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KIAHF 2025

Arabian Peninsula Horse Show

29 January - 1 February

by Fabio Brianzoni ■ photos by Simone Bergamaschi

The fifth edition of the 'KIAHF' Katara International Arabian Horse Festival, under the High Patronage of HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, took place between 29th January and 1st February in the beautiful location of the Katara Cultural Village.





Cultural Village Foundation-Katara is chaired by General Manager His Excellency Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al-Sulaiti, in collaboration with Racing and Equestrian Club and Qatar Equestrian Federation for the organisation of this show. From this union we are offered one of the most beautiful shows in the world, the KIAHF. I would like to emphasise that Katara Village is not only a beautiful place for meetings, shopping, restaurants and events, but above all a place created specifically to highlight the culture, art and heritage of Qatari traditions. For this reason, the place where we are watching and judging our PSAs aims to keep intact everything about the history of this nation, which hosts many world-class sporting events every year, not just equestrian events, with a special focus on tourism. For lovers of culture and beauty Doha offers many possibilities including visiting 'The National Museum', 'The Museum of Arms', the Souq Waqif in the city centre and within walking distance the 'Islamic Museum', not to mention the natural beauty this land offers.

An important symbol of Qatar's past history is the Pearl Monument, which testifies to the importance of traditional handicrafts, one of the main activities carried out by locals up to a hundred years ago: the harvesting and crafting of pearls.

This year, Katara will also host the 'Global Champions Arabians Tour' 2025.

The Arabian Peninsula Horse Show took place in the specially set up arena by the sea, in the heart of Katara Village, and this sumptuous panorama is in itself the ideal setting for all photographers. Close your eyes,







imagine a horse and its handler parading along the ring with the sea behind them, the music, the wooden boats typical of the Qatari maritime tradition and, above, the blue sky! An enchanting place and an exceptionally well-organised and well-attended venue, ready to receive thousands of people from all over the world.

For the media, a special press area was set up in the upper area of the side grandstand so as to dominate the entire arena. To coordinate the journalists, videomakers and photographers under the careful supervision of Mrs. Malika Muhammad Al-Shuraim (Marketing and Communication Director), Mrs. Anu Sharma punctiliously and with great professionalism managed reports and meetings for the best success of the event. Our thanks and special praise go to them for enabling us to do an excellent job again this year and fulfilling every technical requirement on site. All this meticulous attention to detail for the pure-bred Arabian horses is also thank to the great experience of those working on Qatar's National Vision 2030 project.

The 13 judges alternating with each other using a computerised system judged the 138 horses entered were: Mrs. Michaela Weidner (Germany), Mrs. Renata Schibler (Switzerland), Mrs. Karin Zeevenhoven (Netherlands), Mr. Elyas Ebrahim (Bahrain), Mr. Josy Everars (Belgium), Mr. Luiz Alvaro Moreira Rocco (Brazil), Mr. Tarek Hamza (Egypt), Mr. Nikolaus Jung (Germany), Mr. Jonas Salzman (Kuwait), Mr. Mohamed Machmoum (Morocco), Mr. Sufian Taha (Palestine), Mr. Carmelo Zaragoza (Spain) and Mr. Ali Ghanem Al Mazrouei (UAE). Four DCs: Mrs. Cristine Keiser (Norway), Mr. Danial Alavi (Iran), Mr. Yousef Abusamra (Qatar) and Mr. Razan Mohamed



(Oman). Both Ring Masters were highly experienced: Dr. Vet. Laura Mascagna (Italy) and Mr. Bassem Badr (KSA).

The prize money up for grabs is always very high and coveted by breeders and owners, but what pays most for any breeding effort is the joy of one of the three championship medals.

In any case, the prize money was around QAR 1,800,000, almost half a million Euros. Participating in this Festival is always a privilege and every year there is always something new, even when the show gives horses and handlers a breva - an exhibition of paintings by Ali Almimar or a falcon festival (Marbles) with hundreds of specimens were just examples of the extra entertainment offered by Katara Cultural Village.

