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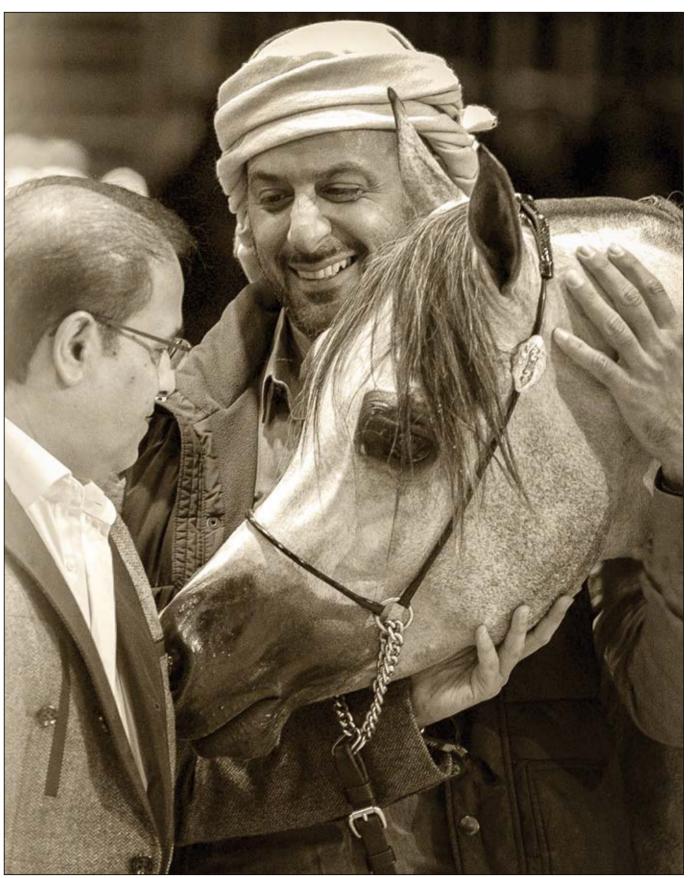


by Samantha Mattocks update by TuttoArabi

photos: Gregor Aymar, Kelly Campbell, Paola Drera, Erwin Escher, Jan Kan Now 4 years old, D Seraj is a young stallion who has taken the Arabian show-ring by storm. Bred and owned by the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud in the United Arab Emirates. D Seraj showed quality and potential – and this is a story that is only just beginning.

D Seraj sired by an international superstar, and multiple champion, FA El Rasheem. Just eight-years old, FA El Rasheem bred in the USA and owned by the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud. FA El Rasheem combines two of the most popular sires' lines of the 21st century – Marwan Al Shaqab and Versace. His sire is the late FA El Shawan, a son of Marwan Al Shaqab (Gazal Al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame) and out of Foxbriar Shakita (ZT Shakfantasy x Selket Mirror), while his dam is Virtuosa MLR, who is sired by Versace, a son of Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose) and out of Precious as Gold (El Shaklan x Autumn in Gold). Her dam in turn is Alishahmaal, a daughter of Ali Jamaal (Ruminaja Ali x Heritage Memory) who is another extremely influential sire over the past thirty years. Alishahmaal is out of NV Alieshah (Bey Shah x Aandraya), thus adding strong Polish lines to the pedigree.

Looking to D Seraj's dam line, we have the flea-bitten grey Ladi Veronika, a Reserve World Champion mare. The Versace influence in D Seraj reinforced through his dam Ladi Veronika as she, too, is by this great stallion. Her dam, however, brings in Egyptian lines as she is Nisrs Natevka, sired by Ansata El Nisr, a son of the legendary straight



D Seraj (FA El Rasheem x Ladi Veronika)



Egyptian stallion, Ansata Ibn Halima (Nazeer x Halima), and out of Ansata Bint Zaafarana (Nazeer x Zaafarana).

