

Ekstern

One in a Million

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It was a cold and gloomy Monday morning on 25th April 2022 when I heard the words “Ekstern passed away”. Although he was twenty-eight years old and his passing can hardly be called unexpected, it hit me hard and so it did the rest of the Michałów Stud team. I was sitting in front of my computer in tears for the whole morning, trying to write a short statement about his passing but listing his countless show titles and his outstanding offspring just did not feel right at that time. To us, the people that had the privilege to meet Ekstern outside the show arena, it was not just the loss of a legend. To us, he was so much more than a remarkable representative of the Arabian breed and a superb sire, he was a close companion and a lifelong friend.

What more can you write about a horse like Ekstern? So many words have been said and written throughout the twenty-eight years of his incredible life and shortly after his sudden and hard-to-handle death. So many nicknames have been coined to describe this special stallion: the King of the Ring, the Legend, the Show Horse Supreme but even those do not fully indicate what an incredible individual Ekstern was.

Born in Michałów on 10th January 1994, Ekstern was lucky to spend most of his life at home, surrounded by the people who loved him dearly and deeply cared for him. His sire, the charismatic chestnut Monogramm, leased to Michałów Stud to bring the blood of the legendary Bask back to Poland and extend the significant sire line of Kuhailan Haifi DB, did all he was meant to do for Michałów and much more, siring a long line of exceptional sons and daughters. The exceptionality of Ekstern was highlighted by the distinct bloody mark on his head and shoulder which, according to the Bedouin legends, was only meant for the truly special horses. Without a doubt, the stallion was no less than extraordinary and his undeniable charm and charisma were further enhanced by his impeccable Arabian type that was way ahead of his time, especially when compared to other stallions bred in Poland in the 1990's. Extremely short head with a nice dish, expressive black eyes and small ears, compact built, level top line and ground-covering trot with great tail carriage made up for a rather short and thick neck which seemed to matter less when he moved, creating a beautiful arch. Ekstern had this unique ability to carry himself with such grace and dignity that highlighted his



advantages and discreetly hid those few weaker points. This is what made him the epitome of the Arabian horse, as close to perfection as possible. Another unique trait of Ekstern was his ability to transform from the calmest, sweetest and most gentle of horses while in the barn into the attention-seeking moving machine that ruled over the show ring. All he needed in order to change was the crowd that surrounded him waiting to see his performance.

The legend of Ekstern started with Director Jaworowski's pursuits to bring the precious blood of Bask (Witraż – Bałalajka / Amurath Sahib) back to Poland. Never used in his homeland, this most successful son of Witraż revolutionized the American breeding of Arabian horses and produced numerous US and Canadian National Champions. At

the 1988 US Nationals, Director Jaworowski spotted a classy chestnut three-year-old colt that immediately attracted his attention. It was the grandson of Bask through one of his best and most successful sons, Negatraz (out of Negotka / Negatiw), and out of a Tersk-bred mare of mostly Polish bloodlines, Monogramma (Knippel – Monopolia / Priboj), the granddaughter of the precious Mammona (Ofir – Krucica / Farys II), born in Janów Podlaski and taken to Tersk in 1939 by the Russian troops. This three-year-old chestnut colt was called Monogramm, a very suitable name for a stallion who put his mark on the Michałów herd to such an extent that it was impossible not to appreciate his precious progeny. However, it took long and tenacious negotiations before the owner of the stallion, the Bishop family, agreed to lease him behind the Iron

