patriot GB (Parmant x Kura) – bred by the Bancroft family from the UK and owned by Hassan Ali al Matwi from Qatar.

Before the end of the show, special trophies were awarded. Like last year, leading sire of the show was Marwan al Shaqab (Gazal al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) of Al Shaqab stud! Leading studfarm of the show was again a victory for Al Shaqab Stud, who is keeping their reputation as Top class breeder very high! With these special awards handed out, the International Arabian horse show in Qatar came to an end. Again a successful show with a big quality of horses! Definitely a show to return to next year!

Leading Studfarm of the Show	Class												TOTAL								
	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	4A	4B	5A	5B	6	7A		7B	8	9	10A	10B	11	12	
Al Shaqab	2	2	4				5	1		3	2		5	3	1						28
Ajman Stud	3	3		5	5										1	3		3	1		24
Kahlidiah Stud											3	3		2					3		11
Al Nasser		1							3							2	3				9
Royal Cavalry										5											5
Al Shgair Stud							1					2	1								4
Al Naif Stud						3															3
Fahadiya Stud	1																				1

Leading Qatar Sire	Class												TOTAL									
	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	4A	4B	5A	5B	6	7A		7B	8	9	10A	10B	11	12		
Marwan Al Shaqab		1	1	3	2	3								3	2				2	5	3	25
Kahil Al Shaqab	2	2					3															7
Al Adeed Al Shaqab										3												3
Farhoud Al Shaqab								1														1

Leading Qatar Horse: 50 - Marghobat Al Naif - 91.50 Owned by: Al Naif Stud

High Point Horse owned by a citizen: 22 - Mohra Tho Al Janah - 89.5 (M=74), owned by Jaffer Khalil Radwani, Qatar Hessa Abdulla Nasser Al Misnad
162 - Wazeer Al Shaqab - 89.5 (M=72), owned by Abdul Hadi Manaa Al Hajiri - 115 - Nasmat El Khaleej - 89.25, owned by Ghanem Ali Al Mohammadi

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GOLD MEDAL FILLIES AJ Siyadah

owned by Ajman Stud, UAE



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GOLD MEDAL COLTS Kanz Al Nasser

owned by Al Nasser Stud, Qatar

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GOLD MEDAL MARES Venetzia

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar



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GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS **Baanderos**

owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA



SILVER MEDAL FILLIES AJ Asyad

owned by Ajman Stud, UAE



SILVER MEDAL COLTS Peace From The Desert

owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA



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SILVER MEDAL MARES Emira

owned by Ajman Stud, UAE



SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS Spartacus TO

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BRONZE MEDAL FILLIES Ajmaniah OS

owned by Ajman Stud, UAE



BRONZE MEDAL COLTS Subhi

owned by Royal Cavalry, Oman



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BRONZE MEDAL MARES **Layan AL Khalidiah**

owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS **LVA Maximus**

owned by HRHP Abdul Aziz bin Ahmed Al Saud, KSA



TOP FIVE FILLIES

Kahlah Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar



TOP FIVE FILLIES

Mayasaa Al Khalediah

owned by Ali Matar Al Shammari, KSA



TOP FIVE COLTS

Sultan Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar



TOP FIVE COLTS

E.S. Harir

owned by Sulaiman S Al Saqran, Kuwait



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TOP FIVE MARES Noorah Al Khalidiah

owned by HRHP Khalid bin Sultan bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, KSA



TOP FIVE MARES Ftoon Al Shaqab

owned by Sh. Nawaf bin Nasser Al Thani, Qatar



TOP FIVE STALLIONS Wazeer Al Shaqab

owned by Abdul Hadi Manaa Al Hajiri, Qatar



TOP FIVE STALLIONS Gazwan Al Nasser

owned by Sh. Nawaf bin Nasser Al Thani, Qatar

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At the Racing and Equestrian club in Doha Qatar, the 3rd International Arabian horse show for Straight Egyptian horses was held, under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani – Emir of the State of Qatar. The judging panel was consisting of Dr. Nast Marei & Mr. Ali Sharaawi from Egypt, Mr. Yves A. Richardier from France, Mrs. Maria Annaratone Ferraroni and Dr. Francesco Santoro from Italy, Mrs. Christina Wale from Sweden and Mrs. Irina Stigler from Russia.