The auction held on 3rd February of horses, breeding and embryo transfers, again presided over by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani was an eagerly awaited event as part of the Festival, and started at around 17.30. At 15:00 the opportunity to pay the insurance deposit that allows buyers to bid and buy officially opened.

The Katara auction for purebred Arabian horses allows new fans to approach the world of shows or to consolidate breeding programmes by purchasing subjects that have already participated in competitions of international importance.

I will now leave you with the photos of the prize-giving champions and the wonderful atmosphere surrounding the KIAHF. □



Gold Medal Yearling Fillies

QUMRIYAH

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X KAMAR EGA | B: RAWDAT E'THANYA | O: AL HAMAMA STUD



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Silver Medal Yearling Fillies **GJ MAJESTICA**

MAJD AL QUSAR X HADIYA AL SHAHANIA | B: GLENN JACOBS | O: AL NASSER STUD



Bronze Medal Yearling Fillies **ANHAJEEAH AL SHAQAB**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X MASHHOORAH AL SHAQAB | B/O: AL SHAQAB

Gold Medal Yearling Colts

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D LABBAD X D ASFOORAH | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



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Silver Medal Yearling Colts **SAIF AL WADI**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X NEFERTITI AL WADI | B: HAMAD BIN QURAYA | O: AL WADI STUD



Bronze Medal Yearling Colts **IBN AL NAIF**

ANSATA NILE ECHO X AL JOOD AL NAIF | B/O: AL NAIF STUD

Gold Medal Junior Fillies

BAHGA AL FARIDA

BAAREZ AL FARIDA X SHEROUK AL FARIDA | B: EL FARIDA STUD | O: SK ARABIANS



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Silver Medal Junior Fillies **GHAYA EL ALYA**

QAMAR EL ZAMAN AL WAAB X GHEZLAN AL WAAB | B: EL ALYA STUD | O: AL HAMAMA STUD



Bronze Medal Junior Fillies **LATEEN AL DANAT**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X MONA ALDANAT | B/O: AL DANAT FARM

Gold Medal Junior Colts

MALEEH AL NASSER

NASSER AL RAYYAN X SARAB AL NASSER | B/O: AL NASSER STUD



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Silver Medal Junior Colts **MEJRIN AL SALAM**

MOTAIR AL BAIDAA X LAYAN AL SALAM
B: MOHAMED HAMAD AL RKHAYES | O: AL SALAM STUD



Bronze Medal Junior Colts **AKM LUSAIL**

SHAHEEN AA X AISHAA | B: MOHAMMED MOBAREK AL SULAITI | O: AKM ARABIANS

Gold Medal Senior Mares

NADRAH AL NASSER

SHAGRAN AL NASSER X JAMILA AL NASSER | B/O: AL NASSER STUD



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Silver Medal Senior Mares **D A'NNAFEYYAH**

ASFOOR AL WAAB X D FOLAH | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



Bronze Medal Senior Mares **LUJINA**

AL AYAL AA X MASHALLA ALEHA | B: ALI ALI MAHMOUD | O: KHALED ALNUGH AIMSHI

Gold Medal Senior Stallions

GJ FAHEEM

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X HADIYA AL SHAHANIA | B/O: GLENN JACOBS



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Silver Medal Senior Stallions **BASHEER AL WAAB**

SINAN AL RAYYAN X AMAAL AL WAAB | B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN KHALED AL THANI | O: EL ALYA STUD



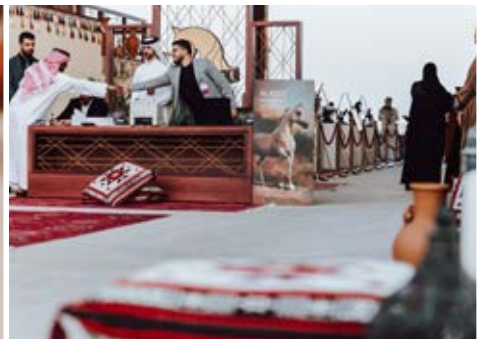
Bronze Medal Senior Stallions **D MEMZER**