*Ekstern
(Monogramm x Ernestyna / Piechur)*

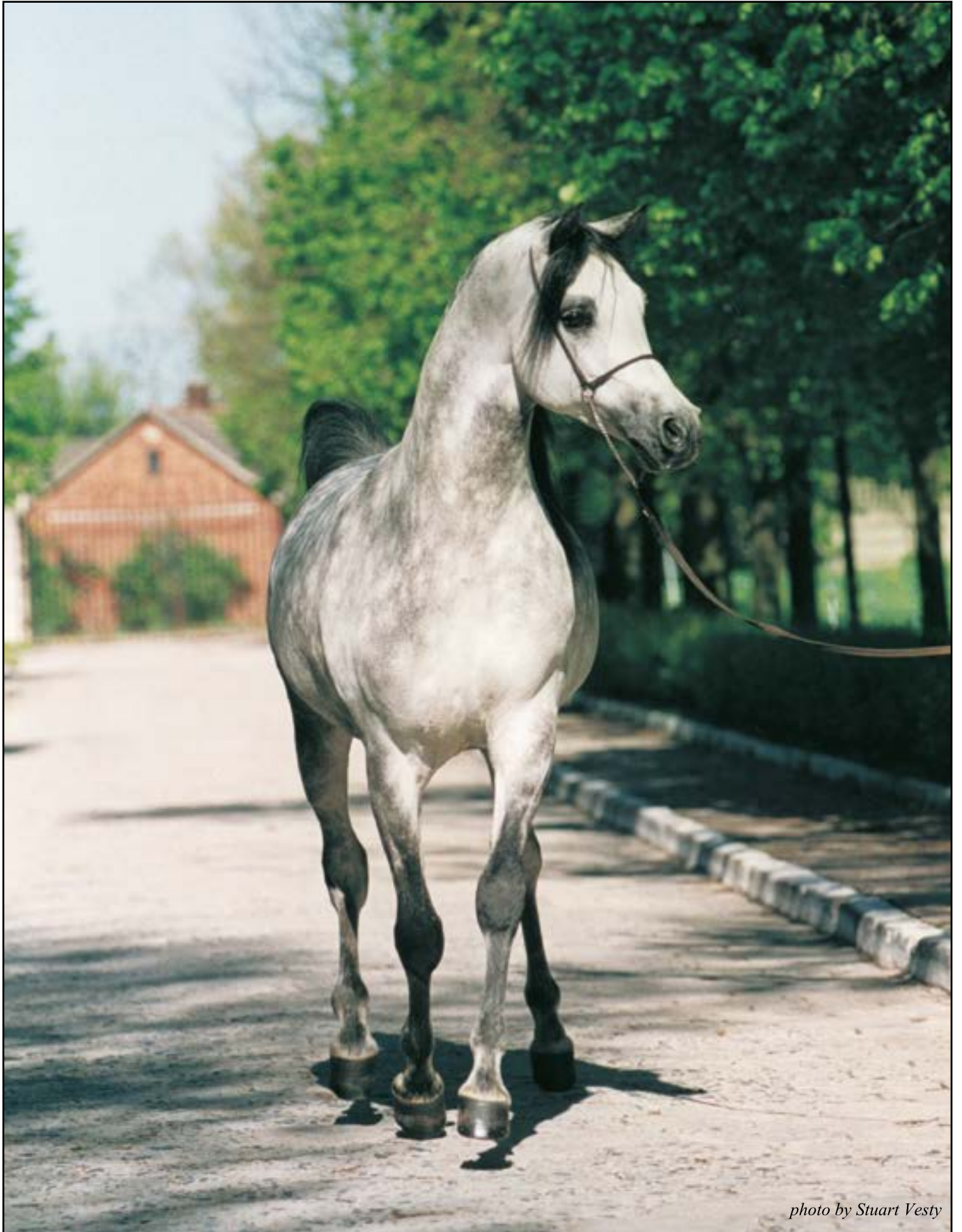
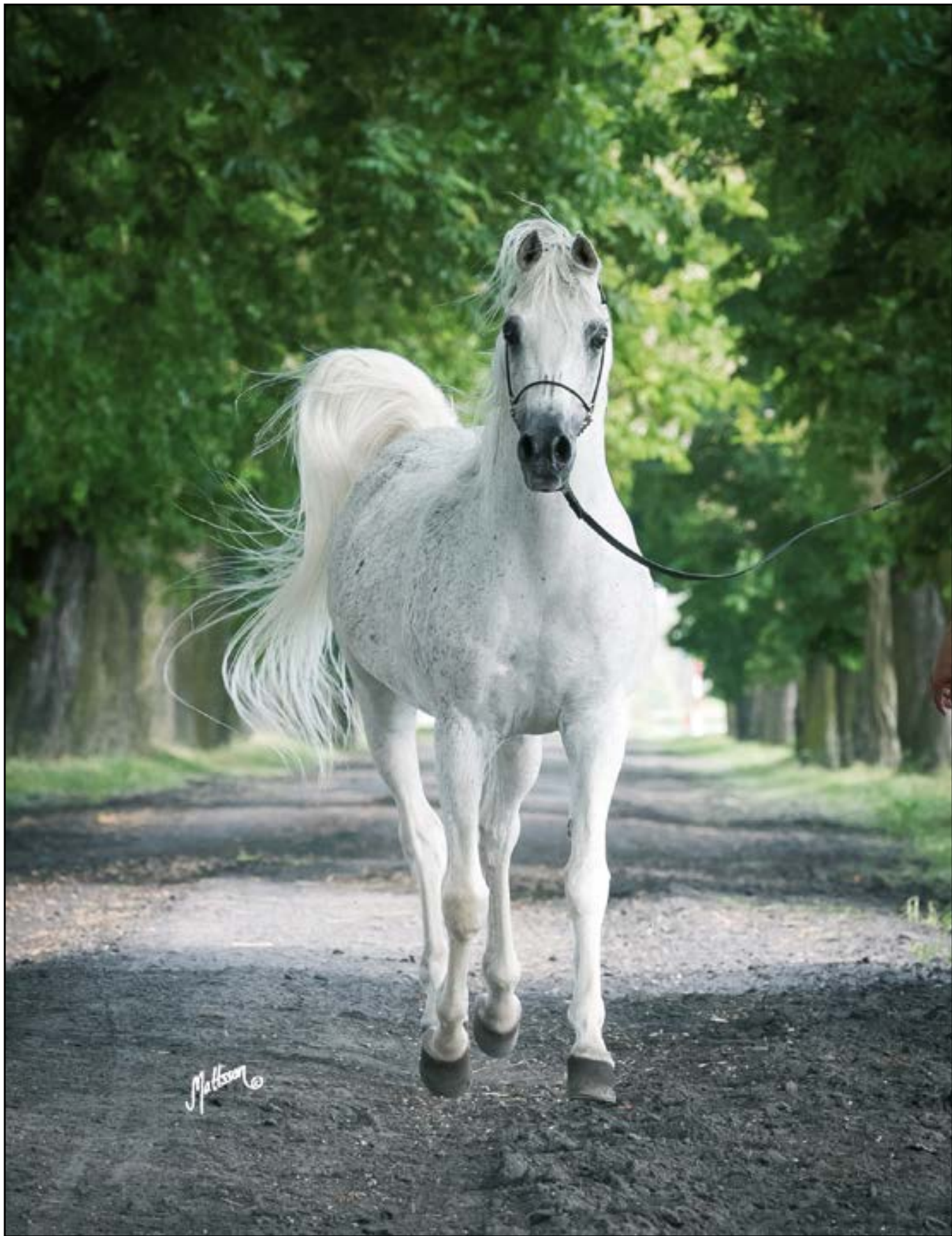


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Monogramm

(Negatraz x Monogramma / Knippel)

Bask

(Witraż x Bałatajka / Amurath Sahib)

