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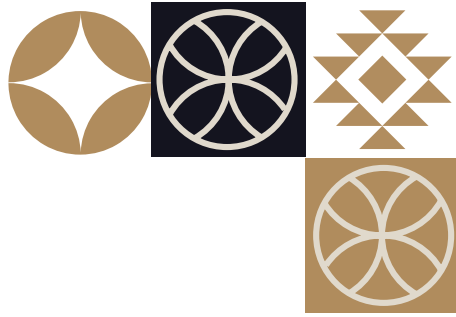
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The 2026 season of the Global Champions Arabians Tour opened in spectacular fashion in Abu Dhabi, setting an impressive tone for the international circuit ahead. Held over four days of elite competition and attended under the esteemed presence of His Highness Sheikh Jassim Bin Hamad Al-Thani and His Highness Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, the championship reaffirmed the tour's position as the premier global stage for Arabian horse excellence. Breeders, handlers, and enthusiasts from across the world witnessed a showcase of beauty, attitude and refinement, as the first champions of the new season were crowned. With exceptional quality across all classes, Abu Dhabi did not merely host the season opener, it established a powerful benchmark for the months to come.

This edition of the GCAT Abu Dhabi was evaluated by a strong international panel of judges: Hammad Alaa (Bahrain), Faraj Elyas Ebrahim (Bahrain), Hamza Ahmed (Egypt), Badrawy Mohamed Ahmed Fathy (Egypt), Bérengère Fayt (France), Nikolaus Jung (Germany), Jassim Al Mesbah (Kuwait), Mohamed Machmoum (Morocco), Christian Moschini (Italy), Renata Schibler (Switzerland), Hassanain Al-Nakeeb (United Kingdom), Caroline Reid (United Kingdom), Janice Mc Crea-Wight (United States), and Jerzy Zbyszewski (United States).

The show started on Thursday with two large classes of yearling fillies. It was an exciting battle for the top honors. For a long time, the beautiful and typey Shalwa Al Adwan (Harbi Al Adwan x Lina AT), bred by Al Adwani Stud and owned by Al Jumail Stud, held the lead with 91.29 points. Just before the end of the class, the lovely Roselynn Aldarb (Hamed Sarm x Dalola AB), bred by Mana Ali Mueidh Al Hajlan and owned by Al Asaeiel Stud, danced into the arena and scored almost perfect 20s on head and neck, as well as a high score for movement. With a total of 91.43 points, she pushed Shalwa into second place and took over the leading position. However, in the final Yearling Fillies Championship, Roselynn did not return to the podium, while Shalwa took her revenge by claiming the Silver medal.

The second group of yearling fillies had one strong leader. The beautiful, ultra-typey Malikah Al Arab (ALK Retajj x Adwaa Al Arab), bred by Ali bin Muhammad bin Ali Al Ali and owned by Hleetan Qatar Stud, came, saw, and conquered. With perfect 20s for head and neck and a strong total score of 92.29 points, she not only took the lead but remained in first place until the end of the class. Later, in the final Yearling Fillies Championship, she claimed the Gold medal. Second-placed Selene Albidayer (Arjuwan Albidayer x Badeeah Albidayer),



bred and owned by Albidayer Stud from the UAE, scored a total of 91.14 points and went on to claim the Bronze medal in the final.

The show continued with the yearling colts — another strong class featuring beautiful, promising young colts. Out of fourteen entries, it was the flashy AJ Fayed (D Shahhar x AJ Felicia), bred and owned by Ajman Stud, who took the lead with an impressive 92.07 points. In the final Yearling Colts Championship, he went on to win the Gold medal. Second in this class with 91 points was his stablemate AJ Badwi (AJ Radman x AJ Badia), making Ajman Stud the top breeder in this section.

In the next class of yearling colts, the top three colts scored extremely close to one another. With only 0.08 points of difference, the big-moving Kibrit Al Shaqab (Alexxander x Alaian Al Shaqab), bred and owned by Al Shaqab Stud, earned four 20s for movement. With a total score of 91.79 points, he was set as the class leader. Later, in the final championships, he secured the Silver medal. In second place with 91.71 points was Sahm Aljassimya (Lehon x Alma Aljassimya), bred and owned by Al Jassimya Farm. This colt also put on quite a show and received five 20s for movement. In the final championships, however, he had to give up a podium position to the third-placed colt from this class:





D Yamaan (D Shahhar x D Reemah), bred and owned by Dubai Stud, who had received a total score of 91.64 points and went on to take the Bronze medal.

