

# True to type

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**W**e are all aware of being in an age where everything is speeding up and the same applies to the Arabian horse world. Everyone is in such a hurry to be the current champion, to find the next champion and we rush about on social media from sensation to sensation, sometimes with less thought than a stampede of children on a sugar rush!

It is time to think about the traditional trajectory of the Arabian horse. Foals and yearlings have potential, they are not the end product. A beautiful youngster has the potential to be a great adult Arabian horse. It is these adults who define the true essence of the breed.

The Arabian is a horse who reaches maturity a little late and cannot really be considered his best until he is seven or even eight years old, and from this age onwards he should continue to flower and improve.

This at least is the breeding philosophy behind Aljassimya Farm. The breeding choices are based on this destination, mature Arabians in all their majesty. At the moment the oldest horse bred by the farm is not yet at this age so we are presenting at shows the youngsters we have bred so far. Each one is not shown so very often, because for us it is not about using it all up for "now" but developing them for a full future.







**Jasmeenah Aljassimya**



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### CR Jasmeenah

Yet a little glimpse of the grand plan can be seen from the horses selected who have so far defined the program. WH Justice, on lease for three years to provide the bedrock of the farm was always an inspiring stallion but his first major Gold title was at twelve years old, when he brought many of the audience to tears as All Nations Cup Senior Champion Stallion in Aachen. His daughter CR Jasmeenah, was already seven years old when she took the Gold Champion titles in Menton and Paris. And none would argue that she did not look just as fine if not finer last year aged twelve, when she reappeared in Paris to take possession of the Platinum World Champion title. Finally the stallion whose return on lease has just been agreed for 2018: Al Ayal AA. Indeed his potential was clear when he was Gold Champion as a yearling in Dubai but if you have followed his career you can see that every year he becomes more dry and more magnificent without losing any of his structural balance, in short, true to type as the Arabian should be.



### WH Justice





**Al Ayal<sup>AA</sup>**







**Sweira  
Aljassimya**



If you think of Al Ayal AA and CR Jasmeenah it is not difficult as a breeder to be able to see their offspring in your minds eye. Certainly Mindy Peters could at the Intarah auction in Las Vegas this year when she paid \$ 200 000 for one embryo right to this cross. What we did not announce until now is that this combination already exists ! The 2016 grey filly is called -Jasmeenah Aljassimya and, yes, she does look just like you imagine !

True to type is the only way to describe 'Little Jasmeenah'. Already white, she is the perfect vision of an Arabian yearling filly. There is no more to say except , be sure to be at the Salon du Cheval this November and you can see your imagination in real life !

No less exciting at the Salon Du Cheval will be the elegant classic Maysah Aljassimya by Monther Al Nasser. Already scoring multiple 20's in Menton





**Maysah Aljassimya**

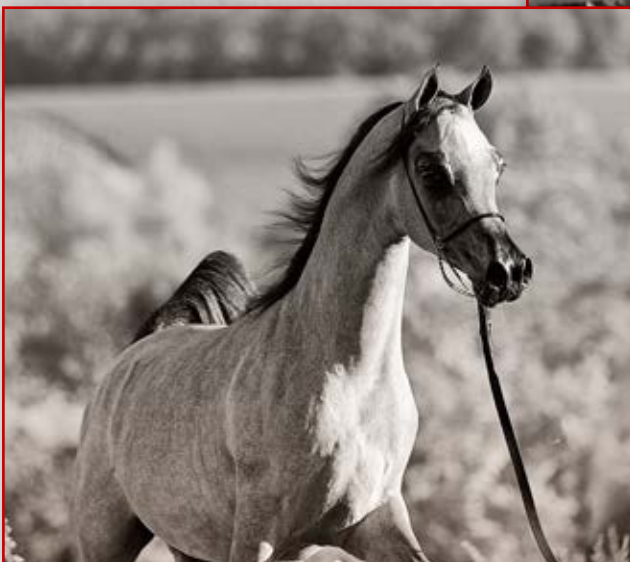




**Juhaina Aljassimya**



**Figaro**



**Jaal Aljassimya**





### Nadeem El Arab

and unlucky in her final result she aims to set the record straight this time. Two headlining Gold Champions from 2017 will also represent the breeding program. Sweira Aljassimya, has only been seen once before in Europe when she was Gold Champion Yearling Filly in Menton. Statuesque 2017 Scottsdale International Champion filly Juhaina Aljassimya, by WH Justice will be making her European debut. All three are dramatically refined bays.

For the colts you can see another debut from a yearling, whose sire and dam are also currently at the top of their game as mature horses. Figaro is by and out of none other than Gold Champion Stallion and Gold Champion Mare in Menton 2017, Wade Al Shaqab and the WH Justice daughter Shirin by Aisha !

Two young WH Justice sons will also be contenders, last years Silver World Champion Colt Jaal Aljassimya, a

true horsemans horse and this years exquisite Chantilly Gold Champion Nadeem El Arab.

Finally we will be fully supporting a wonderful European bred stallion, still competing for his home country of Poland – Equator. Magnificent Equator has won at every age, and for his last seven shows has been the . highest scoring horse of the show. He also looks better than ever. ! He will be presented by Glenn Schoukens for the Michalow State Stud after his very successful two years on lease to Aljassimya Farm.

So yes, for this year all of our entries are young horses but between them they show you the destination we hope to reach. Created by the vision of Sheikh Jassim bin Khalifa Al Thani, presented with zest by Giacomo Capacci and supported by the passion of the whole Aljassimya Farm team, we are looking forward to this years show. Please take a moment to visit us at the Aljassimya Farm booth. □