Curtain. Due to the determination of Director Jaworowski, Monogramm finally arrived to Michałów in 1993 for two breeding seasons, the result of which as well as the later use of his frozen semen, were no less than remarkable. Interestingly enough, Monogramm was never used at Janów Podlaski, apparently due to his chestnut colour that was then believed to be the indicator of the Munighi type, highly undesired in the Polish breeding. The risk that Ignacy Jaworowski took by using the then unproven sire on so many precious Michałów mares of various shapes and sizes could only match his great intuition as a breeder. The lease of Monogramm elevated Ignacy Jaworowski to the informal title of the true visionary when it comes to Arabian horse breeding. Out of a hundred and twelve outstanding offspring sired by Monogramm in Michałów, Ekstern was surely the most recognizable one even though he shared his fame and glory with some of the world most admired Arabian mares, including Zagrobla (out of Zguba / Enrilo), Kwestura (out of Kwesta / Pesennik), Ekscella (out of Estancja / Palas), Georgia

(out of Gizela / Palas), Elandra (out of Erlanda / Eukaliptus), Fallada (out of Fanaberia / Probat), full sisters: Eskalopka and Egzonera (out of Egzotyka / Probat), Etenta and Emocja (out of Emigracja / Palas), Palestyna and Palmira (out of Palestra / Penitent), Embella and Espadrilla (out of Emanacja / Eukaliptus), Embra and Emmona (out of Emilda / Pamir) as well as some great colts that later became significant chief sires: Premier (out of Premiera / Piechur), Ganges (out of Garonna / Fanatyk), El Mundo (out of Emigrantka / Eukaliptus), Fernando (out of Frejlina / Pepton) and Kordelas (out of Kabała / Palas). Some of these incredible individuals would often share the podium of the most significant shows with their famous paternal half-sibling.

Ekstern's esteemed dam Ernestyna (Piechur – Erwina / Palas) belongs to Michałów's most meritorious dam line of Milordka through the foundation mare Estokada (Amurath Sahib – Saga / Hardy) and her ethereal daughter Estebna (by Nabor), first ever European Champion



Mare bred and owned by the stud. Ekstern was her first and most successful offspring but even if he was her only foal, Ernestyna would still be considered the broodmare of significance that hugely helped in shaping the Arabian breed as we know it today.

Ekstern was very special since the day he was born but, as it often happens with very young foals, he changed for the worse as a few-month-old colt. He was so out of shape at the time when the contenders of the Junior Spring Show were chosen from amongst the youngest generations present at the stud that he almost missed out on his first important competition. It was thanks to Urszula Białobok, the main breeder at Michałów Stud at the time, and her infallible intuition that Ekstern joined the group of yearling colts chosen to compete in the spring of 1995, last time when the Junior Spring Show was held at Michałów before being moved to the youngest state stud in Białka, its host until today. Just before the 1995 Junior Spring Show, Ekstern was introduced to his lifelong companion,

Mariusz Liśkiewicz, who had also just joined the stud after an endurance and riding career. Initially reluctant to the idea of halter horses, Mariusz worked with Ekstern towards what turned out to be the first big success for both the horse and his trainer: 1995 Spring Show Champion Junior Colt title. However, it needs to be said that the win of Ekstern was not a single success of his sire's get at the show. The Michałów-bred 1994 colts and fillies by Monogramm, all full of beauty, type and charisma and all ahead of their times, dominated the classes and the podiums in the championships. This was the beginning of a new era not only for the Polish breeding programme but also for the Arabian halter show scene in Poland and abroad. At the same time, it was the start of a long and lustrous show career for Ekstern who made his next public appearance as a two-year-old colt at one of the oldest and most prominent Hungarian state studs, becoming Babolna Arabian Horse Festival Champion Junior Colt. Ekstern's path to glory was paused for a year in the autumn of 1996 when he was sent to the Służewiec racetrack in

Estebna
(Nabor x Estokada / Amurath Sahib)

Ernestyna
(Piechur x Erwina / Palas)



Ekstern

1994, stallion, grey

MONOGRAMM (US)
1985, STALLION, CHESTNUT

ERNESTYNA (PL)
1989, MARE, GREY

NEGATRAZ (US)

MONOGRAMMA (SU)

PIECHUR (PL)

ERWINA (PL)

BASK (PL)

NEGOTKA (US)

KNIPPEL (SU)

MONOPOLIA (SU)

BANAT (PL)

PIERZEJA (PL)

PALAS (SU)

ELEGANCJA (PL)

WITRAŻ (PL)

BAŁAJKA (PL)

NEGATIW (SU)

BIGOTKA (PL)

KOREJ (SU)

PARFUMERIA (SU)

PRIBOJ (SU)

MAMMONA (PL)

EL AZRAK (PL)

BANDOLA (PL)

BANDOS (PL)

PIERZGA (PL)

ASWAN (EG)

PANEL (SU)

BURKAN (GB)

ELWIRA (PL)



*Ekstern
2000 World Champion
Senior Stallion*



*Ekstern at the
2000 Polish National Show*



*Ekstern at the
2000 All Nations Cup in Aachen*



*Ekstern receiving the WAHO Trophy
in 2008 with Urszula and Jerzy Białobok*



Ekstern - the crowd favourite





Ekstern with Christine Jamar



*Ekstern with Erik Dorssers
at the 2000 Polish National Show*

Warsaw. Traditionally, the three-year-old colts and fillies of the Polish state studs, especially when they are considered breeding prospects, need to go through the racing trials as the indicator of their physical and mental strength as well as impeccable health. Ekstern might not have been the fastest Arabian horse in the history of the breed but he withstood ten starts during one racing season without serious injuries or health issues. His racing abilities could not be compared to those of his paternal half-brother Ganges but neither could be his pedigree as Ganges was out of the Oaks winner Garonna (Fanatyk – Gizela / Palas). And even though Ekstern represented the Kuhailan Haifi DB sire line, his pedigree was full of breathtakingly beautiful mares and handsome stallions of the Saklavi type, especially on his dam's side. From day one, Ekstern was meant to be show

champion but what was more important, this is what his heart was set on. He just LOVED being in the arena, admired by the cheering crowd.

