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GIACOMO CAPACCI ARABIANS:



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THE DREAM THAT BECAME REALITY ... AND MUCH MORE

Does Giacomo Capacci ever take a vacation? Not often. The last one in recorded history was in 2001. The fact is, he lives and breathes Arabians horses—and it shows. Since he opened his own operation in 2008, Capacci has enjoyed an unprecedented level of success; every year, he has led horses to gold championships at the All Nations Cup and World Championships, and to trophies throughout Europe and the Middle East. In 2013 alone, he showed three horses to Gold World Championships: in Senior Stallions (Fadi Al Shaqab), Junior Colts (the unanimous EKS Alihandro) and Yearling Fillies (Minwa). In addition, he led Bronze World Champions AJA Aphrodite (Senior Mares) and Sultan Al Shaqab (Junior Colts).

What is perhaps more impressive is that at the same time he was making his name on the global stage, he was creating a top class, full service Arabian horse facility in the foothills of Tuscany that is home to 250 horses. At age 32, with six years at the helm of his own business, he knows that was no small achievement, but he is too aware of the future to waste time patting himself on the back. Foremost in his mind is continuing—taking further—the respectful service to clients and their horses that has made it all possible.



Giacomo Capacci is a native Tuscan, born to a family which included a grandfather who raised Spanish Arabian horses. As a boy spending time at his grandfather's farm, he learned horsemanship and developed his own passion for Arabians. "It was the whole package of the Arabian horse that excited me from the beginning," he says, "the type, the balance, the character, and at the same time, the power and charisma."

Still, he didn't initially envision a career in horses. He passed every summer working on breeding farms, but he graduated from the Italian Technical Institute with a degree in chemistry. And then it dawned on him: if he was going to spend his life doing something, it should be something he loved, and that meant horses. He was working for a farm when he attended the Salon du Cheval in 2000 and met Michael Byatt. Byatt offered him a job, he remembers, and from there, over the coming years, his career would go international. He would become increasingly familiar with the cosmopolitan expertise that is integral to that level of the Arabian show ring today.

"In the beginning [I worked for Michael] off and on, but finally I got my visa and I was there for several years," Capacci says, and adds candidly, "He helped me a lot. From my time working with him, I learned how to train professionally. He gave me the potential to establish my company, and I'm grateful for everything he's done for me." Especially during the last two years of their association, Capacci conditioned





several national champions, so that he absorbed what it felt like to work highly qualified horses at the top of their game.

In 2006, he added to the education by relocating to the Middle East for several months to prepare horses for Byatt and begin to show them. By the time he returned to Italy, he had earned a few European clients, enough to open his own fledgling operation. He trained their horses, showed them, and began to creep up the ladder of success under his own banner. Regional championships and titles at well known shows attracted attention, and requests for his services began to flow in.



“I had leased a small farm with only 10 stalls,” he recalls, “but every day, horses were coming.” Clearly, a move was in order, so he rented a 100-stall facility, with paddocks, an indoor arena and a breeding center, from a client in the Bologna area. Then, he says dryly, the business got *really* busy, and it wasn’t just showing horses; it was breeding horses as well. “It was good. I was able to build a lot of relationships with clients I’ve had for years. That is where I started, and how I developed my business.”

And how that business developed! Even his earliest stallion roster reflected big names, including one of the best-known operations in the Middle East, Al Shaqab. There were other patrons as well, broodmare owners and show horse enthusiasts, who joined the operation in an explosion of support.

“We take care of everything,” he says of the service he offers. “We like to promote horses that we think are the best of the best, and our clients like that. We have been very successful in developing people’s breeding programs with those stallions, and we have sold breedings all over the world. That has brought in other clients with very high quality horses.”

After nearly three years, Capacci was ready to own his own farm. He returned to Tuscany, and settled on a 22-hectare tract of land near the historic city of Cortona, about an hour and a half’s drive southeast of



Florence. When he purchased it, it was largely undeveloped for his purposes, offering only a small house; everything—nearly 200 stalls, two covered arenas, two covered round pens, two covered hot-walkers, and a breeding center—was built to his specifications. It is now home to 250 horses, including a host of broodmares and foals, the show string and a large group of some of the top stallions in the world, with pedigrees representing many of the most successful crosses in the breed. Included also is a strong collection of straight Egyptian blood, a resource both to Egyptian breeders and to other horsemen seeking those characteristics to improve their programs.