Also for this show, price money and cars were given to the champions. The show started with the junior classes. The yearling fillies already begun with two fillies scoring the same total of 89.75 points. After a comparison the judges choose the typy Basmata al Nasser (Safir al Nasser x Al Jazi al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud as the winner. Later in the final junior championships, she achieved the bronze medal. Second in the class of yearling fillies was Hoyam al Waab (Barraq el Aliya x Naba-wiah) – bred and owned by Al Waab stud.

The class of the two year old fillies counted thirteen participants. First in class with a total of 91 points was Authentic Maisha (Authentic Dahman x Authentic Mahiba) – bred in Germany by the Kolster family and owned by Khalifa Abdulla bin Ali al Attiya. Later in the final championships, this filly was awarded with a Top Five placing. Second in this class with 90.50 points was Amaal al Waab (El Thay Kamil x Ameera Saqr) – bred and owned by Al Waab stud. Later in the final championships, this filly proved to be worth more and claimed the silver medal!

Next to go were the three years old fillies. Some beautiful and typy fillies were presented. Clear winner of the class with 92 points was Maymoona al Shaqab (Al adeed al Shaqab x Imperial Mistilla) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud. This filly proved to be too strong for her other competitors by also claiming the gold medal in the junior filly championships – unanimously! Second in this strong class with 90.50 points was Maisa al Nasser (Sinan al Rayyan x Zenubia al Nasser) – bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud.

The show continued with the junior male classes, starting with the yearling colts. Winner of the class with 91 points was Bariq al Shaqab (Al adeed al Shaqab x Wahayeb al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud. Later in the final championships, this colt claimed the gold medal of the junior colts! Second in this class with 90.25 points was Miyas al Naif (Shagran al Nasser x Hejazia al Naif) – bred and owned by Al Naif Stud. Later this colt ended up in the Top five at the final championships.



The two years old colts had only a few participants. The victory was again for Al Shaqab Stud. This time with Lebinon al Shaqab (Alidaar x Lamia al Shaqab) with 90.50 points. In the championships, this colt was awarded with the Top five title. Second in the two years old colt class with 90.25 points was the pretty Fareed al Waab (Ansata Hejazi x Ajmal Farasha) – bred and owned by Al Waab stud. He was later awarded with the bronze medal. At the third position with the same total of points was the very typy Nadeed al Naif (Ebtiyaj al Naif x Arqah al Naif) – bred and owned by Al Naif Stud.

The three years old colts class was lacking a bit in quality compared to the previous classes. Clear winner of the class was Maymoon al Shaqab (Ashhal al Rayyan x Amirat al Shaqab) – bred and owned by Al Shaqab stud. Later in the championships, this colt was awarded with the silver medal. Second in class with 87.75 points was Rayyan el Reem (Sinan al Rayyan x Geeda al Shaqab) – bred by Awad bin Ahmed bin Saeed bin Shafloft of Saudi Arabia.

The show continued with the senior female classes. Always a pleasure for the eye as the Straight Egyptian Arabian horse gets more and more beautiful as it matures. Winner of the four to six years old mare class with 92.25 points was the beautiful D'aajaa al Naif (Al Adeed al Shaqab x Mezna al Rayyan) – bred by al Naif stud and owned by Al Waab stud, Qatar. Later in the championships, this mare was awarded with the golden medal almost unanimously! Second in this competitive class with 92 points was Farida al Nasser (Shagran al Nasser x Marha al Rayyan) – bred and owned by Al Nasser stud. This mare achieved a silver medal in the final mare championships.

The quality kept rising with the mares aged seven to ten years old. Winner of this class was the mother of the Bronze champion colt: Ajmal Farasha (Ashhal al Rayyan x Classic Farida) – bred and by Al Rayyan farm and owned by Al Waab stud. This mare scored a total of 92.50 points. The same total as the second placed horse: Suhalia al Saba (Thaqib al Nasser x Simeon Siboni) – bred by

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Summertime Holdings from Australia and owned by Al Waab stud as well. Later in the championships, it was Ajmal Farasha that got the bronze medal, leaving Suhalia al Saba with a top five honor. The class of mares aged eleven years and older had only two participants. Both owned by Mr. Salman Mohammed al Howaiti from Saudi Arabia. First in class was the Al Zahraa bred Rawhaneya (Sonbol x Ibhar) with 87 points in total. Second in class with 86.75 points was AA Shaheedat al Aadeyat (Saad al Aadeyat x Ahlam Bouznika).