However, after returning from the racecourse, Ekstern did not immediately come back to the show ring but instead he was appointed by Urszula and Jerzy Białobok, the then main breeder and vice director of Michałów respectively, as the first Monogramm son to become chief sire in Poland. His initial foal crop, although limited in numbers, was extremely high in quality. The three grey fillies born in 1999: Elgina (out of Egna / Eukaliptus), Felicjana (out of Felicja / Probat) and Wilga (out of Wenessa / Egon) were the first sign of Ekstern's capability as a sire of broodmares of great significance for the breed.



At the same time, the well-known Belgian breeder of Arabian horses and huge admirer of Polish bloodlines, Christine Jamar of Jadem Arabians, visited Michałów Stud in January 1999 in search of a stallion for her breeding programme. Even the adverse weather conditions of Polish winter could not stop Ekstern from presenting his full potential as a show horse and after negotiations, the lease of the stallion for two breeding seasons was agreed between Christine and the management of Michałów. One of the crucial conditions of the contract was the promotion of Ekstern in the international show rings and this is when the stallion met his new handler, Erik Dorssers from the Netherlands. Ekstern and Erik shared a very special connection which surely helped in taking the most important international show arenas by storm. The first to conquer was the UK International

Arabian Horse Show, the only ECAHO-affiliated event in Great Britain, which Ekstern did with ease, scoring fourteen 20's in the qualifying class. In that moment, Ekstern became the talk of the town and the newly crowned UKIAHS Champion Senior Stallion. As the role of chief sire at Jadem Arabians was still his main responsibility during the lease, Ekstern participated in the most significant shows only, including the Tulip Cup in Holland and Polish National Show, becoming Senior Champion Stallion at both and with very high scores nonetheless, especially for type, head and neck and movement. Undefeated so far, in the autumn of 2000 Ekstern was getting ready for the biggest challenge in his show career, the three prestigious title shows: All Nations Cup in Aachen, European Championships in Vilhelmsborg and World Championships in Paris. Facing the

*Ekstern with Mariusz Liśkiewicz
in Michałów*



fiercest competition in all three shows, Ekstern trotted his way to the European 'Triple Crown' with such an unwavering confidence that no one, even for a moment, doubted he deserved all three titles of All Nations Cup, European and World Champion Senior Stallion as if the beginning of the new millennium symbolically marked the beginning of the Ekstern era. After the successful show season of 2000, Ekstern did not have much left to prove as a show horse, and thus he only took part in one more prestigious show, the first edition of the prestigious Mercedes Diamond Cup held in Borgloon in 2003, featuring the former World Champions only. It was not easy to win against such a tough competition but Ekstern, reunited with Erik, outdid himself in the arena, especially in the liberty class. There were no doubts who deserved to be named the Champion of Champions, yet another trophy for Ekstern to add to his already impressive collection of prizes; the collection that was further expanded in 2008. It comes as no surprise that Ekstern, so successful as a show horse and as a sire, was the first stallion in Poland to receive the prestigious WAHO Trophy for the ambassadors of the Arabian breed around the world.



As the worthy successor of Bask who revolutionized the Arabian horse breeding in the USA as well as his grandson Monogramm who in turn took the Michałów breeding programme to the next level, Ekstern has influenced the Polish and world Arabian horse breeding through his outstanding offspring. It would be hard to find a more consistent sire who never failed at passing the best of his qualities onto his progeny. Ekstern's exotic type, amazing show attitude and commanding charisma made his progeny as well as their produce stand out from the crowd. Until today, his daughters are

amongst the most sought-after broodmares in the world due to their capability to put this distinct ‘Ekstern mark’ on their offspring. Being able to strongly stamp not only direct descendants but also further generations is the quality that only great sires can boast about. Without a doubt, Ekstern belongs to this exclusive group of the most significant sires that emerged in the twenty-first century. In more than twenty years of his breeding career, he was utilized in all three state studs of Poland: Janów Podlaski, Michałów and Białka, at the same time being one of the most popular sires among private breeders in Poland and abroad. He was also a definite favourite of Christine Jamar who, extremely pleased with his first foal crops born in Belgium, decided to lease Ekstern again in 2003, 2005 and 2010. The countless benefits of using Ekstern at Jadem Arabians can be easily compared to Monogramm’s merits for Michałów; he took Christine’s breeding programme to a whole new level. Amongst many precious gems born at the Belgian stud, the mares Mauhiba J (out of Starlight / Pegaz) and Gomera J (out of Georgia / Eukaliptus) became treasured broodmares for Jadem, the former being the granddam of the extremely exotic D Aziza (Ajman Moniscione – Midnight Kiss J / Extreme), crowned 2022 All Nations Cup Gold Champion Senior Mare just a few weeks ago, while the latter is the dam of Gallardo J (by Emerald J), 2016 European ‘Triple Crown’ winner junior colt.

With a record of more than five hundred foals born around the world, it borders on the impossible to name all the outstanding offspring of Ekstern. It is however enough to mention the few most impressive individuals to get the grasp of the great genetic prepotency he exhibited as a sire. Although Ekstern’s genetic powers



Gomera J
(*Ekstern x Georgia / Eukaliptus*)



Mauhiba J
(*Ekstern x Starlight / Extreme*)

Elgina (Ekstern x Egna / Eukaliptus)