“We farm at 360 degrees,” he says of the operation which employs approximately 20 people. “We breed the mares, do embryos, ship semen, foal out about 50 babies, and transfer about 60 embryos every year. We have a marketing program, we have our show program and show team—we promote everything about the Arabian horse.”

What makes it tick? It’s not just the horses, he says, but the people too—all the people involved in Giacomo Capacci Arabians. That began, years ago, with his own family. They weren’t too pleased, he acknowledges, when he first announced that he intended to choose horses over chemistry. “I think it’s normal for any family,” he says. “But once they understood that it was really my passion, what I wanted to do (I was putting 200 percent of myself into it), and that there were people around me who wanted me to do it because they thought I had talent, they supported me in it. I have been very fortunate with my family.”





There are also those who, as he says, make it possible for him to do what he does much of the year, which is travel extensively for showing and promotion. The scope of Giacomo Capacci Arabians has been such that no one person could do everything everyday. Capacci's breeding manager, Pietro Chinnici, has been on board for nearly six years, and is as much a personal friend as an employee. They met when the trainer was in Sicily for a horse show. "He is really a fantastic person with a good heart, and he said he wanted to work with me," Capacci remembers. "At that time I was small and developing my business, so I didn't really need much help, but once I did, I called him."

Chinnici shares Capacci's passion for horses. "We have the record we do in large part because of his contribution, and because of others who have been with me for a long time—my stable managers, Anfuso Daniele and Guiseppe Vetró, and trainer Uri Shaked, who is full time here, but also freelances for some of our clients. When you are traveling and dealing with so much, and you have to take care of so many important horses and important clients, you need to have a really good and professional team that takes care of everything at home. I love having such a good and motivated team around every day.

"Our success in Europe is actually because we put everything we know in our horses," he continues. "We try to go further and better than everybody else. Everything we do, we try to do with great professionalism and in the services of our clients. It's very important to have a good team, and I love having such a team around every day."

One member of the team is more than just an employee or even a friend. Capacci got to know Michelle Bergsma in 2001; they met on that last real vacation. Dutch by birth, she was living in Spain at the time, and they remained in contact. “We met again by fortunate chance five or six years later,” he says, “and since then, we have been together.”

Bergsma gave up her career to join him at the farm, and now runs the office at Giacomo Capacci Arabians, taking care of all the paperwork and business that is critical in a large-scale horse operation. “She has been very supportive,” he says, “a big part of my career and my success.”

And finally, there are the clients—the owners of his stallions, of the broodmares and foals which fill the fields, and the show string which keeps his name up in lights.

“A lot of our clients have been with us for a long time,” he says. “We always try to guide the clients the right way, in breeding, buying horses from us, showing, selecting the stallions and broodmares. We have tried always to give them the best opinion and the most professional advice. For many, we have helped develop a breeding program for them.”

He is proud that for many clients, he has searched out young prospects, developed them, showed them to show ring triumphs that have made their names in the industry, and then directed them into breeding careers with potential. That, he smiles, is another aspect of “full service.” Many of those horses have become world leaders.





In any conversation with Capacci about his business, three things become clear:

One, he is serious about being at the top of his profession—and his record reveals that he has established himself there. The challenge is to remain at the industry’s pinnacle, and he not only meets that challenge, he thrives on it.

Two, he values the long term support of his staff and his clients, and he believes that the way to attract and hold customers—to nurture business relationships—is to do the best he can for them. Those principles hold true when he discusses his goals and what he wants to achieve in the future. “I would like to continue to satisfy my clients for a long time,” he reflects. “That will help me have the same results I am having now.”





And three, in terms of his own reputation, he is unwavering. "I would like for people to see me and my company as fair and honest, and as committed and professional as we can be. That's why we are who we are. We create something from our passion which is now so much more than what I thought it would ever be, and we did that with our principles and our devotion to what we are doing." ■



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AMIR AL SHAQAB



Gazal Al Shaqab x Amira Madrona, by Parys El Jamaal
2007 Stallion



- 2014 Silver Champion Stallion – Menton
- 2011 Gold Medal Stallion – Qatar National
- 2010 Most Beautiful Head – Austrian International
- 2010 Champion Colt – Austrian International
- 2009 Reserve Champion Colt – Qatar International
- 2008 Champion Colt – Qatar National
- 2008 Champion Colt – Citta Di Castello International B Show





MS NJOOD

Amir Al Shaqab x Rosemary FHP • 2012 Filly



SULTAN AL SHAQAB

Amir Al Shaqab x Abha Al Shaqab • 2011 Colt
 2013 Bronze Champion Junior Colt – Paris World Championship
 2012 Silver Champion Colt – European Championship
 2012 Gold Champion Yearling Colt – Menton



