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Morion

A Golden Cross and Sire Versatile

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photos: Paola Drera, Erwin Escher, Sylwia Henda, Ewa Imielska-Hebda, Glenn Jacobs, Silwia Henda, Mattsson, Lidia Pawłowska and Tutto Arabi archive Morion is a direct descendant of three male World Champions: Kahil, Marwan and Gazal Al Shaqab.

On his dam Mata Hari's side he carries the solid conformation and substance of director Ignacy Jaworowski's beloved mare Mitra by Celebes. And even if the direct dam or granddam of Mata Hari produced good racing horses rather than those for show rings, the vision of one of the world's greatest breeders ever came back to the shows with a big triumph in the one and only – Morion.

Until just 4 years of age, Morion has







Morion (Kahil Al Shaqab x Mesalina)

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		GAZAL AL SHAQAB	ANAZA EL FARID b 1988	RUMINAJA ALI BINT DEENAA
KAHIL AL SHAQAB b 2008	MARWAN AL SHAQAB b 2000 OFW MISHAAHL b 2002	b 1995	KAJORA b 15.2 1979	KABORR EDJORA
		LITTLE LIZA FAME b 1987	FAME VF b + 1982	BEY SHAH RAFFOLETA-ROSE
			KATAHZA b 1981	AZA DESTINY AFHAR RAHZA
		MISHAAH b 1993	JK SPARTAN ch 1986	GG JABASK EUPHORIAA
		OFW BALARINA blk 1998	MISTRAL BEY b 1985	BEY SHAH BINT RASWIA
			RSD DARK VICTORY blk/br 1985	BEY SHAH KAMASI SABAHA
Mesalina b 2008	EKSTERN gr 1994	MONOGRAMM ch 1985	BALAQUINA blk 1977	BASK* BASQUISETTE
			NEGATRAZ b 1971	BASK NEGOTKA
		ERNESTYNA gr 1989	MONOGRAMMA ch 14.3 1963	KNIPPEL MONOPOLIA
			PIECHUR gr 1979	BANAT PIERZEJA
	MATA HARI b 2002	WERBUM gr 1995	ERWINA gr 1984	PALAS ELEGANCJA
		MARTYNIKA b 1995	WOJSLAW b 1986	TALLIN WILEJKA
			WERDA gr 1989	PIECHUR WENDETA
			MONOGRAMM ch 15.0H 1985	NEGATRAZ MONOGRAMMA
			MARTYNA b 1989	EUROPEJCZYK MITRA

acquired more titles than many stallions in a lifetime and currently he is one of the most interesting sires offered from the Polish breeding program. Among all of his titles he holds those most important: Junior Spring Show Yearling Champion, Polish National Junior and Senior Champion, All Nations Cup Yearling Silver Champion, European Yearling Silver Champion, World Yearling Silver Champion, Junior Spring Show



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Gold Champion, All Nations Cup Junior Gold Champion, World Junior Gold Champion, Qatar International Arabian Horse Show Junior Gold Champion, All Nations Cup Senior Bronze Champion Stallion & World Senior Top Ten Stallion. After his star started to shine bright and he won the most important shows in his country: Gold at the Junior Spring Show in Białka, the Polish Nationals and the Al Khalediah Festival, as well as medals at the most important European shows such as the All Nations Cup, European Championships and World Championships (silver at all of them), it was obvious that the Polish breeding program has raised a very promising colt. Next year had confirmed that fact when Morion won gold medal and the Best in Show title at

SHOW RECORD

2014	Junior Spring Show Yearling Champion Stallion & Best in Show - Białka (PL)
2014	Polish National Junior Champion Stallion - Janów Podlaski (PL)
2014	Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Junior Champion Stallion
	& Best in Show - Nowe Wrońska (PL)
2014	All Nations Cup Yearling Silver Champion Stallion - Aachen (DE)
2014	European Yearling Silver Champion Stallion - Lier (DE)
2014	World Yearling Silver Champion Stallion - Salon du Cheval, Paris (FR)
2015	Junior Spring Show Champion Stallion & Best in Show - Białka (PL)
2015	All Nations Cup Junior Champion Stallion - Aachen (DE)
2015	European Junior Top Five Stallion - Verona (IT)
2015	World Junior Champion Stallion - Salon du Cheval, Paris (FR)
2016	Qatar International Arabian Horse Championship Junior Champion Stallion (QA)
2017	AHO World Cup Senior Silver Champion Stallion - Chantilly (FR)
2017	All Nations Cup Senior Bronze Champion Stallion - Aachen (DE)
2017	World Senior Top Ten Stallion - Salon du Cheval, Paris (FR)
2018	Polish National Senior Gold Champion Stallion - Warsaw (PL)



2014 Polish National Junior Champion Stallion Janów Podlaski (PL)

the Białka Junior Spring Show again as a two year old. It was also the time when the eyes of international breeders started to focus on that elegant bay colt with protruding eyes and beautifully arched neck inherited from his male ancestors. And so from the 2015/2016 season Morion went on lease to Al Thumama

Stud in Qatar where he was given a chance to breed his first mares, as well as having competed at the Qatar National Show winning the Gold Junior Champion title. Until 2017 Morion kept representing Al Thumama at further international shows such as Chantilly World Cup (Silver), All Nations Cup (Bronze) or European



2014 Al Khalediah European Arabian Horse Festival Junior Champion Stallion & Best in Show Nowe Wrońska (PL)



2014 All Nations Cup Yearling Silver Champion Stallion Aachen (DE)



2014 European Yearling Silver Champion Stallion Lier (DE)



2014 World Yearling Silver Champion Stallion Salon du Cheval, Paris (FR)

2015 Junior Spring Show Champion Stallion & Best in Show Białka (PL)



2015 All Nations Cup Junior Champion Stallion Aachen (DE)

and World Championships (5th). But at the same time his first successes came also from the breeding barns. From his first crop of foals came Wahaj AT, very much a look alike of his sire, closely inbred to World Champion Ekstern, out of Wieża Róż, an Ekstern daughter. Wahaj AT has even beaten his sire's record at the World Cup in Chantilly gaining a gold medal for his breeder and owner Al Thumama Stud. He also took a high second place at the prestigious Menton show and 5th place at the World Championships as a yearling.