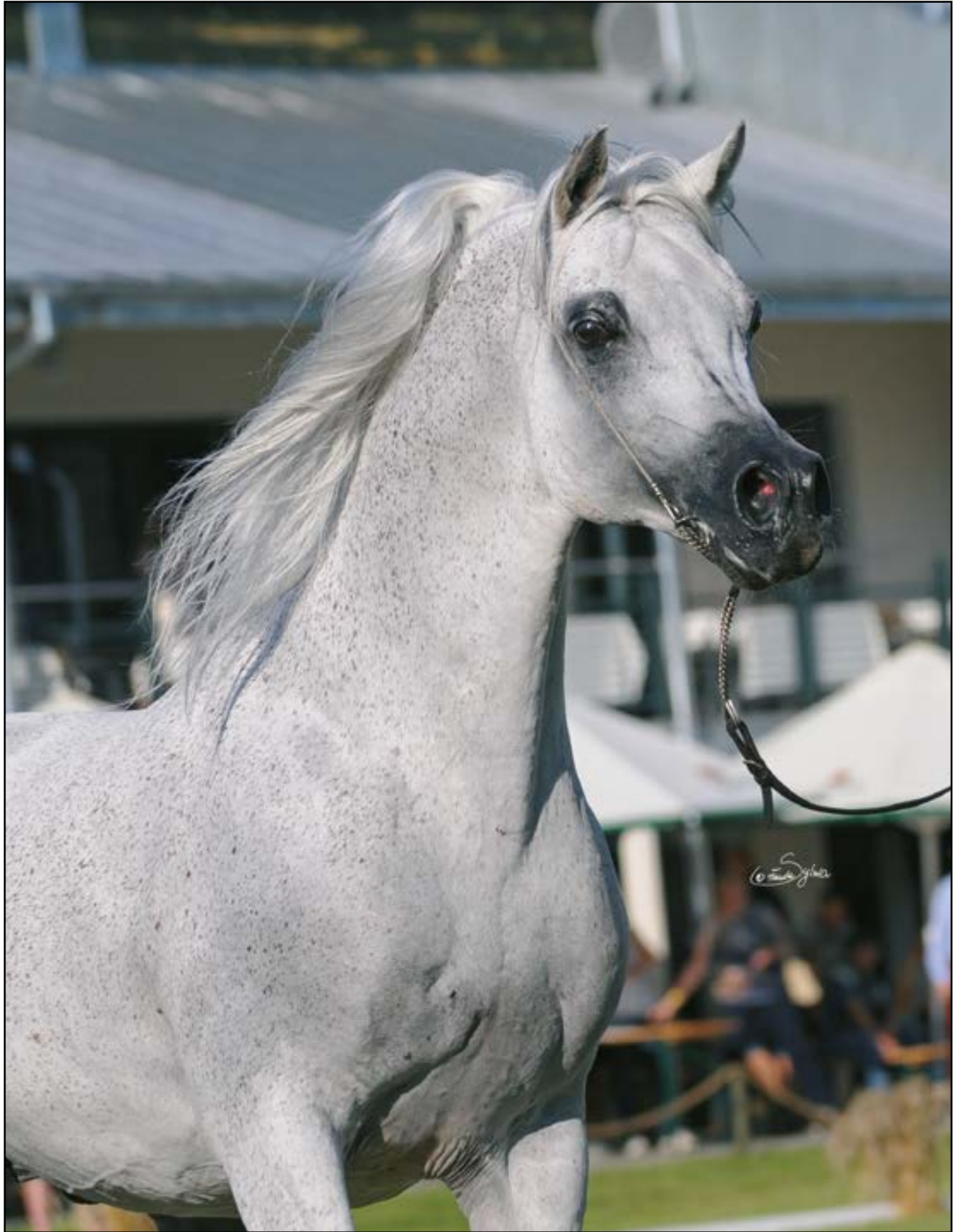




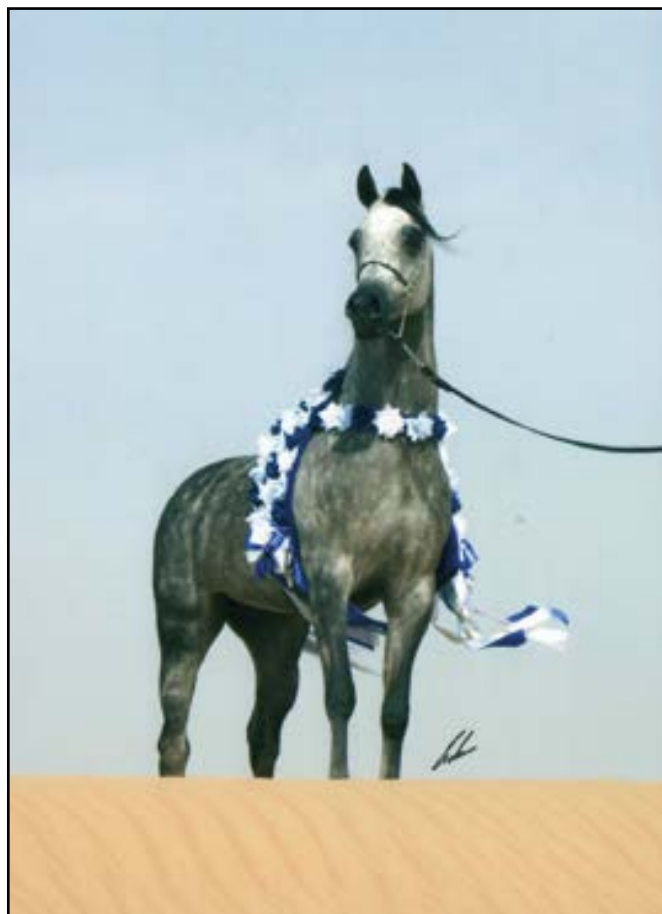
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Esparto - 2009 Polish National Champion Senior Stallion

Esparto (Ekstern x Ekspozycja / Eukaliptus)

manifested mostly through his distinguished daughters, he did not fail at leaving his heir apparent at his maternal stud, the powerfully moving grey Esparto (out of Ekspozycja / Eukaliptus), the spitting image and the sure successor of his supreme sire if only he had not died prematurely at the age of thirteen from complications after surgery. His stellar show record both on European and Middle Eastern grounds could only be matched by his abilities as a sire. Esparto blessed Białka Stud with the most successful show horse ever born in the youngest state stud in the forty years of its existence – the phenomenal grey Perfinka (out of Perfirka / Gazal Al Shaqab), 2013 All Nations Cup Gold Champion, European and World Silver Champion Junior Filly as well as 2019 US National Gold Champion, 2019 Arabian Breeders World Cup Gold Champion and 2020 Scottsdale Gold