Nisrs Natevka, also brings in Polish lines through her dam Fez Feather, who is by EW Fez (Bask x Ferezja) and out of Myecho, who in turn is by Fadjuronimo (Fadjur x Calina) and out of Gwenhwyfar. With five crosses to Bey Shah (Bay El Bay x Star of Ofir), three to Nazeer (Mansour x Bint Samiha), three to Fame VF (Bey Shah x Raffoleta-Rose), and two each to Bask (Witraz x Balalajka) and Versace (Fame VF x Precious as Gold), it is clear to see that D Seraj has a pedigree that blends the older breeding lines with those of the





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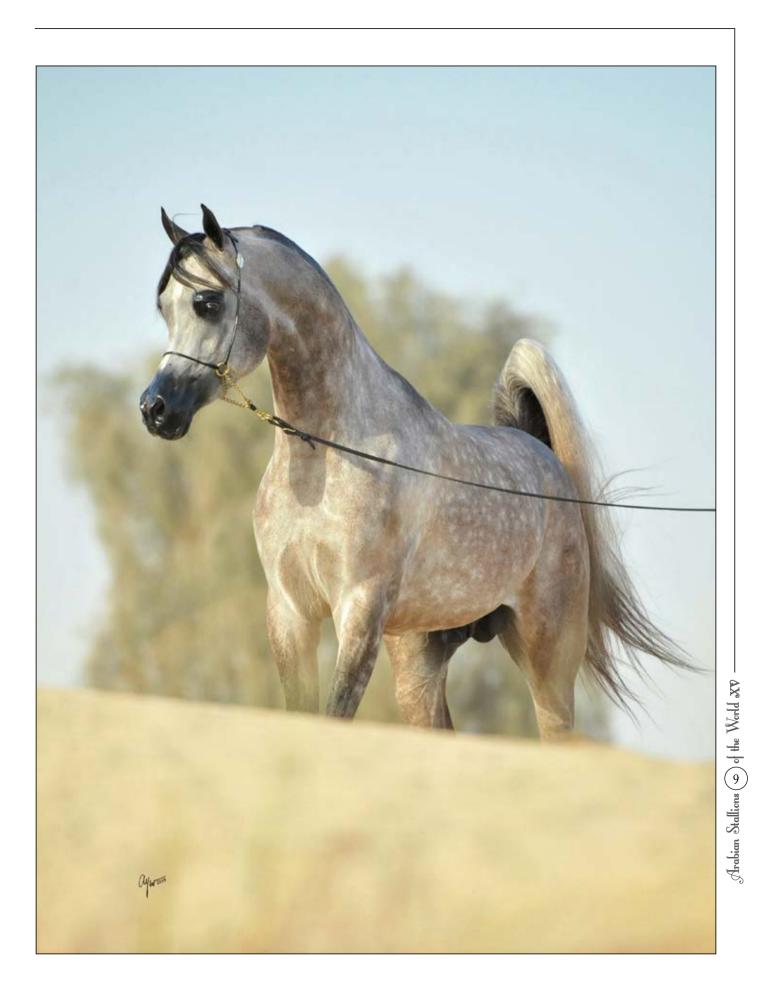
GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION Ajman 2016 - Yearling Colts Championship



modern age. The result has been exciting – a young colt with a particular look, and a style that is all of his own. What a great breeding decision made by Mr. Mohammed Al Tawheedi, the General Manager of Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and Mr. Abdelaziz al Marzooqi, the Executive Stud Manager.

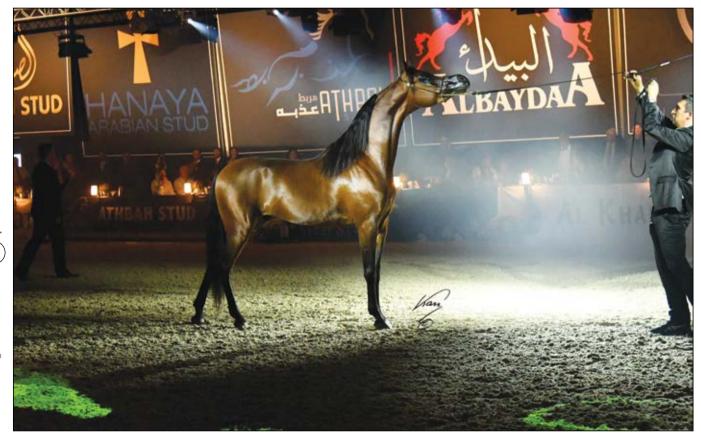
with such a pedigree combined in one package, D Seraj had all the ingredients necessary to make an impression; and he certainly did in his yearling year. Naturally showy, this grey colt won his class at the 2016 Ajman Show and took the Gold Yearling Male Championship. At his 'home' show, the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships, D Seraj was successful once more, as he again won his class and took the Yearling Male Championship title. From there, the trip to Europe was made, and D Seraj continued his 'show doubles', winning and taking the Gold Yearling Male Championship at the Mediterranean and Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championships held on the French Riviera in Menton. The All