MS AMIRA

Amir Al Shaqab x Om El Marieka • 2012 Filly



KAHIL AL SHAQAB



Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaah, by Mishaah
2008 Stallion



- 2011 Best Head – Paris World Championship
- 2011 Highest Scoring Horse of Show – Paris World Championship
- 2011 Gold Medal Champion Junior Male – Paris World Championship
- 2011 Champion Colt – Mediterranean & Arab Countries
- 2011 Champion Colt – Qatar International
- 2011 Champion Colt – Al Khaledia International
- 2010 Silver Champion Colt – Aachen All Nations Cup
- 2010 Champion Colt – Qatar International
- 2009 Champion Colt (Unanimous) – Austrian International

AL JAZEERA Kahil Al Shaqab x Alhasa
Polish Gold Champion Yearling Filly



MINWAH
Kahil Al Shaqab x LC Primavera • 2012 Filly
Gold World Champion Yearling Filly Paris



PITAWAL
Kahil Al Shaqab x Pepita
Polish Silver Champion
Yearling Colt



MORION
Kahil Al Shaqab x Mesalina
Polish Gold Champion
Yearling Colt



PUSTYNIA KAHILA
Kahil Al Shaqab x Pustynna Malwa • 2013 Filly



RAHIFAH AL SHAQAB
Kahil Al Shaqab x Hathfa Al Shaqab
2013 Filly



AL ANOOD AL SHAQAB
Kahil Al Shaqab x Miss El Power JO
2013 Filly



WADEE AL SHAQAB



Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaah, by Mishaah
2010 Stallion
Full brother to 2011 Paris World Champion Junior Male Kahil Al Shaqab



2014 Qatar International Champion Stallion
2012 Champion Junior Male – Paris World Championship
2012 Best In Show Male – Mediterranean and Arab Countries Championships
2012 Highest Scoring Male – Mediterranean and Arab Countries Championships
2012 Champion Junior Male – Mediterranean and Arab Countries Championships
2012 Gold Champion Colt – Qatar International
2012 Silver Champion Colt – Al Khalediah International
2011 Gold Champion Colt – Qatar International
2010 Champion Junior Male – Qatar International



2014 FILLY
Wadee Al Shaqab x Magheeda Al Shaqab



2014 FILLY
Wadee Al Shaqab x Aleysa Al Nasser



2014 COLT
Wadee Al Shaqab x Venetia



FADI AL SHAQAB



Besson Carol x ABHA Myra, by Marwan Al Shaqab
2008 Stallion



- 2013 Gold Champion Senior Stallion – Paris World Championship
- 2012 Gold Champion – Al Khaledia International
- 2012 Gold Champion – Qatar International
- 2010 Gold Champion – Al Khaledia International
- 2010 Gold Champion – Menton
- 2010 Silver Champion – Paris World Championship





AL FARIDA AL SHAOAB

Fadi Al Shaqab x Aleysha Al Nasser
2014 PSAIAHF Gold Champion Yearling Filly



2014 FILLY

Fadi Al Shaqab x Marwa Al Shaqab



2014 FILLY

Fadi Al Shaqab x Aisha Al Shaqab



FALLAH AL SHAOAB

Fadi Al Shaqab x
Joseph Just Emotion

AL FARID AL SHAOAB

Fadi Al Shaqab x Shama Al Shaqab



EKS ALIHANDRO



Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Psylhouette, by Padrons Psyche
2010 Stallion



2013 Gold Champion (Unanimous) – Dubai International Arabian Show
2013 Gold Champion (Unanimous) – Menton
2013 Gold Champion (Unanimous) – Aachen All Nations Cup
2013 Gold Champion (Unanimous) – Paris World Championship
2012 Gold Champion – Aachen All Nations Cup
2011 Gold Champion Junior Male – South African National





