

WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP

FIRST MIDDLE EASTERN EDITION
7-9 DECEMBER 2023 DOHA-QATAR

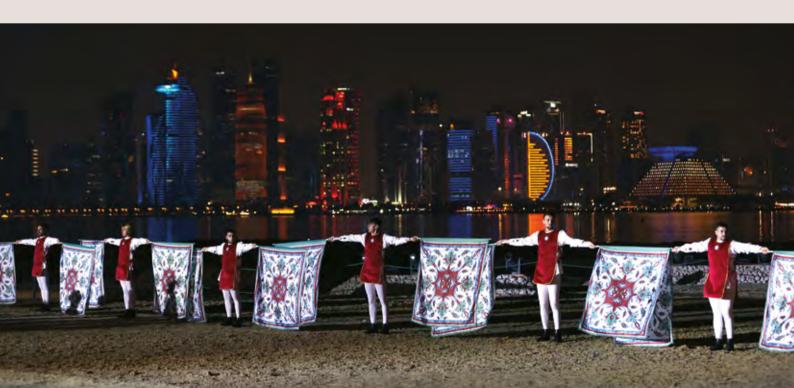
text by: Fabio Brianzoni photos by: Simone Bergamaschi, Giulia Bontempi, Sunny Sassudelli





t the beginning of December the mostly awaited and most talked about show of the year took place. The decision to relocate the World Championship for Arabian horses every second year to Middle East has sparked much debate around the worldwide community. What are the main advantages and disadvantages of such a move? Perhaps not every exhibitor from outside the Middle East will choose to take their horses on the long journey to this show although the organisers have tried to make it as easy as possible for horses from outside the Arabian countries to participate. On the other hand, we were able to see more horses bred in Middle Eastern studs. It is a good

opportunity to compare the quality of the best horses from different parts of the world. As for the spectacle and grandeur with which the venue was organised, the breathtaking effects during the opening and closing ceremonies and the unique panorama of the Doha skyline, which served as a natural "decoration" of the arena - no Arabian horse show in the world can boast such capabilities - technical and financial. I don't think anyone can deny nowadays that some of the best Arabian horses can again be found nowhere else but in their native land - the Arabian countries. The location of the World Championships in the beautiful, colorful Old Doha Port gave us the opportunity to





see an incomparable number of top quality horses at any other show. It seems that there were no 'accidental' entries here - it was a true parade of champions. At every turn from the exhibition stands with expensive jewellery, watches or works of art, to the splendidly decorated, spacious arena, to the striking traditional Arabian decorations for the champions and a special place to photograph them against the backdrop of the Doha skyscrapers - the immense professional work of the organising staff was on display everywhere. The show was judged by 15 jury members from different parts of the world and was supervised by 5 members of the Disciplinary Committee.

The first two days of this three-day show consisted of class competitions, while the final day started with the yearling mare championship where as many as 10 horses performed. The undisputed best of them was Shahalel Al Shaqab, rated 93.36 points in the class. This was the 4th show of this "made of champions" filly by Na'Mous Al Shahania out of Siwar Al Shaqab representing Al Shaqab - Member of Qatar Foundation. Her pedigree and history we presented in Tutto

Arabi last year. She has been the best in every show so far taking first place and winning the gold medal. This was also the case this time - 11 out of 15 awarded her with gold medal proving that she is the best yearling filly in the world. Just behind her on silver place went the representative of young but extremely successful farm from Saudi Arabian -Al Ajmal Stud. Shahbrys HVP by Royal Asad bred by Agropecuaria Bila Dos Pinheiros in Brazil and purchased last year to Saudi Arabia was one of the two representatives of Al Ajmal Stud to win medal during this World Championship! You can read more about the history of this rapidly growing breeding operation on the pages of this Tutto Arabi issue. Bronze in yearling fillies also went to Saudi Arabia to Amirah Alymeen by Sultan Alenaya owned by Abdullah Mawsim T Alotaibi. It is second bronze medal in the career of this young filly. 11 fillies we have seen in the Junior Fillies Championship and again 11 judges out of 14 selected the unquestionable winner which was D Beisan by D Seraj bred by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud in UAE but owned by Al Shaqab Stud - so it was another gold that went to the host representatives! It was 7th gold medal in the







career of this filly being just 3 years old which proves her quality without a doubt. It was also one of the 3 championship won by the horse bred by Dubai Stud... Nourah Al Khalediah by Hilal Al Khalediah was in turn another Saudi Arabian horse to go for the medals. This filly who earlier this year became Gold Champion at All Nations Cup bred by Al Khalediah Stables and own by Al Akmal Stud became silver in junior fillies section in front of bronze medalist from Aachen this year - another Brazilian bred filly - TM Bella by TM Itaipu. Bred by Jose Orlando and Teixeira Junior is owned by Al Jumail Stud in Qatar.