In the same year 2018 his full sister, the beautiful Wiezarina AT was born at Al Thumama and this valuable filly surely will make her mark at the shows or at her home stud breeding program. Other successful show contender for Al Thumama sired by Morion was Daniya AT out of Nader Al Jamal x Al Maraam crossed mare Donya Jamal. Daniya won a silver medal at St Oedenrode International Show as well as she took a good 4th place with over 91 points at the Mediterranean and Arab Countries Arabian Horse Championship



2015 European Junior Top Five Stallion Verona (IT)



2015 World Junior Champion Stallion Salon du Cheval, Paris (FR)



2016 Qatar International Arabian Horse Championship Junior Champion Stallion (QA)



2017 AHO World Cup Senior Silver Champion Stallion Chantilly (FR)

in Menton.

Morion has proven himself as a successful cross for various bloodline mares outside his homeland. SS Tyari, a colt out of an Ajman Moniscione daughter bred in Italy at Stigler Stud and owned by Valentina Piccioli is a bronze medal holder from Marina di Pietrasanta and Silver Medal Champion from Verona Arabian Dream International Show last year. Even more successful was the Belgian bred ELR Ferdinand out of the RFI Farid daughter

Fahrinna owned by Saudi Arabian stud Al Faisaly. He had a great 2019 show season as a yearling – with gold medals at Bruges International B Show, Gold at AHO World Cup in Chantilly, Silver at Elran Cup and most important – Silver at the All Nations Cup in Aachen. And while the 2018 crop of Morion foals has been very successful outside of Poland, in the same year he started to be popular among the breeders in his own country where he was given a good number of mares from both state and



2017 All Nations Cup Senior Bronze Champion Stallion Aachen (DE)



2018 Polish National Senior Gold Champion Stallion Warsaw (PL)

private farms. The 2019 foals of Morion in Poland seemed to be very promising at both private and state farms. Interesting crosses have been made with mares by both foreign stallions such as Enzo or Gazal Al Shaqab but also on Polish sired mares by Poganin, Empire, El Omari, Ekstern or Ganges. And from those lines – Enzo through El Omari crossed with Poganin on the dam side came the unbeaten FERRUM out of Ferrmaria by El Omari) at Michalow Stud. Shown for the first time at the Białka

Junior Spring Show, he left his competitors far behind winning the class with almost 93 points and as Unanimous Gold Champion. He repeated this result with over 93 points and Unanimous Polish National Yearling Colt title a month later at Janów Podlaski and then with over 92 points he won the class at the European Championship collecting most votes for Gold Champion. Three shows, three class wins and three gold medals made Ferrum one of most talked about yearling colts in Europe



and surely one of the favourites for the upcoming World Championship in Paris this year. We still hope to see the further march of Morion babies across European shows. You can surely recognize them by the features of their sire that he is strongly stamping on every mare - large, protruding eyes, wide and flat foreheads, dryness of tissue, very good topline with long elegant necks of the Morion sire line and mostly bay colour. Maybe not everyone knows that Morion also has full siblings. The one year younger mare Minerwina can be found at Best Arabians Polish private stud, where she already has produced a very beautiful Magnum Psyche filly. A two years younger full brother to Morion - colt Marcel - has been sold to Tersk Stud in Russia. Also

interesting is the half sibling to Morion's dam Mesalina - Medalion by QR Marc used in Polish breeding. Despite his beauty Medalion didn't have a chance to compete at the shows due to his accident and injury at a young age, but he got a big number of Polish mares to breed. Morion has proven himself so far in crosses using close inbreeding to his ancestors as well as with the outcrossed combinations. Bringing elegance and correctness he can be a choice for those looking for a beautiful show horse without missing the performance abilities. His 2019 and 2020 foal crops will surely be carefully watched by modern type breeders so - see you all back at the shows and lets count the further successes of this beautiful and versatile sire. O



(Morion x Ferrmaria) by El Omari





2020 European Championship - Prague Gold Champion Yearling Colts

SHOW RECORD

2020 Gold Champion Yearling Colts European Championship - Prague

> Gold Champion Yearling Colts Junior Spring Show - Białka

Gold Champion Yearling Colts & Best in Show - Pride of Poland



Ferrum 2020 Junior Spring Show Gold Champion Yearling Colts - Białka





Ferrum 2020 Pride of Poland - 42nd Arabian Horse National Show Gold Champion Yearling Colts and Best in Show



Some pictures of Morion's offspring in Michałów Stud



Emiremia (Morion x Emblema) by Chimeryk



Galilea (Laheeb x Georgia) by Monogramm with a colt Gallant by Morion



El Madera (Morion x El Medonia) by Shanghai E.A.

El Maestro (Morionx El Medonia) by Shanghai E.A.



El Medida (Morion x El Medara) by Shanghai E.A.