2013 FILLY
EKS Alihandro x Arielle El Tessa



2014 FILLY
EKS Alihandro x AS Bint Saskia



2014 FILLY
EKS Alihandro x Alaska

2014 FILLY
EKS Alihandro x Etena



EKS ALIHANDRO



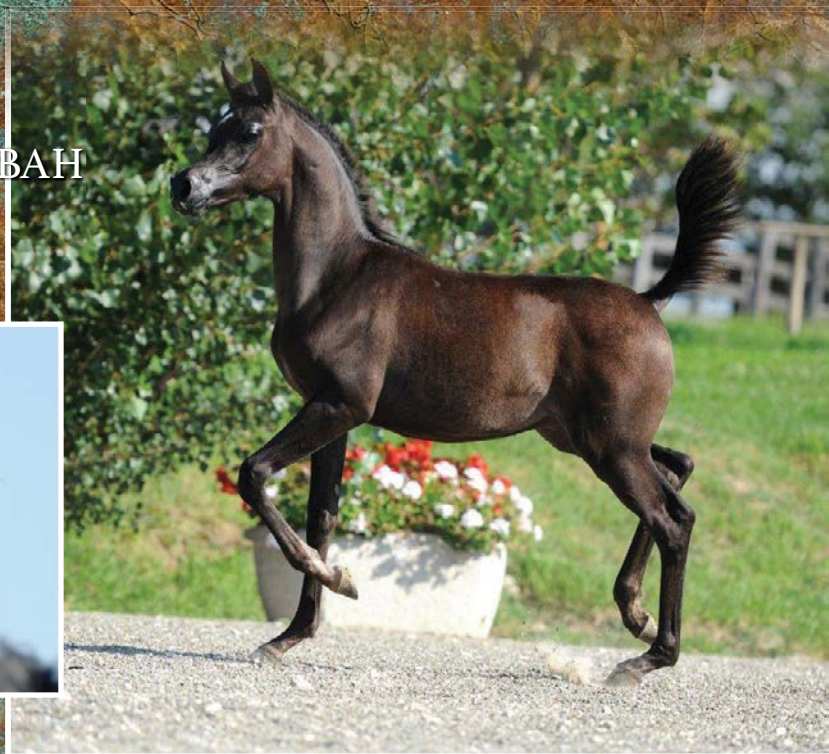
Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Psylhouette, by Padrons Psyche
2010 Stallion



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WAJEEH ATHBAH

EKS Alihandro x El Dorada
2014 Colt



STAR OF MARWAN

Marwan Al Shaqab x GW Natorious Star • 2004 Mare

2011 Silver Champion Mare – AHBA World Cup
2011 Champion Mare 6-7 Years Old – United States National
2011 Reserve Champion Senior Mare – United States National
2007 Champion Futurity Filly – United States National
2007 Champion Futurity Filly – Canadian National



AL SHAHANIA STUD, IN COOPERATION WITH
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EKS MANSOUR



EKS Alihandro x EKS Phateena • 2012 Stallion
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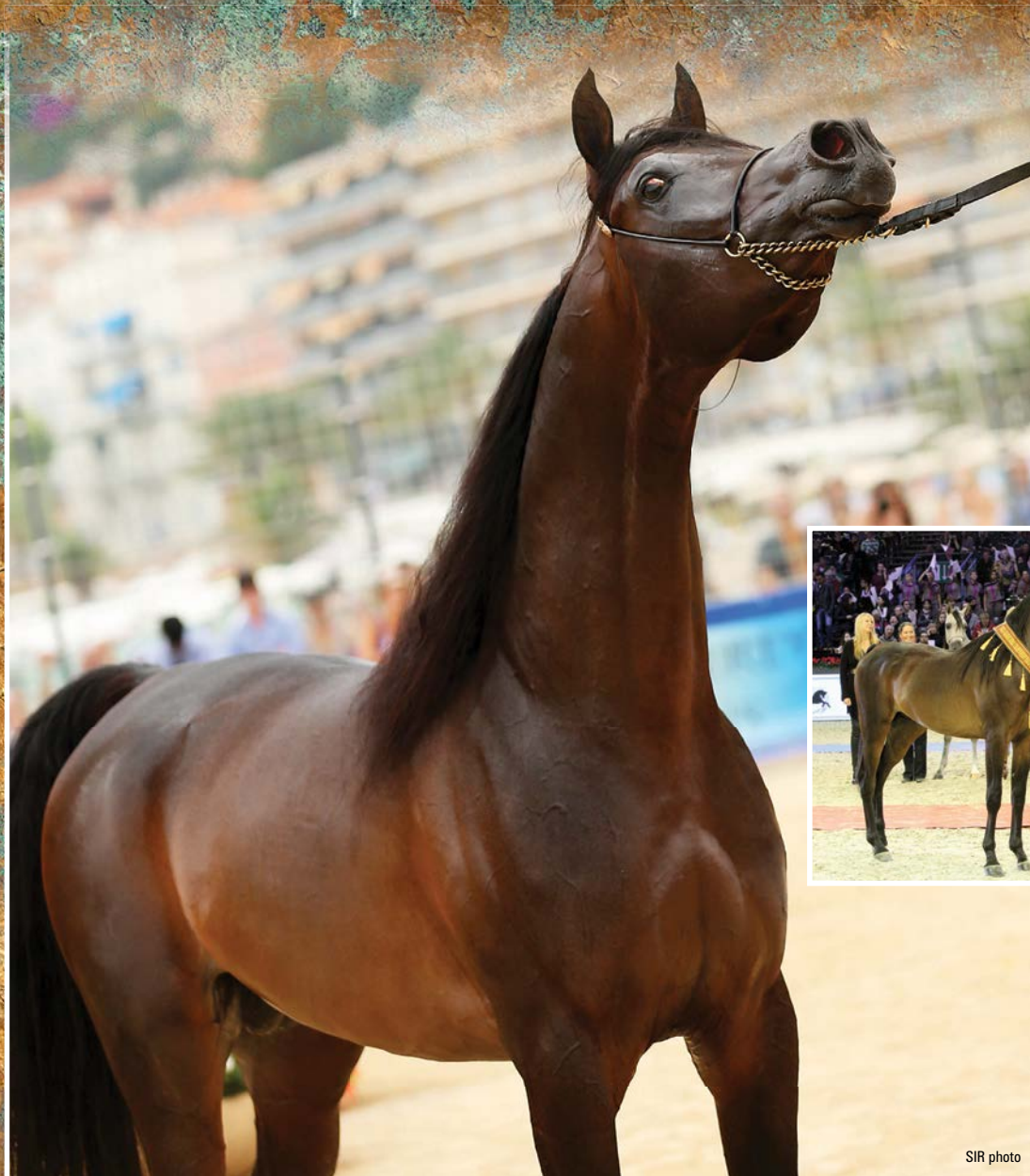


