

**T**he Qatar International Arabian Horse Ecabo Show in Doha was organized under the patronage of the Emir, His Highness Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani.

The Festival took place from 11th to 13th March.

As it always does, since 2001 Tutto Arabi has been coming to Qatar to attend and make the reportage of the show, organized by QREC (Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club), this year at its 26th edition. All the competitions, shows and events made by QREC normally take place inside a great and monumental sport structure located in the capital of Qatar, the city of Doha, but since last year the location has been changed.

Al Shaqab was the stunning framework of the International Show and the Ridden Classes. Over the years we have often visited Al Shaqab and we have seen how the facilities grown up. Now Al Shaqab is doubtless one of the best places totally dedicated to the horses in the world. The shows were held inside an astonishing indoor arena and the horses were hosted in large and efficient boxes in the stables close to the show ring.

### **Qatar a city to live**

Doha is one of the main centers of interest in Qatar. The capital city is divided into ten municipalities.

Many worldwide relevant sport events - not only equestrian - take place in Doha. Amongst all, some of the most important are surely the Superbike World Championship in the Losail International Circuit, built in 2004, and the Italian Super Cup, which was held on sport grounds expressly built for the occasion. The FIFA World Cup will also be hosted here in 2020. The new sport facilities designed on purpose are technologically advanced and spectacularly impressive.

For more than 12 years, the bike race Tour of Qatar has been run during 4 days through the streets of Qatar. Since 1993 the most talented world tennis players have been competing for the ATP World Cup. Many renowned Golf Cups are hosted in the golf greens in Doha.

Doha is also home to the horses of relevant stud farms in Qatar. The Qatar National Museum, the Weaponry Museum, the suq, a lot of covered markets where to buy handcrafted jewels and more, are only some of the places where one can breathe the culture and traditions of Qatar. One other important symbol of the Qatar's past history is the Pearl Monument that testifies to the importance of a traditional craftsmanship, one of the main activities in the area until a few years ago: the pearls handcraft. Deserts around the cities are dotted with suggestive archeological sites and forts. Everywhere in Doha and outside the city new buildings, new roads, new stadium are under construction and almost ready. Qatar is investing a lot in Doha, a capital city where enthusiastically enjoying the atmosphere of positive emotion. The elegant St. Regis Hotel, opened 5 years ago, was chosen to host the guests and the judges. Good choice, as it was located in the heart of West Bay (which is a newly developed neighborhood of Doha and it is considered as one of the most prominent districts of the city, being the latest district to be built), adjacent to the Pearl Island (designed and engineered to be an

everlasting icon in Qatar, The Pearl-Qatar offers apartments, villas, townhouses, diverse leisure and entertainment facilities, award-winning marinas and beautiful serene beaches, renowned restaurants and high-end shopping outlets from luxury fashion brands, as well as a multitude of culinary offerings from around the world to suit every taste).

### **26th Qatar International Purebred Arabian Horse Show**

Now in Qatar the market of Arabian horses is incredible. Many new farms have risen in Qatar in the last few years contributing to expand the horse business that was already thriving. Consequently the horse registrations to compete have been multiplying. That's why in total during the 3 days of shows, more than 280 horses were showed.

The perfect event organization was in the hands of the Chairman of Show Organising Committee Mr. Saad Ali Kubaisi and of the Deputy Director of the Show Mr. Abdul Aziz Abdulrahman Al Subaia.

The Organizing Committee was assisted by the Show Committee Secretariat: Mr. Fajar Sadiq and Mr. Mohammed Mahmood Shariff as the Coordinators, Mrs. Nabila Al Ali as the Arabic-English commentator, the Ring Masters Mr. Gerard Oben.

Everything was very well organized. The great catering service was entrusted to St. Regis Hotel that managed it very well.

The VIP tables were beautiful, well decorated and comfortable and the music chosen was perfect to accompany the show.

The 3 day International Show - 11th/13th March - was judged by Mr. Jaroslav Lacina (Czech Republic), Ms. Claudia Darius (Germany), Mrs. Ann Norden (Sweden), Mrs. Irina Stigler (Russia), Mr. Cristian Moschini (Italy), Mr. Mohammed Machmoud (Morocco), Mrs. Marianne Tengstedt (Denmark), Dr. Omia Tawfik (Egypt), Mr. Turki Al Muqbel (Saudi Arabia), Mrs. Kerstin Wisniowski (Germany) and Dr. Laura Mascagna (Italy) were the Disciplinary Committee.

During the festival days, many farms organized Open Days to show their homebred horses just to a selection of guests. We had the chance to attend a presentation in Al Shaqab Stud and Al Rayyan. Before the great international Championships we were present at the ridden classes finals divided into 2 categories: "Colt and Stallions" and "Fillies and Mares". Ridden classes are very important as the versatility of Arabian horses is not always very well known. Arabian horses are fantastic to be ridden.