The following day, the show resumed in the late afternoon. As the sun slowly set over Abu Dhabi, the first group of junior fillies made their entrance. Once again, it was a strong class, filled with some of the best fillies in the world. Setting the bar with a high score of 92.29 points, the beautifully refined Psyche Alia (Nahil Al Khalediah x Psyche Victoria), bred by Krzysztof Poszepczynski and owned by Hanaya Arabian Horse Stud of Switzerland, maintained this top position throughout the entire class. Runner-up in second place with 92 points was D Neran (D Seraj x Elle Jaharra), bred and owned by Dubai Stud. In third place with 91.71 points was the pretty Areej Akmal (Rhan Al Shahania x Badia A), bred and owned by Akmal Stud. Later, in the championships, Areej surpassed both competitors and proudly claimed the Silver medal.

If you were already impressed by the first group, the second group of junior fillies truly gave you goosebumps. Dancing into the arena and showing off her beautiful type, head, and neck was the gorgeous Al Aryam Harbah (SMA Magic One x Al Aryam Hamra), bred and owned by Al Aryam Stud. With almost perfect 20s for type,

head, and neck, this young filly achieved a grand total of 92.57 points. Harbah also left a lasting impression in the championships, claiming the Gold medal among all junior fillies almost unanimously. Second in this class with 91.79 points was Expectations Al Wajba (Excalibur EA x Expected Beauty), bred and owned by Al Wajba Stud. This outstanding filly went on to claim the Bronze medal in the final Junior Fillies Championship.

After the fillies, it was time for the boys: two large classes of junior colts representing the future of the breed. The winner of the class with 91.64 points was the flashy D Mayzoon (D Fannan x D Al Shahba), bred and owned by Dubai Stud. Later in the championships, Mayzoon claimed the Silver medal. Second in this class with 91.21 points was the pretty Ezz Al Aliyat (Ash Al Alezz x Layali Al Aliyat), bred by Abdullah Alobaid and owned by Al Aliyat Stud.

The show continued with the final class of junior colts, where two strong colts battled for the top position. It was the striking Aesar Al Wajba (AJ Radman x LR Altagracia), bred and owned by Al Wajba Stud, who took the lead with a grand total of 92 points. Later, in the final Junior Colts Championship, he claimed the Gold medal. Second in this class with 91.50 points was Mishref Al Shaqab (EKS Farajj x Bashirah Al Shaqab), bred and





owned by Al Shaqab Stud. In the championships, this colt went on to take the Bronze medal.

Saturday was reserved for the senior classes — the legends of the breed, the *crème de la crème*, the very best the world has to offer. Seeing the catalogue, we were in for a real treat. All mares were worthy of winning the show; however, there can only be one winner. In the first class of senior mares, that winner was the breathtaking D Najlah (D Seraj x Elle Flamenca), bred and owned by Dubai Stud. With almost perfect 20s for type, head, and neck, and a total score of 92.43 points, this mare not only won her class but also claimed the Gold medal in the final Senior Mares Championship. Second in this strong class with a total of 92 points was the big-moving Shaden Yaser (AJ Radman x Yara Yaser), bred by Yaser Al Harthi and owned by Hanaya Arabian Horse Stud of Switzerland.

Just when it seemed it could not get any better, the second group of mares danced into the arena — all breathtaking, all ready to claim the throne. Setting one of the highest scores of the day with 92.71 points was Al Aryam Atab (SMA Magic One x Al Aryam Abla), bred and owned by Al Aryam Stud. With full 20s for type and head and neck, this complete and strong-moving mare made an impressive statement, later earning the Silver medal in the Senior Mares Championship. Second in this class was another classic beauty. Scoring a total of 92.29 points, Basandra Settimocielo (Ajman Moniscione x MA Scarlet), bred by Maria Ferraroni and owned by Ajman Stud, not only took second place in the class but also secured the Bronze medal in the final Senior Mares Championship.

After the mares, it was time for the big boys — the senior stallions. It was an impressive sight, watching them all dance into the arena. The winner of the first class of senior stallions with a score of 91.43 points was

AJ Sinan (AJ Mardan x Sama AM), bred by Ajman Stud and owned by Abdulla Al Hajeri. Second in this class was D Safsouf (D Jernas x D Sara), bred by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and owned by Ahmed Al Marzooqi.