ASFOOR AL WAAB X XTREME WONDER | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

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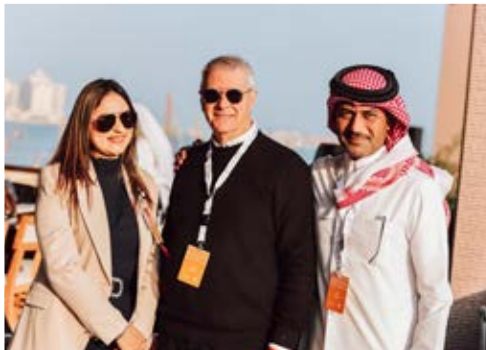
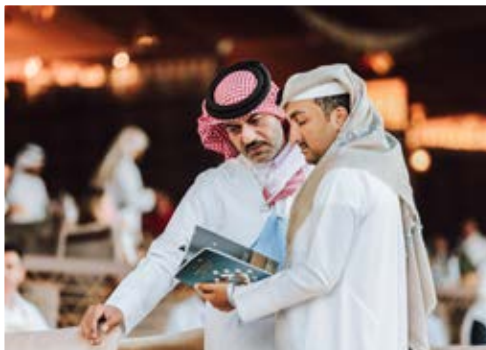
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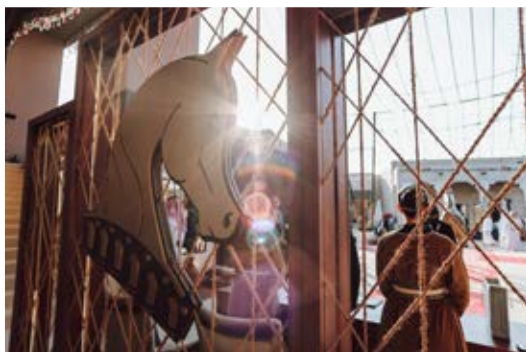


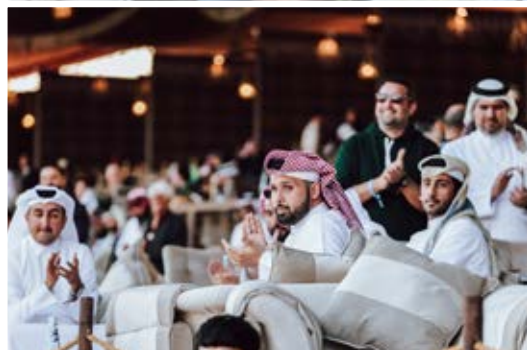


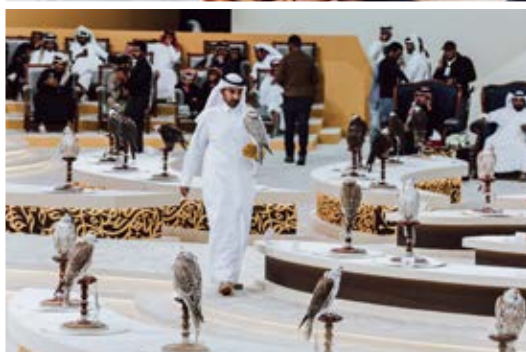
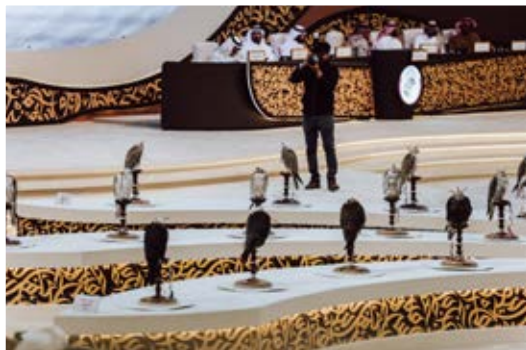
















GLOBAL CHAMPIONS ARABIANS TOUR

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GCAT DOHA EDITION

5 - 8 February

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On 5 February, the second scheduled event of the Festival and also second stage of the 2025 Global Champions Arabian Tour, which started in Ajman on January 3-6, took place in Doha. Qatar's capital is also the birthplace of this initiative and the place where the World Championship final will be held from 3 to 6 December.

