



## ONE IN A MILLION STAR SHINING FOR AL RAJHIAT STUD

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The Arabian horse community got used to the spectacular purchases made worldwide from time to time. But the acquisition of most entitled and most expensive horses in the world plus one of the most famous Saudi Arabian stud farms along with all its horses, buildings, facilities, clinic and making the generous plan of sharing some of its pearls for free with other breeders – that's an idea being noted once in some breeders lifetime.

We are talking about the giant breeding plan of Mr Abdulaziz Saleh Abdulaziz Al Rajhi – the founder and owner of Al Rajhiat Stud in Saudi Arabia. For every Arabian horse lover the collection of most precious, entitled and famous horses is a dream, for Mr Abdulaziz is truly a dream coming true. It all has began in 2020 when Al Rajhiat Stud has acquired one of the most entitled Arabian mares in the world, called "One in A Millon" - Perfinka (Esparto x Perfirka)...

Started her career as a yearling in 2012 until 2020 Perfinka has been crowned as champion in all the continents she appeared at – in Europe, Middle East, America. Long list of her several champion titles (nine times gold, five times silver) includes those won at most important shows - World Championships (Silver Champion in 2013), PSAIAHF in Riyadh (Gold Champion in 2014), and three most important titles in the USA: National Champion, Breeders World Cup Champion and Scottsdale Gold Champion - all won with gold in 2019 while on lease to Cedar Ridge Arabians, the owner of her champion dam - Perfirka purchased from Poland for 220 000 euro. Perfirka is a title holder of Autumn Show Champion, European Breeders Championship Champion and Best in Show (Poland), European Breeders and International Reserve Champion (France) and National Breeders Finals Senior Gold Champion in Scottsdale. Looking back into their pedigree on dam side Perfinka is the most entitled horse ever bred in the history of Białka State Stud of Poland. She represents the same P-damline of the mare Piewica as the famous Pianissima, Pinga or Pogrom or the past legends and the epitomes of world's breeding as Pilarka, Penicylina, Piruet or Pipi. Granddam of Perfinka - Perforacja produced 16 foals



including incredible multichampion stallion and sire Pesal. The sire of Perfinka is Esparto - the best son of Ekstern- the Triplecrowned Champion and sire of champions for the last 2 decades around the world. Esparto's own collection of honors includes among others: twice Polish National Junior Reserve Champion, Wels International Senior Champion and Best in Show, Emirates Senior Champion, Doha International Senior Champion, Dubai International Senior Reserve Champion, Sharjah International Senior Champion, All Nations Cup Senior Reserve Champion, Al Khalediah Horse Festival Senior Reserve Champion, Polish National Senior Champion, European Senior Reserve Champion and four time World Senior Top Ten Stallion.

In the autumn of 2020 the crowned jewel Perfinka has found her new home at Al Rajhiat stud and in March







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2021 she has been representing her new owner at the prestigious Dubai International Show. Scored as high as 92,70 points she was undoubt class winner in the senior mares.

Amazing horses in the breeding barn and the spectacular come back to the show rings its not the only plan of Mr Abdulaziz Al Rajhi. The great vision of the owner for the new breeding operation at Al Rajhiat makes no doubt that the eyes of the international Arabian horse community from all around the world will be focused on Al Rahjiat Stud in the next months and years. It seems that Perfinka will play another key role in a great project at her new home at Al Rajhiat Stud. She will again be prepared for a major shows and a great breeding vision is being planned for her future as a broodmare. Without a doubt as the new owner says – she will shine bright and we will see her again soon...  $\Box$ 







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