

THE RICHEST ARABIAN HORSE



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The much-awaited international ECAHO "A" Competition was held from March 20th to 22nd in Dubai, an incredible city that mesmerizes all those who come for a visit.

Supported by H.H. Sh. Hamdan Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-Governor of Dubai and Minister for Finance and Industry, this spectacular event which awards also the winners of the Dubai Gold Cup 2007/2008 took place in the remarkable Dubai World Trade Center, where it has been held in the previous editions. The President of the Organizing Committee was Mr. Ziad Abdullah Galadari assisted by Messrs. Helal S. K. Al Marri, Ahmed Bin Hareb Al Falahi, Sultan Mohammed Khalifa, Abdullah Tayeb Qassem, Hussain Mohammed Hussain and Essam Abdalla. The General Manager of the event was Mr. Abdulrahman Obaid Belshawared helped by Mr. Qusai Obaidalla and by the coordinator Mr. Adel Saeed Al Falasi. Mrs. Christianne Chazelle and Mrs. took the role of advisors. The jury was composed

by Dr. Gianmarco Aragno (IT), Mrs. Sylvie Eberhardt (DE), Mr. Hassanain Al Nakeeb (UK), Mrs. Renata Schibler (CH) and Dr. Marek Trela (PL). This show is, without any doubt, the richest competition for Arabian horses, with prizes worth a staggering US\$ 4,000,000 in total.

The first category of yearling fillies was divided in two sections given the high number of entries.

Section A was won by *Sadikah Al Shgair (F Shamaal x Syrena) owned by Sh. Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh (KSA). In second place *Bint Badeah (Belbowrie Obsidian x El Badeah) owned by Sh.a Azza Bint Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassemi (UAE), followed by *Magheeda Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x ZT Maghan) of the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT), which took the third place.

The top place for section B of the same category went to the chestnut *Baila De Djoon OS (Ajman Moniscione x Shak Shakira), bred in Europe and now owned by H.H. Sh. Mohammed Bin

Prize Money Total Amount \$ 4,000,000

A motion requesting allowance of price money for non-European countries has been presented at the latest Annual General Meeting of Ecaho in Brussels on February 3rd 2008 and was unanimously approved by the General Meeting

ECAHO Qualifying Class	\$ 50,000	For each non ECAHO Class	\$ 31,000
1st	\$ 25,000	2 Foal Classes	\$ 15,000
2nd	\$ 10,000	2 Endurance Classes	\$ 7,000
3rd	\$ 6,000	3rd	\$ 4,000
4th	\$ 5,000	4th	\$ 3,000
5th	\$ 3,000	5th	\$ 2,000
Junior Champions	\$ 200,000	Dubai Gold Cup Junior Female	\$ 200,000
Junior Reserve Champions	\$ 100,000	Dubai Gold Cup Senior Female	\$ 200,000
Senior Champions	\$ 250,000	Dubai Gold Cup Junior Male	\$ 200,000
Reserve Senior Champions	\$ 150,000	Dubai Gold Cup Senior Male	\$ 200,000

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Saoud Sultan Al Qassimi (UAE), recent winner of the Reserve Champion Filly title at the Sharjah show. Winner of the second place was *Najdah Al Zobair (Marwan Al Shaqab x JFN Bint Ludhan) owned by Sh. Abdulla Bin Mohammed Ali Al Thani (UAE). *Salwa AL Zobair (Marajj x Esklawa) owned by Sh. Khalid Abdulla Mohammed Al Thani (UAE) was third.

Section A of the second category (two-year-old fillies) was won by *Ghayat Al Khalidiah (Aja Sangali x Faaina) bred and owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA), followed in second place by *Aja Angelica (WH Justice x FS Anastasia) owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE). Coming in third was *Abha Al Shaqab (Abha Fadil x Abha Galati), bred in Europe and now owned by the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT).

The World Champion *Layan Al Khalediah (Dakharo x Padrons Amour) easily won the first place in section B of the category reserved for two-year-old fillies. This wonderful bay filly is owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). Second place with an excellent overall score for *Badawieh AA (Laheeb x Bahiha). This lovely filly, bred in Israel, is owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE). Winner of the third place was *Bint Helwah (Gazal Al Shaqab x Bona SE) owned by Sh. Abdul Mohsen Al Sheikh (KSA).