GCAT will be touring around the world throughout 2025 following these next stops: 06-08 March "Muscat" - 09-12 April "Riyadh" - 14-15 June "Cannes" - 19-20 July "Valkenswaard" - 16-17 August "London" - 06-07 September "Prague". The tour will also touch America, namely "Scottsdale" on 18-20 February, "Miami Beach" on 18-20 April and "Las Vegas" on 27-28 October. "San Paulo in Brazil" will take place on 13-14 July while "Brandon Manitoba" in Canada will be in August on 08-09.

Chairman of GCAT is Mr. Faleh Al Nasr, its Vice Chairman Mr. Jan Tops, Mrs Kholoud Mohammed Al-Hail and Mr. Fred van Lierop are Board Members, Chief Executive Officer Event Director is Mr. Bader Mohammed Al-Darwish. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Nasser Al Thani is Deputy Chief Executive Officer while Mr. Jorge Cunha is in charge of marketing. We thank them because without them this event would not be possible.

Special thanks, as expressed on the occasion of the Peninsula show, go to Ms Malika Muhammad Al-

Shuraim (Marketing and Communications Director) and her assistant Ms Anu Sharma who both managed the media presence with professionalism and competence.

The Doha show took place over four days, the first three of which were dedicated to the classes in which the horses were classified and which gained access to the fourth day, the final championship day.

A total of 263 horses and more than 100 breeders were invited to judge 16 judges who alternated in groups of 11 in the ring by drawing lots. The judges were: Mrs. Martine Van Hee, Mrs. Christine Valette, Mrs. Karin Zeevenhoven, Mr. Josy Everars, Mr. Luiz Alvaro Rocco, Mr. Peter Birch, Mr. Neshaat Hegazy, Mr. Nikolaus Jung, Mohamed Ossidhoum, Mr. Gideon Reisel, Mr. Tomasz Tarczynski, Mr. Carmelo Zaragoza, Mr. Ali Ghanem Al Mazrouei, Mr. Hassanain Al Nakeeb, Mr. Bruce Mccrea and Mr. Steve Dady.

The Disciplinary Committee still has Dr. Laura Mascagna and Dr. Bassem Badr but adds Mrs. Sandra Boogaard, Mrs. Christine Keyser and Mr. Danial Alavi. The Ring Masters were Mr. Cristian Moschini and Dr. Mohammed Hammad.

The voices of the two presenters Mrs. Manial Salmi from Qatar and Mr. Marc Lewis from the Netherlands were beautiful.



For those who have already been present at some GCAT shows in the first edition in 2024 already know the glitz of this unique event.

An overall prize fund of over €24,000,000 across both the Europe & Middle East and the Americas series, as well as the World Arabian Horse Championship Supreme, was made available to award the winners all around the globe. This is also the reason why the competition in Doha as well as in other stages of GCAT, was fierce, with new contenders and Tour regulars vying to earn their points in this amazing event.

The 23 classes take place over the three established days with perfect timing both for the entry of the first horse into the ring and for the rest of the day. So we come to Saturday 8th February for the championship, where Qatar wins no less than 5 championships: "ARABELLA AL SHAHANIA" in the Yearling Fillies of H.E. Sheikha Asmeen M K Al Thani, for Yearling Colts "AL FAHAD MAS" of Aljumail Stud, for Junior Fillies "SHAHALEL AL SHAQAB" of Al Shaqab Member of Q. F., for Junior Colts "LR ANSELMO" of Al Wajba Stud. The fifth gold is for the beautiful broodmare "MOZN AL BIDAYER" bred in UAE by Sheikh Mohammed Saoud Sultan S Al Qassimi, now owned by Al Wajba Stud. The gold medal for Senior Stallions goes to Saudi Arabia unanimously won by "ALEXXANDERR" and his owner Khalid bin Said bin Abdullah Al Sayed.