280 horses were entered and 12 classes mostly divide in A, B and C sections were showed.

After the classes with great quality and large number of entries made on the first 2 days the Championship started.

The Championship were dominated by Al Shaqab that won 3 Golds and several medals. The complete scoring and the results of the whole show are available on [www.arabianessence.com](http://www.arabianessence.com) and [www.qrec.gov.qa](http://www.qrec.gov.qa), the official website of the Racing and Equestrian Club and in our article you will find the Championship results and medalists. Enjoy the pictures of the beautiful medal champions took by our photographer Mrs. Paola Drera. Don't miss the next Qatar Festival edition in 2018! □

# QATAR



26<sup>TH</sup> QATAR INTERNATIONAL  
ARABIAN HORSE SHOW



## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

**HADBA AL SHAQAB**  
MARWAN AL SHAQAB X OFW MISHAAHL  
B/O: AL SHAQAB

# YEARLING FILLIES



## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

**HAIFA ED** KAHIL AL SHAQAB X PRESTIC

B: NASSER BIN ABDUL LATEEF AL FOWZAAN

O: ABDUL AZIZ IBRAHIM ABDUL AZIZ AL BARGASH



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

**HATTAN AL NASSER** KAHIL AL SHAQAB X LUBNA AL SHAQAB

B/O: AL NASSER STUD



## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

### HAGRAS AL SHAQAB

FADI AL SHAQAB X WIND KAMELIA

B: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

O: AL SHAQAB

# YEARLING COLTS



## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

**GENERAL** EMERALD J X E.S. MAHBUBA AE  
B: SONS OF ABDULLAH BIN MUHAMMED AL SUBAIEE  
O: AL MUAWD STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

**SAWFAN NAYAAR** FAYAD ALFAYYAD X STARLIGHT BY SISSI  
B: NAYAAR STUD  
O: ABDULLATIF AHMAD ALKANDARI









## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

### MALIKAT AL MOLUK

MAMELUCK X ASALAT AL HALA

B: HALAWA KHADER

O: AL KHASHAB ARABIANS

MUBARAK AL KHASHAB

# JUNIOR FILLIES

## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

### **MADEEHA AL SHAQAB** KAHIL AL SHAQAB X QR ANNAH FERRARI

B: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

O: AL SHAQAB



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

### **SAFIAT AL SHAQAB** KAHIL AL SHAQAB X SHALIMAR PRESTIGE

B: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F. - O: AL SHAQAB



## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

### MEDAN AL SHAQAB

FARHOUD AL SHAQAB X ABHA MYRA

B: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

O: AL SHAQAB

# JUNIOR COLTS

## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

**MOAID AL SHAQAB** FADI AL SHAQAB X HADEEL AL SHAQAB

B: AL SHAQAB MEMBER OF Q.F.

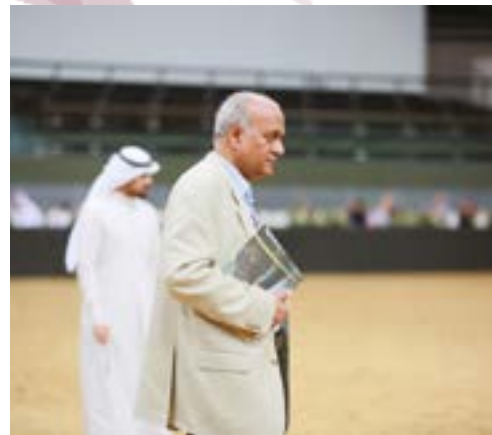
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## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

**SHARAF AL SHAHANIA** FA EL RASHEEM X MARWAN CRISTAL RCA

B/O: AL SHAHANIA STUD







## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

### TEHAMA BALLALINA

TEHAMA NA SIDAQA X JJ SHAI MAJESTIC QUEEN

B: L. FERGUSON

O: AL ZOBAIR STUD

# SENIOR FEMALES

## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

**FARIDA AL NASSER** SHAGRAN AL NASSER X MARHA AL RAYYAN  
B/O: AL NASSER STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

**FARAH AL SHAQAB** AL ADEED AL SHAQAB X SWF VALENCIA  
B/O: AL SHAQAB





## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION

### ABHA QATAR

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X ZT LUDJKALBA

B: MARIETA SALAS

O: AL MOHAMADIAH STUD

# SENIOR MALES



## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION

### **EKS MANSOUR** EKS ALIHANDRO X EKS PHATEENA

B: ELKASUN ARABIANS

O: AL SHAHANIA STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION

### **MOUNTASSAR AL ZOB AIR** KHIDAR X FALHA AL SHAQAB (2000)

B: AL ZOB AIR STUD - O: KHALIL EBRAHIM ALI MUKTAR







# OPEN HOUSE



Al Rayyan





# OPEN HOUSE