All medal winners of the Senior Stallion Championship came from the final class of the day — and what a battle it was. The scores were extremely close; however, it was the beautiful D Seraj (FA El Rasheem x Ladi Veronika), bred and owned by Dubai Stud, who not only won the class with a total of 92.71 points but also went on to claim the Gold medal in the final championships, almost unanimously. He is also the sire of the beautiful D Najlah, who had won Gold in the Senior Mares Championship just hours earlier — a remarkable achievement for Dubai Stud. In second place with 92.07 points was the elegant and classic Al Aryam Shklaan (Excalibur EA x Al Aryam Shakeera), bred and owned by Al Aryam Stud, who later secured the Silver medal. Third in this class with 91.33 points — and later Bronze medalist — was D Sharar (D Seraj x FT Shaella), bred and owned by Dubai Stud.

With these exceptional horses parading in the stunning arena of the Abu Dhabi Equestrian Club, it became clear that the 2026 Global Champions Arabians Tour is shaping up to be a season we will not soon forget, setting a high benchmark for the next GCAT stage in Katara, Doha. □



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## GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION MALIKAH ALARAB

ALK RETAJJ X ADWAA AL ARAB  
B: ALI BIN MUHAMMAD BIN ALI AL ALI - O: HLEETAN QATAR STUD

# YEARLING FILLIES



## SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION SHALWA AL ADWAN

HARBI AL ADWAN X LINA AT  
B: AL ADWANI STUD - O: ALJUMAIL STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL CHAMPION SELENE AL BIDAYER

ARJUWAN AL BIDAYER X BADEEAH AL BIDAYER  
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED SAOUD SULTAN S ALQASSIMI - ALBIDAYER STUD

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## GOLD MEDAL AJ FAYED

D SHAHHAR X AJ FELICIA  
B/O: AJMAN STUD

# YEARLING COLTS



## SILVER MEDAL KIBRIT AL SHAQAB

ALEXXANDERR X ALAIAN AL SHAQAB  
B/O: AL SHAQAB



## BRONZE MEDAL D YAMAAN

D SHAHHAR X D REEMAH  
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

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## GOLD MEDAL AL ARYAM HARBAH

S.M.A. MAGIC ONE X AL ARYAM HAMRA  
B/O: SHEIKH KHALIFA BIN TAHNOON BIN MOHAMMED AL NAHAYYAN

# JUNIOR FILLIES



## SILVER MEDAL AREEJ AKMAL

RHAN ALSHAHANIA X BADIA A  
B/O: AKMAL STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL EXPECTATIONS ALWAJBA

EXCALIBUR E.A. X EXPECTED BEAUTY  
B: SHEIKH AL QAQA BIN HAMAD K AL THANI - O: AL WAJBA STUD

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## GOLD MEDAL AESAR ALWAJBA

AJ RADMAN X LR ALTAGRACIA  
B: SHEIKH AL QAQA BIN HAMAD K AL THANI - O: AL WAJBA STUD

# JUNIOR COLTS



## SILVER MEDAL D MAZYOON

D FANNAN X D AL SHAHBA  
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



## BRONZE MEDAL MISHREF AL SHAQAB

EKS FARAJJ X BASHIRAH AL SHAQAB  
B/O: AL SHAQAB

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## GOLD MEDAL D NAJLAH

D SERAJ X ELLE FLAMENCA  
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

# SENIOR MARES



## SILVER MEDAL AL ARYAM ATAB

S.M.A.MAGIC ONE X AL ARYAM ABLA  
B/O: AL ARYAM ARABIANS



## BRONZE MEDAL BASANDRA SETTIMOCIELO

AJMAN MONISCIONE X MA SCARLET  
B: ANNARATONE FERRARONI MARIA - ALLEV. SETTIMOCIELO - O: AJMAN STUD

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## GOLD MEDAL D SERAJ

FA EL RASHEEM X LADI VERONIKA  
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

# SENIOR STALLIONS



## SILVER MEDAL AL ARYAM SHKLAAN

EXCALIBUR EA X AL ARYAM SHAKEERA  
B/O: AL ARYAM ARABIANS



## BRONZE MEDAL D SHARAR

D SERAJ X FT SHAELLA  
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