Next to go were the stallion classes! Always full of excitement! Starting with the stallions aged four to six years old it was Barraeq el Aliya (Ashhal al Rayyan x Asrar al Rayyan) taking the lead with 93 points! Scoring full twenties in type for his owner Al Waab stud from Qatar. Later in the senior male championships, he clai-

med the golden medal. Second in this class with 89.50 points was Shamer el Safinat (Ashhal al Rayyan x Ansata Marim) – bred by Yousif bin Hamad bin Ali al Faran el Dosary and owned by Gawad bin Abdul Gbr Hussen al Jewaid from Saudi Arabia. Later this colt was awarded with the Top Five honor. Joining this top five was also the third placed stallion Qais al Wazeer (Qais al Naif x Jawharat al Wazeer) – bred by Waheeb bin Omer Bawazeer and owned by Fadhel bin Mansour bin Hussai al Jewaid from Saudi Arabia.

The class of stallions aged seven and older was won by Authentic ibn Nawal (Maysoun x AK Nawaal) with 91.25 points. Bred by the Kolster family from Germany and owned by Al Waab stud, this stallion also got the silver medal in the final championships. Second in this class with 90.75 points and bronze medal winner was Soker (DP Saud el Halima x Bint Moniettaa) – bred by Sh. Saoud bin Mohammed bin ali al Thani and owned by Sh. Hamed bin Saoud bin Mohammed Al Thani from Qatar.

With this another great edition of the International Arabian horse show for Straight Egyptian horses came at an end. A very well organized show at a beautiful location, surrounded by friends and admirers of the Straight Egyptian Arabian horse. Combined with the sunny climate of Qatar, the beautiful scenery, the high quality of horses and the friendly locals, for sure a show to return to next year!



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GOLD MEDAL FILLIES Maymoona Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar

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GOLD MEDAL COLTS Bariq Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar

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GOLD MEDAL MARES D'aajaa Al Naif

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid Al Thani, Qatar

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GOLD MEDAL STALLIONS Barraq El Aliya

Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid Al Thani



SILVER MEDAL FILLIES Amaal Al Waab

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid Al Thani, Qatar



SILVER MEDAL COLTS Maymoon Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar

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SILVER MEDAL MARES Farida Al Nasser

owned by Al Nasser Stud, Qatar



SILVER MEDAL STALLIONS Authentic Nawal

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid Al Thani



BRONZE MEDAL FILLIES **Basmata Al Nasser**

owned by Al Nasser Stud, Qatar



BRONZE MEDAL COLTS **Fareed Al Waab**

owned by Sh. Abdullahbin Khalid Al Thani, Qatar

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BRONZE MEDAL MARES Ajmal Farasha

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid Al Thani, Qatar



BRONZE MEDAL STALLIONS Soker

owned by Sh. Hamad bin Saoud bin Mohammed Al Thani

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TOP FIVE FILLIES

Maisa Al Nasser

owned by Al Nasser Stud, Qatar



TOP FIVE FILLIES

Authentic Maisa

owned by Khalifa Abdullah Al Attiyah, Qatar



TOP FIVE COLTS

Miyas Al Naif

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Nasser Al Ahmed Al Thani, Qatar



TOP FIVE COLTS

Lebinon Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar

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TOP FIVE MARES Suhalia Al Saba

owned by Sh. Abdullah bin Khalid AlThani, Qatar



TOP FIVE MARES Dawlah Al Shaqab

owned by Al Shaqab, Qatar



TOP FIVE STALLIONS Shamer El Safinat

owned by Gawad bin Abdul Jabbar Al Jewaid, KSA



TOP FIVE STALLIONS Qais Al Wazeer

owned by Fadhel Mansour Hussain Al Jewaid, KSA

AL SHAQAB

AUCTION AND OPEN HOUSE 2013

by Talitha Bakker, photos by Henrike Hoermann

For the 4th year in a row, Al Shaqab was organizing their Annual Horse Auction. The new modern equestrian centre is the house of many exquisite Arabian Horses. The Al Shaqab equestrian center was specifically designed to honor the distinguished classic beauty as well as the treasured and versatile skills of the Arabian breed. Situated in a stunning 980,000 square-meter horseshoe shaped design, Al Shaqab has many distinctive architectural elements. A central water feature, significant green areas and the landmark main arena which has a 2500 seats indoors and 3500 outdoors, create a welcoming environment for both human and equine visitors. The new farm has its own veterinary clinic as well as all the facilities to conditioning the horses like a swimming pool and horse walkers. The 208 stables at the show- and breeding department are light and spacious and equipped with the newest technology. Combined with the 64 grass- and sand paddocks the stud has, the horses at Al Shaqab have nothing to wish for!