Champion Senior Mare, who fetched the record price of the 2020 Pride of Poland sale - 1 250 000 euro. This astronomical amount of money paid by the then up-and-coming Al Rajhiat Stud was only surpassed by the price that another Saudi Arabian breeder, Akmal Stud, were prepared to pay for Perfinka's close cousin Pepita, an excellent Ekstern daughter (out of Pepesza / Eukaliptus), bred and, until August 2015, owned by Janów Podlaski State Stud. This marvellous mare, nicknamed 'Wonder Pepita' by her new owner as a result of her impressive list of show trophies, until today holds the record for the highest price ever fetched in the long history of the Polish annual auction – 1 400 000 euro. Another record price was reached by Pepita's paternal half-sister and stable companion Pinta (out of Pilar / Fawor), 2007 Polish National Silver Champion



Perfinka
(*Esparto x Perfirka / Gazal Al Shaqab*)

Junior Filly, purchased by Shirley Watts of Halsdon Arabians for 500 000 euro at the 2009 Pride of Poland auction.

Janów Podlaski State Stud did not have a single Monogramm descendant in their breeding programme, and thus they were able to utilize Ekstern at a much larger scale than his maternal stud of Michałów. Apart from the priceless Pepita and the precious Pinta, representing the prodigious 'P-line' of profound impact on the breed and well-known in the world showgrounds, Ekstern did a marvellous job with less known and generally less refined dam lines of Janów Podlaski. His capabilities to improve on the mares often exceeded breeders' expectations, which was the case with Sawantka (Pepton – Saszetka / Engano), belonging to a primarily racing dam line of Mlecha. This old Polish family was not deprived of

beautiful mares, their type however was slightly different to the current breeding trends. The outcome of crossing Ekstern with Sawantka was the gorgeous grey Sefora who represents all that the Poles have strived for centuries to achieve in Arabian horse breeding; horses which are brave on the racetrack and breathtakingly beautiful at the same time. Sefora, one of the favourite mares of the former Janów Podlaski director Marek Trela, was an international show multi-champion as well as one of the most talented racehorses of her age group. Another accomplished Ekstern daughter born at Janów Podlaski was the amazing Altamira (out of Altona / Eukaliptus), a powerful trotter whose progeny include the incredibly feminine and athletic European Champion Yearling Filly and Sasanka Stakes winner Adelita (by Kahil Al Shaqab) and the highly decorated flying-in-the air Anawera (by



Pepita
(Ekstern x Pepesza / Eukaliptus)

Piaff), Silver Champion Mare at the 2022 Strohen International B Show as well as Gold Champion Mare of the 2022 InterCup and EuroCup in Prague. The far-reaching influence of Ekstern at Janów Podlaski can be seen through the prism of how his offspring born at the oldest Polish state stud combine refined type with athletic abilities. Although Ekstern, himself a powerful athlete, was not inclined to win at the racetrack and preferred to utilise his stamina in the show ring, his progeny were successful show horses and accomplished race winners, all in one.

As already mentioned, the use of Ekstern at his maternal stud was largely limited by the omnipresent blood of his sire as well as his dam line spread widely across the Michałów herd. Yet, apart from his best son Esparto, Ekstern managed to produce

some magnificent mares, including the spectacular snow-white Palanga (out of Panika / Eukaliptus), 2003 European Champion Junior Filly, 2006 All Nations Cup and European Reserve Champion Senior Mare, who earned the title of Polish National Gold Champion Senior Mare and Best in Show in Janów Podlaski at the advanced age of nineteen. It seems that the daughters of Ekstern mature like fine wine as it is not unusual for them to win the most coveted titles at the age when most other mares have long been literally and metaphorically put out to pasture. Only a few months ago, the nineteen-year-old Michałów-bred lustrous grey Laranda (out of Larissa / Eukaliptus) managed to add a few important medals at her new home in Great Britain, becoming 2022 UK National Silver Champion Senior Mare and Gold Champion Veteran as well as 2022 UKIAHS Gold Champion



Senior Mare. Laranda's close cousin, Lawinia (Ekstern – Larissa / Eukaliptus), who inherited the powerful animated trot of her sire, turned loose during the Pride of Poland auction, fetched one of the highest prices of the 2020 edition of the sale – 95 000 euro.

Ekstern's full potential as a sire is often seen in the precious progeny of his daughters with the modern Michałów-bred show superstars being no exception. The full sister to the prematurely lost Esparto, the classy chestnut Ekliptyka, is the dam of Equator (by QR Marc), multiple international winner who stood on the Parisian podium of the World Championships as many as six times throughout his life. Equator's younger maternal half-sisters, both charismatic chestnuts, the five-year-old El Bellisima (by Ascot DD) and the yearling Edan AA

(by Al Ayal AA) have followed in their big brother's footsteps. The older, El Bellisima, is so far a proud owner of three medals gained at the Polish Nationals, while Edan AA, currently belonging to Ariela Arabians of Israel, has just been named 2022 All Nations Cup Bronze Champion Yearling Filly. QR Marc also happens to be the sire of the wondrous Wieża Mocy (out of Wieża Marzeń / Ekstern), another sensational show champion in Europe and in the USA. Equally high honours were achieved by two paternal half-siblings sired by Kahil Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab – OFW Mishaahl / Mishaah), the phenomenal Pustynia Kahila (out of Pustynna Malwa / Ekstern) and the magnificent Morion (out of Mesalina / Ekstern), 2014 World Gold Champion Yearling Filly and 2015 World Gold Champion Junior Colt respectively.

