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From the 18th till the 20th of March, Equestrian industry buyers, horse-loving families, aspiring riders and international artists meet in-person once again at Dubai International Horse Fair 2021, held at the Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC) for the 17th Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship hosted alongside the 16th edition of the Dubai International Horse Fair.

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DUBAI International Arabian Horse Championship 2021

From international equestrian brands to sculptors and advanced equine medicine experts, DIHF is gathering a diverse range of global industry leaders and creators. Held under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and UAE Minister of Finance, DIHF 2021 provided a much-needed meeting point for the equestrian industry as well as a fun family outing, following a year that was defined by virtual interaction and missed business opportunities.

Held over three days, the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship is a showcase and competition of the heritage, beauty and agility of the world's finest Arabian horses, with prize money of US\$4 million.

Visitors to DIHF 2021 enjoyed the fun range of family-friendly features on offer at the show, and were able to experience a variety of attractions; young animal lovers could enjoy free pony riding as well as several stunts and workshops were offered.

Meanwhile, the equestrian-themed Art Gallery showcased creative brilliance from artists from across the world; while the Heritage Village was delving into the UAE's rich association with horses as well as providing a glimpse into Dubai's maritime history, while young horse lovers could enjoy the petting zoo.

DIHF 2021 was being held under stringent safety and hygiene protocols. Judges for the event were Mr Raouf Abbas from Egypt, Mr. Gianmarco Aragno and Mr. Christian Moschini from Italy, Mr. Eric Gear from France, Mr. Terry Holmes from the United States, Mr. Gideon Reisel from the Netherlands, Mrs. Michaela Weidner from Germany and Mr. Tomasz Tarczynski from Poland.

The show started with a nice large group of filly foals all of superb quality, underlining how much the quality has improved over the years within the UAE. Winner of the filly foal class was the beautiful ultra refined AB Bdoor (AJ Azzam x Torfah al Zobair) – bred and owned by Adnan Alsheihhi. Second in this class was the showy Dhai al Hawajer (AJ Mardan x L lucky Star) bred and owned by Dr. Ghanem Alhajri. At the 3rd position we would find FAM Esplendida (D Seraj x D Ra'afah) – bred and owned by Federico Jordan.

The show continued with the colt foals. An almost unanimous win for the big moving Falah al Hawajer (Aned al Hawajer x Marami al Hawajer) – bred and owned by Dr. Ghanem Alhajri. Leaving the second place for the pretty Musaab OS (AJ Kafu x Arsenia OS) – bred and owned by Osterhof Stud. Third in this class was SQ Jabbar (D Seraj x My Fair Rose-D) – bred and owned by Al Shaqran Arabian Horse Stud.

Some top quality yearling fillies were up next. All scoring above the 90 points! It was a nice battle between the top three. All beautiful and eligible to the class win. With a beautiful score of 92.40 points, the victory of the first group of yearling fillies went to R.A.K. Onood (FA El Rasheem x Ward al Adeyat), bred and owned by Ras Al Khimah Arabian Horse Stud. This filly scored full twenties in head and neck. Later in the yearling filly championships this filly took the Gold medal. Second in this class with 92.20 points was AJ Ghazalah (Shanghai EA x Ghadeer AM) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud. At third place with 91.90 points in this though class was Demasheq Alsayed (Validoro x Delight's Divah RB), bred and owned by Al Sayed Stud.

Also the second group of yearling fillies showed some top quality. The excitement raise to a high level when two fillies

scored the same beautiful score of 92 points! Due to more points on type, it was the Ajman Stud bred and owned, AJ Alula (AJ Marzan x Ayat Almuawd) who took the class lead, leaving the second place to the equally beautiful D Beisan (D Seraj x Rah Rosalia) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. In the yearling championships, D Beisan took revenge and claimed the Silver Medal, leaving the bronze to AJ Alula!

A very large group of 17! Fillies aged two years old, was up next. All very pretty and ready to take the lead. The very showy and pretty Al Aryam Banafsaj (Dominic M x Al Aryam Basma) – bred by Al Aryam Arabians and owned by Ajman Stud, took the lead with a great score of 92.70 points! Later in the championships, this filly took the Gold medal with the junior fillies! Second in this class with 92.40 points was D Jooreyyah (D Seraj x D Nawal) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. A third position with 91.90 points was for the pretty, big moving filly Cyclana OS (Cyclone OS x Maryse OS) – bred by Osterhof Stud and owned by Al Faisaly Stud.

The show continued with another large group of 15 fillies age 3 years old. Clear winner of this class with 92.80 points and later silver medal champion was the pretty D Judi (AJ Azzam x Elle Flamenca) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. Second with 92 points and later bronze medal champion was her half-sister; D Fannanah (Excalibur EA x Elle Flamenca) – also bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. What a great success! A third position in this class with 91.90 points was for AJ Bdoor (AJ

Azzam x AJ Bahja) – bred by Ajman Stud and owned by Adnan Alsheihbi.