It is here where world champions like Marwan al Shaqab, Kahil al Shaqab and Wadee al Shaqab have been created, not to forget Al Adeed al Shaqab, Gazal al Shaqab, Fadi al Shaqab and many more world class Arabian Horses that are leading the Arabian show world today. It has become the source of quality Arabian horses.

Today they are giving the private breeders the chance to acquire precious breeding material through their yearly auction.

As always, all seats were packed and many visitors from all over the world were ready to take their chance. Forty-four horses were to be auctioned. Mostly home bred. Only one horse did not sell as the value was higher than the placed bit. For the rest, all auctioned horses changed owner. One of the top selling horses was IS Galera (Senador x 249 Ibn Galal I). A straight Egyptian mare selling with her 2013 foal at foot. Another high priced mare was Ghanaj al Shaqab (Marwan al Shaqab x CP Vanitie Fair) - who changed owner at 270.000 Qatar Riyas.

On Saturday, al Shaqab had its open barn with a stable tour, horse presentation and gala dinner. It was a real pleasure to see all the show champions at Al Shaqab. The former world reserve champion Venetzia was looking more stunning than ever. Especially up close in the stable! Another mare that looked absolutely stunning was Abha Myra. Dam of world res. champion Fadi al Shaqab.

After the stable tour, the visitors enjoyed a small presentation. The Al Shaqab team showed a selected number of foals





2013 Filly
(Fadi Al Shaqab x Aleysha Al Nasser
by Gazal Al Shaqab)

born this season. All of very good quality. Farhoud al Shaqab seems to breed very consistent. All with a beautiful type and flashy movements. Also from Kahil al Shaqab we saw once again some stunning foals. It seems Kahil is on its way to step in his father's footsteps as top producer! However, most impressed we were with an incredible filly sired by the young sire Fadi al Shaqab. Coming out of a Gazal al Shaqab daughter, this filly seems to have it all! A beautiful short, dishy face, big eyes and flashy movement. It seems that the new generation of breeding stallions at Al Shaqab Stud is exceeding all expectations!

After the presentation, a dinner buffet was ready near the pool side where all the Arabian Horse enthusiasts could enjoy the delicious food and drinks and continue their conversations about the Al Shaqab breeding program and to discuss developments at their own farms. As the Al Shaqab open house attracts people from different countries, it is always great to hear all the different stories and experiences of other breeders. It was already late in the evening before people would get up and leave for their hotels. All enjoyed the modern facilities of Al Shaqab stud and their high quality horses!

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Qatar Farm Tour

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During our visit at the Racing and Equestrian club of Doha, Qatar, we had the opportunity to visit some nearby farms. First visit on our list was Al Naif stud.

Al Naif Stud

Invited by Glenn Jacobs, stud manager of Al Naif Stud, we visited their beautiful farm and the successful Al Naif breeding program. Although less active over the past years, Al Naif Stud still is the home to some of the most beautiful Straight Egyptian horses. Very typy and with strong movement and attitude. The chief sire of the farm, Ansata Nile Echo is already living in Europe for some years, but still some foals of him could be seen at the farm. One of our favorites was the young stallion Nadeed al Naif (Ebtiyaj al Naif x Arqah al Naif) and also a beautiful Sinan al Rayyan filly literally took our breath away.

Al Zobara Stud

In the evening time, we were invited to the quite 'new' founded studfarm of Al Zobara Stud. Although started just four years ago, the stud already managed to breed a world champion yearling colt. Sultan al Zobara (Gazal Al Shaqab x Inra Al Shaqab) came out of nowhere during the last World championships in Paris and claimed the gold medal with great confidence. Like Sultan, also some other horses of Al Zobara Stud are leased out to Al Shaqab stud and are also resident there. During our visit at Al Zobara, only a few broodmares and foals were present. After the small presentation, the farm organized a nice barbeque where the visitors enjoyed the bonfire talks till midnight! The stud farm is obviously not finished yet and they are still building on the stables and paddocks. We can only imagine how the studfarm would look like when it is finished!