Fourteen superb three-year-old fillies performed excellently in front of the jury. The winner among them was the stunning chestnut *PS Rose Of Marwan (Marwan Al Shaqab x PS Rose Mahogany) owned by the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT). Second by a

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minor difference was *Om El Bernadette (Om El Shahmaan x Om El Benedict) bred in the United States and owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA), whereas the third place went to *Shownel (Show Kayce x WR Jullane) owned by the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud (UAE).

Some wonderful mares aged 4 to 6 made the jury's task even more difficult thanks to their undisputed charm. The category was divided into two sections and included several world champions. The gorgeous *Venetzia (Versace x Giovanna), a multiwinner renowned the world over, won section A of this category. This lovely chestnut mare is owned by the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT). The second place went to another wonderful mare that has conquered the top place in various international shows, well known for the victories obtained over the year: Bess-Fa Izah (WH Justice x Sharon El Kendal) is owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE). *Bilquis Begum (Khidar x Nur Jahan) owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA) obtained the third place.

Section B was magnificently won by the superb *Magora (Gazal



*Al Shaqab x Margotka) thanks to an excellent show. She is owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). Another beautiful and famous mare won the second place, *Panarea By Palawan (WH Justice x Palawan) owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE), followed by the fantastic Reserve World Champion 2007 *Col Cora (Wagner x Catika) owned by the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud (UAE).*

*The winner of the category reserved for mares aged 7 and 8 was the gray *Kharelle (Dakar El Jamaal x Khemoselle) owned by S.A.R. Prince Fahad Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz (KSA). A great second place for the typey *Chammur (Don El Chall x SC Murya) whereas the third place went to *Whistler Bha (Magnum Psyche x Kharyzma) with good overall scores. Both mares are owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE).*

*First in her category with the highest score in the show was the beautiful *Loubna (Imperial Imdal x Imperial Kalatifa), charming in her outstanding show which fascinated jury and spectators. Second with a wide margin between her and the winner but author of an excellent show was the snub-nosed *Eagleridge Passionata (Sanadik El Shaklan x River Oak Dimity). Both these remarkable mares are owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE). The third place went to *Fairview Shaklas Sugardanspice (SK Shakla Khan x Fair Flirtation) owned by Sh. Khalid Abdulla Mohammed Al Thani (UAE). With fourteen entries, there was great competition among year-*



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ling colts. And the margin among the top ones was very very small. Winner of the first place was *Zahi Al Bidayer (Sir Fames HBV x Ultimate Perfection) owned by H.H. Sh. Mohammed Saoud Sultan Saqar Al Qassimi (UAE). The bay *Salman Al Khalidiah (F Shamaal x The Evening Star) took the second place thanks to a fantastic show, reversing the ranking between the top two colts in Sharjah. This colt is owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). The third place went to *Ibn Feroon (Ansata Iemhotep x Mahbouba) owned by H.H. Sh. Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassemi (UAE).

The top place in the category of two-year-old colts was won by the outstanding *AJ Dinar (WH Justice x Deska HJE), author of a very convincing show. This colt is owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE) and was recently named Champion Colts in Qatar. Winner of the second place *Monther Al Nasser (Ansata Hejazi x Aliah Al Nasser), recent winner of the Reserve title at the Sharjah show, owned by H.H. Sh. Nawaf Bin Nasser Al Thani (QAT). Coming in third was *Hypnotic Ibn Eternity-D (Eternity Ibn Navarrone-D x WH Marissa Rose US) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Despeghel – Van Hee from Belgium.

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In the category of three-year-old colts, the top place was won by the multiwinner *Baanderos (Marwan Al Shaqab x HB Besso-lea) owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). Second place for the recent Champion Colt in Sharjah, *Memphis 27 (El Amin x SA Misha Apal) owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE), followed by *Warad Al

a score of 93.8 thanks to an excellent show and relegated to the second place the recent World Champion *Marajj (Marwan Al Shaqab x RGA Kouress) which did not move as he is able to, thus losing important points in movement. This stallion is owned by H.H. Sh. Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qassemi (UAE). The third place went to *Espresso (Ekstern x Ekspozyja) owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE).