Altamira
(Ekstern x Altona / Eukaliptus)

Pinta
(Ekstern x Pilar / Fawor)



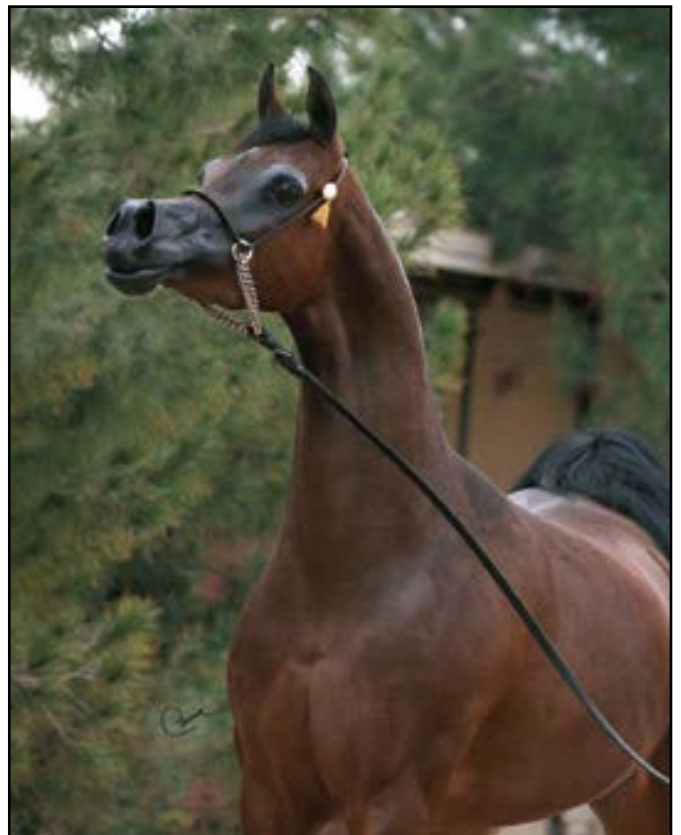
Equator (QR Marc x Ekliptyka / Ekstern)



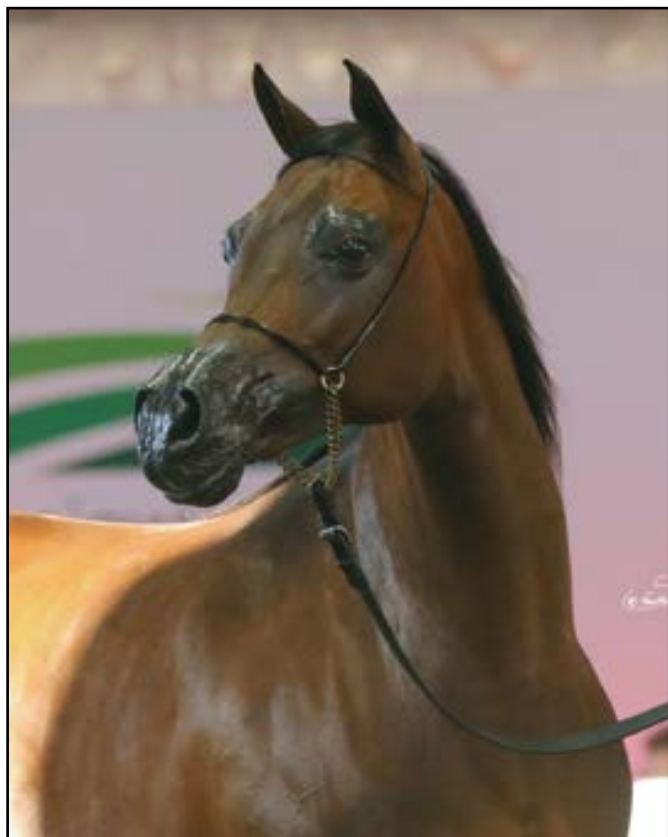
Ekliptyka (Ekstern x Ekspozycja / Eukaliptus)



Wieża Marzeń (Ekstern x Wiaźma / Arbil)



Wieża Mocy (QR Marc x Wieża Marzeń / Ekstern)



Mesalina (Ekstern x Mata Hari / Werbum)



Morion (Kahil Al Shaqab x Mesalina / Ekstern)



Pustynia Kahila (Kahil Al Shaqab x Pustynna Malwa / Ekstern)



Pustynna Malwa (Ekstern x Pustynna Róża / Emigrant)



Wilga (Ekstern x Wenessa / Egon)



Lawinia (Ekstern x Luanda / Emigrant)

Frequently, the Ekstern's phenomenal phenotype and remarkable refinement is carried generation after generation. The aforementioned wonderful Wilga, born in the first Michałów foal crop sired by Ekstern, produced Wilda (by Gazal Al Shaqab), the dam of international show sensation Wildona (by Shanghai EA). The excellent El Emeera (Ekstern – Emanacja / Eukaliptus) was another valuable addition to the Michałów broodmare band as the dam of El Medara and El Larinera. El Medara, the fantastic flea-bitten daughter of Shanghai EA produced the gorgeous grey El Medida (by Morion), 2020 Białka Junior Spring Show Gold Champion Yearling Filly, 2021 Białka Junior Spring Show Gold Champion Junior Filly and Best in Show, 2021 European Bronze Champion Junior Filly and 2022 Polish National Gold Champion Junior Filly, while the beautiful bay El Larinera, one of the best daughters of the recently deceased Empire, is the dam of El Brillo (by Morion), this year's Gold Champion Junior Colt and Best Male at the Białka Junior Spring Show, recently also named 2022 Polish National Silver Champion Junior Colt in Janów Podlaski.