Al Nasser Stud

At the last day of our visit to Qatar, we were invited by Hendrik Mens of Al Nasser Stud to come over for a quick visit and presentation of some of their horses. Al Nasser Stud is repeatable successful at the shows in the Middle East and Europe. Most recent success was at the Qatar International show where the young homebred Kanz al Nasser (WH Justice x Ftoon al Shaqab) did not only won his class, but also claimed the gold medal in the junior championships. This very refined chestnut colt has the looks and the movement of a real show stunner and I am sure we will hear

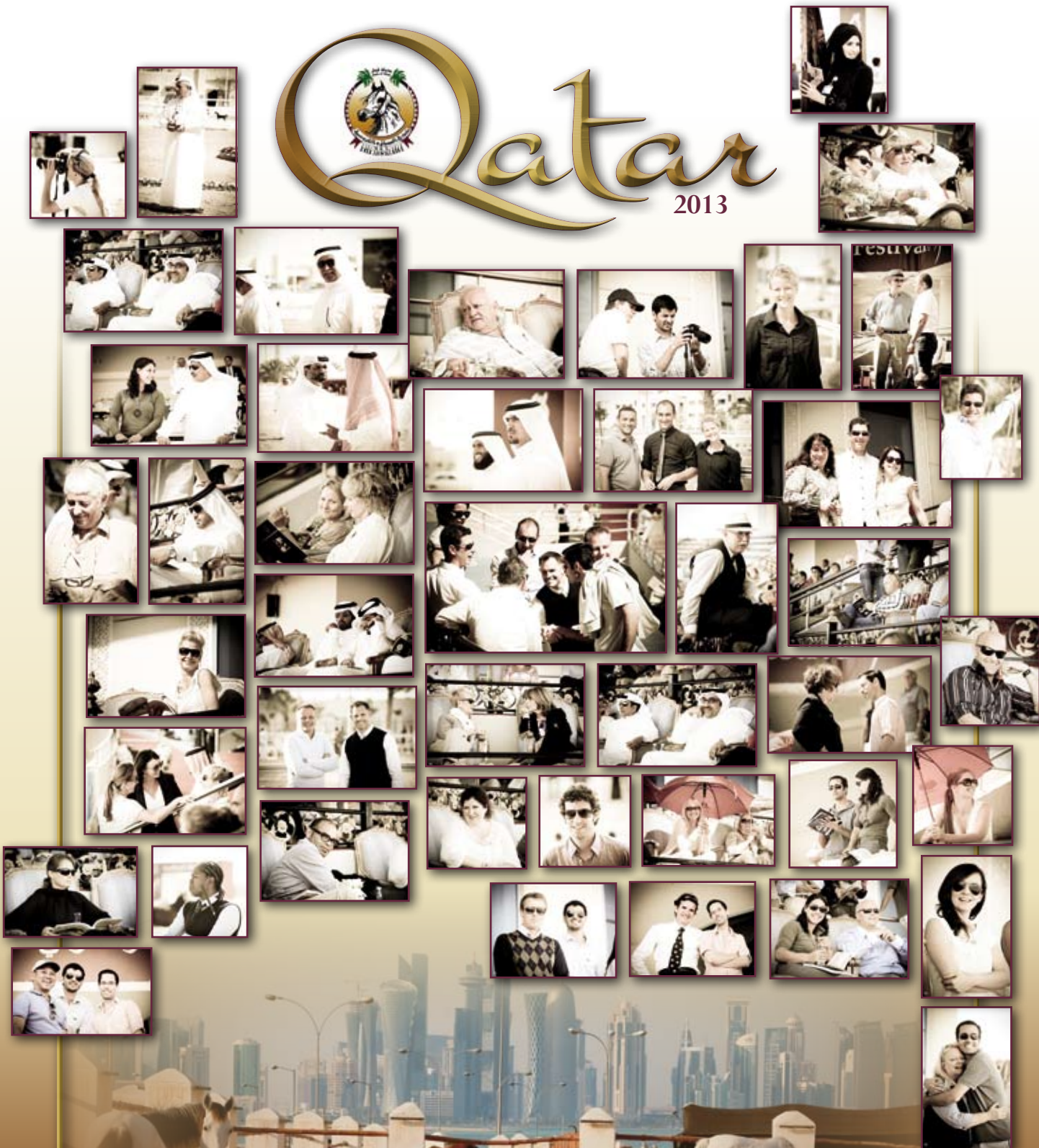


much more about him in the nearest future! Another boy resident at al Nasser stud is Shagran al Nasser (Ansata Selman x Dana al Nasser). A beautiful chestnut stallion who is also producing quite well for the farm. In the stables we could also see some good looking young Marwan al Shaqab offspring. A proof that Al Nasser is still very active and is keep producing competitive show- and breeding horses!

In general the quality of horses in Qatar is really high. With some respected studs like Al Shaqab stud, Al Naif stud, Al Nasser stud and the recently founded Al Zobara and Al Waab stud, Qatar is really leading the nowadays show scene. A visit to this country and its breeders is a true pleasure to the eye!

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