After these lovely young ladies, it was time for the senior mare classes. Starting with the mares aged four to six years old. In this class, scoring above the 90 points was more rule than exception. The excitement raise when not one but two fillies scored the massive total of 93.20 points! Both of them scoring almost full twenties on type, head and neck. It were the points on movement of AJ Tarim (Emerald J x Espinilla) – bred and owned by Ajman Stud, who gave her the leading position, leaving the second place to the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud, bred and owned, D Shihanah (FA el Rasheem x D Shabla). Later in the championships, Shihanah took her revenge by claiming the Gold medal with the senior mares, leaving AJ Tarim to take the bronze. At the third position in this though class with 92.50 points, came the big moving Manaret Babel (AJ Barzan x Munirah Albidayer) – bred by Babel Arabian Horse Stud and owned by Al Jawaher Arabian horse Stud.

As the day progressed so did the scores. If you thought 93.20 was high, the girls in the next class even topped that, scoring a total of 93.70! And again this time, not one mare scored this massive total, but once again there was a tie between two fantastic mares. Both scoring the perfect line of full twenties on type. It was the big movement of Wildona (Shanghai EA x Wilda) – bred and owned by Michalow Stud that gave her the that extra push for claiming the class win. The second place was for Bint Hazy al Khalediah (El Palacio VO x Hazy al Khalediah) – bred by Al Khalediah



Stables and owned by Al Khashab Stud. In the final senior mares championships, Wildona was left out of the medals while Hazy took home the silver. Worth mentioning were the other ladies in this class. All former champions and loved all around the world. Closing the top five listing were Delights Divah RB (Ajman Moniscione x Honeys Delight RB) 91,90 points, Esperanzza al Ventur (FA el Shawan x Honeys Delight RB) 91,80 points and D Shabla (Marajj x FT Shaella) with 91.60 points.

The last class of the female qualifications were the mares aged 10 years and older. Clear winner of this class with 92.70 points was the pretty Perfinka (Esparto x Perfirka) – bred by Bialka and owned by Al Rajhiat Stud. Second in this class with 90.80 points was Nawal by Apolo (TS Apolo x Zaira DR) – bred by Roberto Deluca and owned by Al Jazeera Arabian Horse Stud.

The next day was reserved for the male classes, starting with two nice classes of yearling colts. The first group being led with 92.70 points by the charismatic D Sharar (D Seraj x FT Shaella) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian horse Stud. Later in the championships, this colt took the gold medal. Second in this class with 91.40 points was J Zilzal (Yas BHM x Shalwa Alkbail) – bred and owned by Jumaa Almarzooqi.

The second group of yearling colts had again a Dubai Arabian Horse stud bred and owned colt as the group leader. With 91.90 points the pretty D Rasel (FA el Rasheem x Ladi Veronika) scored a beautiful score on type, head and neck and in the final championships, he took the silver medal behind his stable-mate Sharar. A great success for their breeders and owners!

Second in this group of yearling colts with 91.60 points and later bronze medal champion was ALR Burkan (SQ Burkan x Yaqoubiyah al Zobair) – bred by Mohamed al Rasheed and owned by Khalifa Alsuwaidi.

The show continued with a big class of 14 colts of two years old. Clear winner with 92.10 points and later silver medal champion was Arjuwan Albidayer (AJ Marzan x Allezandra Albidayer) – bred and owned by Albidayer Stud. Second in this class with 91.70 points was AJ Ajban (AJ Kafu x AJ Saphira) – bred by Ajman Stud and owned by Sheikh Abdullah bin Majid al Qassimi.

The last group of junior colts was the class of the three years old. A strong class with some really good colts. Leader of the class with the massive score of 93.20 was the exotic D Sheimaz (FA el Rasheem x Ladi Veronika) – bred and owned by Dubai Arabian Horse stud. This colt scored full twenties on type and in the final junior colt championships, he claimed the gold medal. Second in this strong class with

92.20 points and later bronze medal champion was the charismatic RFI Unique (AF Maden x RFI Ultraa Al Maktub) – bred by RFI Arabians and owned by RFI Unique partnership.

After the junior male classes it was time for the big boys! All fifteen stallions in the class 4–6 years old stallions scoring above the 90 points! The top two was between two great colts. Both scoring above the 93 points! In the end it was D Sheraj (FA el Rasheem x Ladi Veronika) who showed perfect twenties on both type and head & neck who took the lead with 93.30 points! Later in the final championships, Sheraj took the silver medal.