Having concluded the second step of the GCAT tour, I leave you now to the photos by our photographers Mr. Simone Bergamaschi (@simone_bergamaschi_photographer) and Ms Henrike Hoermann (@hhphotographyanddesign) and invite you to visit our Instagram profile @tuttoarabi_magazine. □





Gold Medal Yearling Fillies

ARABELLA AL SHAHANIA

LR SOLO MIO X ASSILAH AL SHAHANIA | B/O: H.E SHEIKHA YASMEEN M K AL THANI



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Silver Medal Yearling Fillies **DELAYEL ALSAYED**

ALEXXANDERR X DELIGHTS DIVAH RB
B: ALSAYED STUD | O: ALJUMAIL STUD



Bronze Medal Yearling Fillies **KHUZAMA AJMAL**

MARQUIS CAHR X MYRIAM EL KHATIB
B: AJMAL STUD | O: TURKI ALOTHMAN

Gold Medal Yearling Colts

AL FAHAD MAS

ALEXXANDERR X AL BANDARY MAS | B: FAHAD ABED N AL BOAINAIN | O: ALJUMAIL STUD



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Silver Medal Yearling Colts **SHARAR ALMANHAL**

M MUNTHER X SHAMS ALMANHAL
B: FAHED ALZAABI | O: SK ARABIAN



Bronze Medal Yearling Colts **FAL**

AJ RADMAN X FARFALLA HHC
B: RAWDAT E' THANYA | O: ALMIRQAB FARM

Gold Medal Junior Fillies

SHAHALEL AL SHAQAB

NA-MOUS AL SHAHANIA X SIWAR AL SHAQAB | B/O: AL SHAQAB



GCAT DOHA EDITION



Silver Medal Junior Fillies **EXPECTATIONS ALWAJBA**

EXCALIBUR EA X EXPECTED BEAUTY
B: SHEIKH AL QAQA BIN HAMAD K AL-THANI | O: AL WAJBA STUD



Bronze Medal Junior Fillies **SHAHBRY'S HVP**

ROYAL ASAD X REBECCA HVP
B: AGROPECUARIA VILA DOS PINHEIROS | O: TURKI ALOTHMAN

Gold Medal Junior Colts

LR ANSELMO

RFI UNIQUE X LL ALMUDENA | B: LAS ROSAS ESTANCIA | O: AL WAJBA STUD



GCAT DOHA EDITION



Silver Medal Junior Colts **D BORKAN**

FA EL RASHEEM X D AJAYEB
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



Bronze Medal Junior Colts **D HAYEL**

D SHAKHAT X D JAWAHER
B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD | O: AL THAMER STUD

Gold Medal Senior Mares

MOZN AL BIDAYER

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X MATTAHARII

B: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S AL QASSIMI | O: AL WAJBA STUD



GCAT DOHA EDITION



Silver Medal Senior Mares **AL ARYAM BANAFSAJ**

DOMINIC M X AL ARYAM BASMA
B: AL ARYAM ARABIANS | O: AJMAN STUD



Bronze Medal Senior Mares **D BEISAN**

D SERAJ X RAH ROSALIA B
B: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD | O: AL SHAQAB

Gold Medal Senior Stallions

ALEXXANDERR

EXCALIBUR E.A. X AR MOST IRRESISTIBLE

B: FRANCES BUTLER & BRANDI CARSON | O: KHALID BIN SAID BIN ABDULLAH AL SAYED



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Silver Medal Senior Stallions **AMAAR**

RFI FARID X ADIYA
B: AL JUMAN STUD | O: ALMIRQAB FARM



Bronze Medal Senior Stallions **BERLIN MP**

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X BARAKA MP
B: MINDY PETERS | B: HLEETAN QATAR STUD