The category of stallions aged 7 to 8 was won by the excellent *F Shamaal (Maysoun x Sarameena) owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). In second place was *BS Specific (Sandstorm JC x Basara Saiyana M) owned by Mr. Jennifer Dhombre (FR), while *Rohara Bacara (Padron Psyche x Sidia) owned by Naples Arabians of Mr. Jokiniemi Reijo (Sweden) was third.

The last category had only four participants but they were of incredibly high standard. The winner of the first place was the World Champion Stallion 2007 *Dakharo (Dakar El Jamaal x FOF Kharolina da Padrons Psyche), Reserve World Champion Stallion in 2006, owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). In second place *Eternity Ibn Navarrone-D (Ansata Sianan x Navarrone-P) owned by Mr. and Mrs. Despeghel - Van Hee from Belgium, whereas the third place went to *Ora El Masri (Orashaan x Alianda), owned by the Al Aryam Arabians (UAE). The futurity competition was very pleasant and dominated by the Ajman Stud, owner of the winners, the male Aj Darraj and the female Aj Sundos. The choreography and the shows that the organizers offered to the spectators were really worth all the applauses. There was nothing missing from this show, which every year provides surprises and emotions. A shiver down the spine was felt



Khalidiah (Thee Ricochet x Psyches Kyss) owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA).

The category of stallions aged 4 to 6 was like an amazing parade of champions, which was won by the Reserve World Champion 2007 *Marquis Cahr (Marwan Al Shaqab x Rohara Magnifica), owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). He obtained





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by everyone when a horse inside a ball was able to cross the ring at a dance pace, preceded by virtual dances with a choreography of images of Dubai captured the attention of the spectators.

The final championship was honoured by the presence of H.H. Sh. Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, who did not want to miss this event.



The final championship confirmed the predictions made during the competitions of the various categories. The title of Champion Filly went to *Layan Al Khalediah owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA), which is becoming more and more beautiful. The Reserve Title went to the stunning *PS Rose Of Marwan owned by the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT). *Banderos, owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H.

Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA), was named Champion Colt. The Reserve title went to the gray *AJ Dinar owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE).

The title of Champion Mare was awarded to the superb *Loubna owned by the Ajman Stud of H.H. Prince Sh. Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi (UAE), with the lovely *Venetzia owned by the Al Shaqab Stud (QAT) taking the Reserve Champion title. Champion Stallion was the wonderful *Dakharo owned by the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud (KSA). The Reserve title went to *Marajj, gorgeous like a statue, owned by H.H. Sh. Mohammed Bin Saoud Sultan Al Qassimi (UAE).

The Dubai Gold Cup, which was held at the end of this competition, was awarded to the magnificent *Layan Al Khalediah (fillies), *Magora (mares), Marquis Cahr (colts) and *Dakharo (stallions). Perhaps the congratulations are not enough for this quartet waving the flag of the Al Khalediah Stables of H.H. Prince Khaled Bin Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud, undisputed winner in a really fierce competition. Another event particularly appreciated by the public was the parade of the World Champions living in the Arab Emirates, organized perfectly. We were given the chance to admire twelve world champions parading and showing off in front of the spectators, for a country like the United Emirates which have played a fundamental role in the world of the purebred Arabian.

That was the end of this edition held in the wonderful Dubai. If you haven't already done so, do not miss the chance to visit it, even better if you do that during the event to be held in 2009, where you will be able to experience a truly magnificent show. □