Amazing result we could have seen in the Senior Mares Championship where — in the breathtaking collection of adult mares we could have seen the victory of beautiful mare and outstanding broodmare in one — D Shihanah by FA El Rasheem. She is a gold title holder from many most prestigious shows around the world — such as Menton, Dubai or All Nations Cup. She is also a dam of 3 multiple champions competing internationally. Here at World Championships D Shihanah won her section with 93,57

points and was selected gold champion by 13 out of 15 judges! Just behind her was placed Basmah Albidayer by Fadi Al Shaqab, bred and owned by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Al Qassim. She is representing the damline of Polish famous E-line through Eskalopka and she was silver in front of WH Justice daughter - Bshaier Al Nasser bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud in Qatar. Another homebred horse winning the medal for its proud owner and breeder in one was Sari Ajmal by EKS Farajj for Al Ajmal Stud. This was second show appearance and second gold medal of this Saudi Arabia representative, and second medal won for Al Ajmal Stud during this World Championship. LR Anselmo by RFI Unique became silver champion yearling cold for Al Wajba Stud in Qatar and it was third silver medal in a row for this colt bred in Uruquay by Estancia Las Rosas while the bronze went to another son of EKS Farajj - Sahm Sarm bred and own by Sarm Stud in Saudi Arabia.

An exciting battle we could have seen in the junior colts. D Shahhar by Excalibur EA representing Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and Lehon by FA El Rasheem bred by Azienda Agricola





Di Filippi Coccetta Marzio and owned now in Qatar by Al Jassimya Farm qualified to the championship from the same class and with just 0,7 points difference in their scoring. In the finals the judges also split their votes but at the end D Shahhar was the winner following the footsteps of her dam — D Shihanah being elected as gold while before. Lehon went silver and the podium was completed by another beautiful representative of Dubai Arabian Horse Stud — D Sharar by D Seraj representing the same damline as the gold winner D Shahhar as D Sharar is out of D Shahhar's granddam — FT Shaella.

Another great excitement was brought by Senior Stallions Championship with two pretenders for the gold medal title from the very beginning — Excalibur EA bred by Equus Arabians, Spain, returning to the stage for Al Wajba Stud and EKS Farajj bred by Elkasun Stud (ZAF) — taking the show and breeding scene by storm for his new owner — the King of Morocco (Haras Royal de Bouznika). They both won their sections with small difference in total points so the

142 | TUTTO ARABI - www.tuttoarabi.com

expectations of both sides were big. Doha land seems to be lucky for Excalibur EA who won the gold medal in Katara International Show at the beginning of 2023. And this time he repeated the result! Silver went to EKS Farajj and the bronze became Sultan Alenaya by Emarald J out of Ekstern daughter Ammona. He was bred by Tarig Bin Mohammed E Enaya (KSA), is owned by Ayman Hassan Aljohani from Saudi Arabia nad he qualified to the championships from second place in the class just after EKS Farajj.

The tradition of the World Championships in Paris also moved to its Qatar edition was the Platinium World Championship awards given to the selected past World Championship winners. IAs non-ECAHO category it was amongst the Special Trophies and this time presented to Anood Al Nasser (World Champion Mare in 2018) bred by Al Nasser Stud in Qatar and owned by Akmal Stud in Saudi Arabia - in females and EKS Alihandro bred by Elkasun Stud (ZAF) and representing Atbah Stud in Saudi Arabia. Special Awards also contained the Best Head Trophies in





each class as well as the Best Breeder and Owner that unquestionably went to Dubai Arabian Horse Stud in UAE as well as the Farm of The Year. The representatives of this successful breeding also grabbed the two special awards—for Highest Score in the Show for D Beisan, now owned by Al Shaqab Stud in Qatar and scored with 93,86 in junior fillies section B, as well as Best Sire in The Show who became FA El Rasheem bred by Marlene Ann Rieder in the US but since many years owned by Dubai Arabian Stud. It was certainly a lucky UAE day in Qatar!

There was one special moment during this World Championship edition that was kept in secret and no one expected. In the evening of the first day the Organising Committee of Global Champions Arabians Tour was introduced in the arena. It is a new brilliant idea of connecting Arabian horses with world's most dynamic sport equestrian event which is Global Champions Tour — global showjumping circuit featuring the world's leading riders and horses. The cycle of events taking place in 16 unique cities

around the world across Europe, Americas, China and the Middle East. Global Champions Arabian Tour will became a part of 7 locations of GCT in 2024 using the same showgrounds and promotional platforms also for promoting best Arabian horses and best of their trainers to promote the equestrian activities within new communities, in new destinations also to attract new audience to both showjumping and Arabian horse world. The idea is open for unlimited number of horses per participant but the number of leased horses will be limited to one per participant. The general ranking will award 10 top horses and 10 top handlers with breathtaking prize money of 17 million Euro! It will start in Doha in February already and end up in Paris in December through Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Cannes, Valkenswaard and Rome following the schedule of most important Arabian and showjumping events calendar although it's still open for new countries holding GCT events to join the program in the future. What an exciting New Year we are coming into – see you at the shows!