Even though Białka Stud benefited more from the utilisation of Esparto, Ekstern was also a good match for many of their

mares. His Białka foal crops included Celsjusz (out of Carina / Pesal), 2007 Polish National Champion Junior Colt and Ekina (out of Eklera / Ecaho), sold at the 2008 Pride of Poland auction for 100 000 euro to Belgium. Also, two Białka-bred daughters of Ekstern, the bay Calatea (out of Calineczka / Metropolis NA) and the grey Frymuszka (ouf of Fabryszka / Gazal Al Shaqab) became prolific producers for two Polish private breeders, Marek Kondrasiuk and Jan Dobrzyński respectively. The former is best known as the dam of 2017 Polish National Silver Champion Stallion, Calateon (by Vitorio TO), while the latter produced the stunning Shanghai EA (WH Justice – Salyamah / Khidar) son Fuerte who among his numerous honours holds the title of Dubai International Gold Champion Junior Colt, Menton Gold Champion Junior Colt, European Silver Champion Junior Colt and World Silver Champion Junior Colt. Still successful as a senior stallion in both Europe and the Middle East, Fuerte was also first private bred and owned Polish National Gold Champion Junior Colt and the only unanimous champion of the 2016 Polish National Show.

Hailed as the most successful show horse ever bred by the Polish private breeders,



Ekina (Ekstern x Eklera / Ecaho)



*Celsjusz
(Ekstern x Carina / Pesal)*

*Calatea
(Ekstern x Calineczka / Metropolis NA)*

Fuerte is not the only precious progeny of Ekstern born in Poland outside of the state studs in the recent years. The spectacular snow-white full sisters, Psyche Victoria and Psyche Kreuzza (out of Pallas-Atena / Ecaho), bred and owned by the Poszepczyński family of Chrcynno Palace Stud, are both multiple show winners. Psyche Victoria, 2016 Chantilly Gold Champion Senior Mare, is also the dam of Psyche Keret (by Khidar), recently named 2022 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Stallion, as well as Psyche Apsara (by Gaith Al Zobair), 2021 European Silver Champion Yearling Filly. Psyche Kreuzza was, among others, 2019 Białka Junior Spring Show Champion Junior Filly. Another highly decorated daughter of Ekstern was born at Falborek Arabians, founded by the Goździalski family.

Eksterna, named in honour of her great sire, was the remarkable result of the double dose of the Milordka dam line both through her stupendous sire and her delightful dam, the Michałów-bred Emanta (Pamir – Emanacja / Eukaliptus). Having earned the honours of Polish National Silver Champion as a junior filly and as a senior mare, Eksterna blessed her breeders with two grey, equally successful sons; Emarc (by QR Marc), 2012 Polish National Silver Champion Junior Colt and Empower (by WH Justice), 2020 Polish National Gold Champion Senior Stallion. Other Polish private breeders who can boast about producing precious progeny out of Ekstern daughters are Lech Błaszczuk of Słowianin Arabians and Beata Błaszczukiewicz of ZPH Strusinianka. The former did not only breed the twice



*Psyche Kreuzu (Ekstern x Pallas-Atena / Ecaho)
bred by Chreynno Palace Stud*



*Psyche Victoria (Ekstern x Pallas-Atena / Ecaho)
bred by Chreynno Palace Stud*



*Fuerte
(Shanghai EA x Frymuszka / Ekstern)
bred by Jan Dobrzyński*

*Petrus PA
(Ekstern x Piwonia / Kahil Al Shaqab)*



European Silver Champion Junior Filly Paprotnia (Elgast – Paeksa / Ekstern) but he is also the proud breeder of both her sire and dam, while the latter enhanced her breeding programme with the home-bred Ekstern daughter Enya (out of Elizka / Pamir) who, crossed with WH Justice (Magnum Psyche – Vona Sher-Renea / El Sher Mann), produced the electrifying El Piatzolla, 2009 Scandinavian Open Silver Champion Junior Filly.

In his last few foal crops, Ekstern gifted his maternal stud with the precious Protekcja (out of Pentra / Poganin), the show superstar in the making who already claimed the title of 2021 Polish National

Silver Champion Senior Mare, standing on the podium right behind her nineteen-year-old paternal half-sister Palanga whose mature beauty and dignified demeanour outshone the exotic refinement and powerful movement of her much younger sibling. The youngest generations of the Ekstern's get also include two promising young sires, both bred by Michałów Stud. The older bay Edmund (out of Editha / Eden C) was Silver Champion Yearling Colt at the 2017 Białka Junior Spring Show, while the younger grey Falset (out of Flaminia / Gaspar) won the Top Five title as a junior colt at the 2020 edition of the show held at Białka State Stud, where he is currently



Edmund
(*Ekstern x Editha / Eden C*)



Protekcja
(*Ekstern x Pentra / Poganim*)

used as one of the chief sires. Another auspicious young son of Ekstern, Petrus PA (out of Piwonia / Kahil Al Shaqab), is in the hands of Polish private breeders, Dąbrówka Arabian Horse Stud. His value as a future sire is enhanced by his precious dam line as tail female Petrus traces back to one of the most beautiful representatives of the famous Janów Podlaski 'P-line', the 2005 European Champion and 2012 Polish National Champion and Best in Show, Palmeta (Ecaho – Pilica / Fawor).

On 25th April 2022 we bade farewell to an extraordinary horse. Thanks to a special permit from the Regional Veterinary Inspectorate, Ekstern could be buried in the place he loved most and called home for vast majority of his life, at his maternal stud in Michałów. Traditionally, a few weeks after his death, a plate with his name was placed among other legends of the past on the Michałów memorial site. Even though his stall has been vacant for more than half a year now,

it is still hard to believe that he will no longer greet his visitors with a quiet dignified neighing and kind look of his huge intelligent eyes. Not only did he greatly influenced the Arabian horse breeding all over the world but he also changed the lives of those who were lucky to meet him on their way. As a spectacular show horse and a supreme sire, Ekstern represented the Arabian horse at its finest, having created his own brand within the breed. His death marked the end of an era but his unsurpassed legacy will live through the progeny he blessed the world with and through the memories of people that were lucky to look into the kind eyes of Ekstern at least once in their lives. May this invaluable heritage continue to thrive through next generations of his distinguished descendants and may the memorable moments spent in his presence live in our hearts forever. His Excellency: Ekstern, the King of the Ring and the King of our Hearts, was truly one in a million. ○