FA El Rasheem (FA El Shawan x Virtuosa MLR)





Nations' Cup in Aachen was the next C challenge and again, D Seraj remained ag unbeaten as he won his class once fr more, and added the All Nations' Cup un Gold Yearling Male title to his growing up collection.

The final challenge for D Seraj in his yearling year was the Paris World

Championships, where he went up against the best of the best. With his free movement, expressive attitude, undeniable show quality and clean, upright lines, D Seraj glowed once more. He won his qualifying class and came the next day to win the championship gold title, he took it all in his stride. D Seraj left Paris as World Yearling



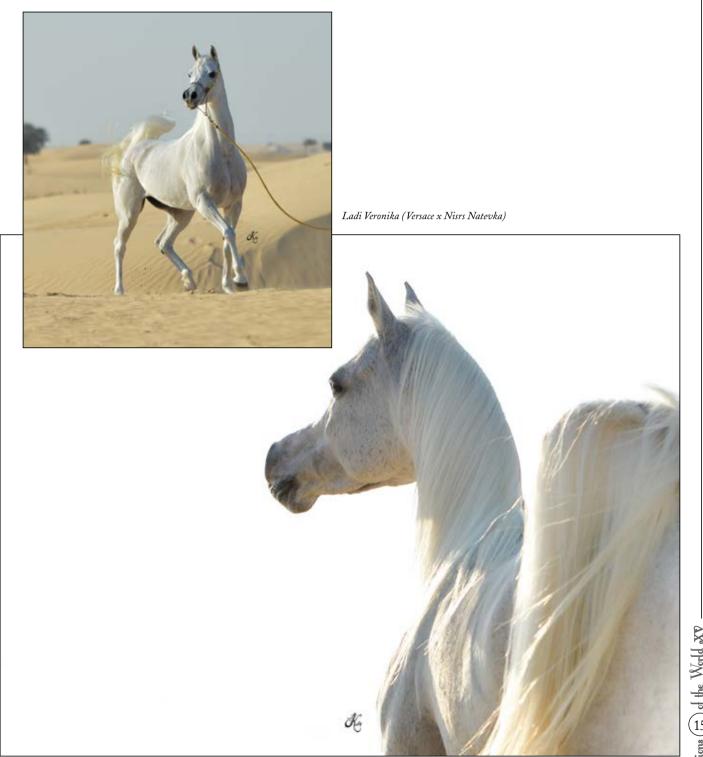


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Male Champion, and became another homebred star for Dubai Arabian Horse Stud in the process.

In 2017, with many show colts of similar quality to show, D Seraj was retired briefly to stud to cover a tiny group of highly selected mares. In 2018 he returned back to the show ring to reclaim his titles. Once more taking the biggest and final challenge of the year, the title of Gold World Champion Colt a repeat of his 2016 yearling success. Dubai Stud's flag again picked up the glory with the home bred D Seraj, as always in the hands of Paolo Capecci.





D Seraj did his best and named World Champion.

Now people from all over the World is rushing to breed with him. D Seraj is clearly a star for the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud and one thing is for sure - the best is yet to come for him, and the world is eagerly waiting to see what happens next. We wish D Seraj, Mr. Mohammed Al Tawheedi, Mr. Abdel Aziz Al Marzooqi and all the Dubai Arabian Horse Stud's team the very best. O



D Seraj 2016 Abu Dhabi International Show





D Seraj, 2016 Dubai



Arabian Stallions (1) of the World XV

D Seraj, 2016 Menton



D Seraj, 2016 Aachen



D Seraj, 2016 World Championship Paris