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA YEARLING FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLD SHAHALEL AL SHAQAB

NA-MOUS AL SHAHANIA X SIWAR AL SHAQAB BREEDER: AL SHAQAB - MEMBER OF QF (QAT) OWNER: AL SHAQAB - MEMBER OF QF (QAT)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA YEARLING FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



SILVER SHAHBRYS HVP

ROYAL ASAD X REBECCA HVP
BREEDER: AGROPECUARIA VILA DOS PINHEIROS (BRA)
OWNER: TURKI MOHAMMED ABDULRAHMAN ALOTHMAN / AJMAL STUD



BRONZEAMIRAH ALYMEEN

SULTAN ALENAYA X SEMSEM AL ENAYA BREEDER: AYMAN HASSAN HAMDI ALJOHANI (KSA) OWNER: ABDULLAH MAWSIM T ALOTAIBI (KSA)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA YEARLING COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLD SARI AJMAL

EKS FARAJJ X BINT BESSOLEA BREEDER: AJMAL STUD (KSA) OWNER: AJMAL STUD (KSA)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA YEARLING COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



SILVER LR ANSELMO

RFI UNIQUE X LL ALMUDENA BREEDER: LAS ROSAS ESTANCIA SRL (URY) OWNER: AL WAJBA STUD (QAT)



BRONZESAHM SARM

EKS FARAJJ X BANDAHLEEZA ZB BREEDER: SARM STUD (KSA) OWNER: SARM STUD (KSA)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA JUNIOR FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLD D BEISAN

D SERAJ X RAH ROSALIA
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)
OWNER: AL SHAQAB - MEMBER OF QF (QAT)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA JUNIOR FILLIES CHAMPIONSHIP



SILVER NOURAH AL KHALEDIAH

HILAL AL KHALEDIAH X GHAZALAT AL KHALEDIAH) 2020 GREY FILLY
BREEDER: AL KHALEDIAH STABLES (KSA)
OWNER: AKMAL STUD (KSA)



BRONZE TM BELLA

TM ITAIPU X TM FAHDEELAH BREEDER: JOSE ORLANDO & TEIXEIRA JUNIOR (BRA) OWNER: AL JUMAIL STUD (QAT)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA JUNIOR COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLD D SHAHHAR

EXCALIBUR EA X D SHIHANAH
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)
OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA JUNIOR COLTS CHAMPIONSHIP



SILVER LEHON

FA EL RASHEEM X ARAGIA VANILLA
BREEDER: AZ. AGR. DI FILIPPI COCCETTA MARZIO (ITA)
OWNER: ALJASSIMYA FARM (QAT)



BRONZED SHARAR

D SERAJ X FT SHAELLA BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE) OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA SENIOR MARES CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLD D SHIHANAH

FA EL RASHEEM X D SHAHLA
BREEDER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)
OWNER: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD (UAE)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA SENIOR MARES CHAMPIONSHIP



SILVER BASMAH ALBIDAYER

FADI AL SHAQAB X BIDAYER
BREEDER: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S AL QASSIMI (UAE)
OWNER: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S AL QASSIMI (UAE)



BRONZEBSHAIER AL NASSER

WH JUSTICE X RIHAB AL NASSER BREEDER: AL NASSER STUD (QAT) OWNER: AL NASSER STUD (QAT)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA SENIOR STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP



GOLDEXCALIBUR EA

SHANGHAI EA X ESSENCE OF MARWAN EA BREEDER: EQUUS ARABIANS (ESP) OWNER: AL WAJBA STUD (QAT)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA SENIOR STALLIONS CHAMPIONSHIP





SILVER EKS FARAJJ

IBN FARRID X EKS BINT HELWAH BREEDER: ELKASUN ARABIANS -WILLIE BROWN (ZAF) OWNER: HARAS ROYAL DE BOUZNIKA (MAR)

BRONZESULTAN ALENAYA

EMERALD J X AMMONA BREEDER: TARIG BIN MOHAMMED E ENAYA (KSA) OWNER: AYMAN HASSAN ALJOHANI (KSA)



WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA MARES PLATINUM CHAMPIONSHIP



ANOOD AL NASSER

ASHHAL AL RAYYAN X ALEYSHA AL NASSER BREEDER: AL NASSER STUD (QAT) OWNER: AKMAL STUD (KSA)





WORLD ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 - DOHA STALLIONS PLATINUM CHAMPIONSHIP



EKS ALIHANDRO

MARWAN AL SHAQAB X OFW PSYLHOUETTE

BREEDER: ELKASUN ARABIANS - WILLIE BROWN (ZAF)

OWNER: HRHP ABDULAZIZ BIN AHMAD BIN ABDULAZIZ AL SAUD/ATHBAH STUD































