That the cross between FA el Rasheem and the 2009 Silver world champion mare Lady Veronika (Versace) is successful was once again proven at this show as Sheraj was not the only medal winner. His little brother D Rasbel took the silver with the yearling colts and with the junior colts it was D Sheimaz who took the gold! What a great success for their breeder and owner of Dubai Arabian Horse stud!

Second in the senior stallion class with 93.20 points was the big moving ES Prince (ES Sarab x Raghad al Nasser), bred and owned by Sheikh Abdullah bin Majid al Qassimi, who also scored full twenties on type. Later in the championships, Prince took the bronze medal.

Next to go where the stallions aged 7–9 years old. Winner of this class with 92.60 points was the big moving Moharib al Khanza (AB Jamil la Piana x Caterina FM) – bred and owned by Ali Ghanem al Mazrouei. Second in this class with 92.30 points was Jayan de Nautiac (Shael Dream Desert x JOURNALIA Nautiac) – bred by Rachel Bourasse and owned by Badr Adnan Alali.

The last class of the day showed the highest score of the entire show. The fantastic ES Harir (AJ Dinar x TF Magnums Magic) showed himself beautifully, scoring not only a 20 on movement but also straight twenties on type, head & neck and some fantastic 19's all across the board for his body. With a massive total score of 94.60 points, he took not only the class win with great ease but also won the Gold medal unanimously. A great success for his breeder Sheikh Abdulla bin Majid al Qassemi and his owner of Al Saqran Stud.

Second in this class with 92.00 points was the pretty Memphis 27 (El Amin x SA Misha Apal) – bred by James Swaenepoel and owned by Ajman Stud.

With this last class and championship, another great edition of the Dubai International Horse show came to an end. A great show with top quality horses and a nice environment to get out and meet again all the fellow Arabian horse breeders and Arabian horse lovers from all around the world! □

GOLD MEDAL

Yearling Fillies



R.A.K ONOOD

FA EL RASHEEM X WARD AL ADEYAT

B: RAK ARABIAN HORSE STUD

O: RAS AL KHIMAH ARABIAN HORSE STUD

GOLD MEDAL

Yearling Colts



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

GOLD MEDAL

Junior Fillies



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

GOLD MEDAL

Junior Colts



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

GOLD MEDAL

Senior Mares



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

GOLD MEDAL

Senior Stallions



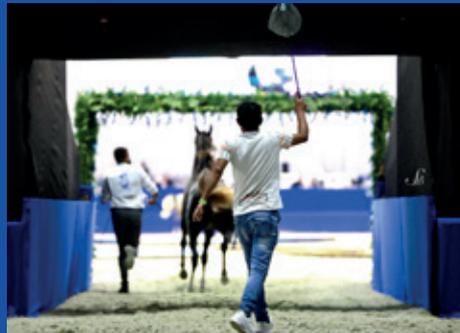
E.S. HARIR
AJ DINAR X TF MAGNUMS MAGIC
B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN MAJID ALQASSEMI
O: AL SAQRAN ARABIAN HORSE STUD



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SILVER MEDAL

Yearling Fillies



D BEISAN
D SERAJ X RAH ROSALIA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL

Yearling Colts



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

SILVER MEDAL

Junior Fillies



D JUDI
AJ AZZAM X ELLE FLAMENCA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

SILVER MEDAL

Junior Colts



ARJUWAN AL BIDAYER
AJ MARZAN X ALLEZANDRA ALBIDAYER
B/O: SHEIKH MOHAMMED BIN SAUD AL QASIMI

SILVER MEDAL

Senior Mares



BINT HAZY AL KHALEDIAH
EL PALACIO VO X HAZY AL KHALEDIAH
B: AL KHALEDIAH STABLES - KSA
O: MR. MUBARAK AL KHASHAB - ALKHASHAB STUD

SILVER MEDAL

Senior Stallions



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



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BRONZE MEDAL

Yearling Fillies



AJ ALULA
AJ MARZAN X AYAT ALMUAWD
B/O: AJMAN STUD

BRONZE MEDAL

Yearling Colts



A. L. R. BURKAN
SQ BURKAN X YAQOUBIYAH AL ZOB AIR
B: MOHAMED YOUSIF AL RASHEED
O: KHALIFA MOHAMED SAIF ALSUWAIDI

BRONZE MEDAL

Junior Fillies



D FANNANAH
EXCALIBUR E.A. X ELLE FLAMENCA
B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD

BRONZE MEDAL

Junior Colts



RFI UNIQUE
AF MADEN X RFI ULTRAA ALMAKTUB
B: RFI ARABIANS
O: RFI UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Mares



AJ TARIM
EMERALD J X ESPINILLA
B/O: AJMAN STUD

BRONZE MEDAL

Senior Stallions



E.S. PRINCE
E.S. SARAB X RAGHAD AL NASSER
B/O: SHEIKH ABDULLAH
BIN MAJID ALQASSIMI



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