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STALLIONS



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MAGORA



LAYAN AL KHALEDIAH

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MARQUIS CAHR

1° CLASS. STALLIONS 4-6 Y



F SH/MAAL

1° CLASS. STALLIONS 7-8 Y



BS SPECIFIC

2° CLASS. STALLIONS 7-8 Y



**ETERNITY
IBN NAVARRONE-D**

2° CLASS. STALLIONS 9+ Y

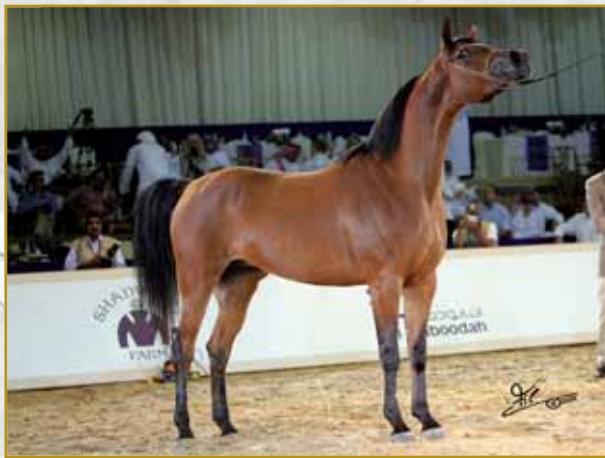


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BESS FIZAH

2° CLASS. MARES 4-6 Y A



MAGORA

1° CLASS. MARES 4-6 Y B



**PANAREA
BY PALAWAN**

2° CLASS. MARES 4-6 Y B



KHARELLE

1° CLASS. MARES 7-8 Y

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CHAMMUR
2° CLASS. MARES 7-8 Y



**EAGLERIDGE
PASSIONATA**
2° CLASS. MARES 9+ Y



ZAHIA AL BIDAYER
1° CLASS. COLTS 1 Y



**SALMAN
AL KHALEDIAH**
2° CLASS. COLTS 1 Y



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MONTHER
AL NASSER

2° CLASS. COLTS 2 Y



MEMPHIS 27

2° CLASS. COLTS 3 Y



*SADIKAH
AL SHGAIR*

1° CLASS. FILLIES 1 Y A



BINT BADEAH

2° CLASS. FILLIES 1 Y A

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BAILA
DE DJOON OS

1° CLASS. FILLIES 1 Y B



NAJDHAH
AL ZOBAIR

2° CLASS. FILLIES 1 Y B



GHAYAT
AL KHALIDIAH

1° CLASS. FILLIES 2 Y A



AJ ANGELICA

2° CLASS. FILLIES 2 Y A



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BADAWIEH AA
2° CLASS. FILLIES 2 Y B



**OM EL
BERNADETTE**
2° CLASS. FILLIES 3 Y



AJ SUANDOS
1 CLASS. JUNIOR FEMALE



AJ DARAJJ
1 CLASS. JUNIOR MALE

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WANDERIN SUE V

1° CLASS. RIDDEN FEMALE



THE SPECIALIST

1° CLASS. RIDDEN MALE



1° CLASS. RACING
MARES & GELDINGS



**AS'SABHAN
W'RSAN**

1° CLASS. RACING STALLIONS



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**Parade
of the World Champions
Of the UAE**



MORA DUSA
1° CLASS. ENDURANCE
MARES & GELDINGS



SM MATRA
1° CLASS. ENDURANCE
STALLIONS

Maleik El Kheil (1979)
World Champion junior male 1980

Lady Amy (1989)
World Champion junior Female 1991

Musk nitz (1983)
World Champion Senior Female 1992

Kar aganda (1986)
World Champion Senior Female 1996

Psyche Amber Gem (1993)
World Champion Senior Female 1997

Deska HJE (1996)
World Champion junior Female 1997

Loubna (1997)
World Champion Senior Female 2004

Ma Shadow El sher (2002)
World Champion junior male 2005

Escape Ibn Navar r one (1999)
World Champion junior male 2005

Bess Fa'izah (2004)
World Champion junior Female 2006

Royal Col oUr S (2003)
World Champion junior male 2006

Mar ajj (2003)
World Champion junior male 2007

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some shoot
of the parade**

SOME SHOTS OF PARADE OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONS OF THE UAE



MALEIK
EL KHEIL



PSYCHE
AMBER GEM



DESK / HJE



LOUBN /



DUBAI



MA SHADOW
EL SHER



ESCAPE
IBN NAVARRONE



BESS FA'IZAH



ROYAL COLOURS



MARAJJ