Al Shahania Stud

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SULTAN AL ZOBARA



SIR photo

Gazal Al Shaqab x Inra Al Shaqab, by Wahag Al Shaqab
2011 Stallion

2014 Silver Champion Colt – Menton
2012 Champion Colt – Paris World Championship





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past, present and future !*



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2014 Silver Champion Yearling Colt, Scottsdale International.

2014 Silver Champion Yearling Colt, Las Vegas ABWC

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ALJASSIMYA FARM

Since 1979

MAHARAJA_{HDM}



Marajj x Miss Yahsminah Elamal, by Antar Elamal WN
2007 Stallion



- 2009 Reserve Champion Colt – Paris World Championship
- 2009 Champion Junior Colt – Menton
- 2009 Best Head & Trophée Espoir Award – Menton
- 2009 Silver Champion Junior Colt – Dubai International Arabian Show
- 2009 Champion Junior Colt (Unanimous) – Al Khaleidia International
- 2009 Champion 2-Year-Old Colt & Best Head – Al Khaleidia International
- 2008 Champion Junior Colt (Unanimous) – Baden Show, Germany
- 2008 Champion Yearling Colt (Unanimous) – Scottsdale



MYSTICA ARABIANS

LC PRINCE MAGNUM



MYSTICA SORAYA
LC Prince Magnum x Princess Of Marwan

Magnum Psyche x Ludy El Shahler HMR, by Shahllenger
2007 Stallion

2008 Champion Colt (Unanimous) – Iowa Gold Star
2008 Champion Sr. Yearling Colt (Unanimous) – Scottsdale
(Only shown as a Junior Colt)



zTFAA IQ



Anaza El Farid x zT Jamdusah, by Jamilll
1997 Stallion



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Al Rashediah Stud



KAMLA AL RASHEDIAH
ZT Faa Iq x Kareymah Ezzain



TAMMAM AL RASHEDIAH
ZT Faa Iq x Maleeha Al Rashediah



BADER AL RASHEDIAH
ZT Faa Iq x Beshyer Al Rashediah

SIRAH AL RASHEDIAH
ZT Faa Iq x Sinans Palaestra



SHAMEKH ALDANAT



Ajmal Al Kout x Ajmal Sherifa, by Ansata Sirius
2009 Stallion



مربط الدانات
AlDanat Stud
Straight Egyptian Arabians



BARO AL LA'ALE
Shamekh Aldanat x Fa Faaina, by Mishaal HP



EZZ ALDANAT
Shamekh Aldanat x Shalwa, by Sinan Al Rayyan
2014 Colt



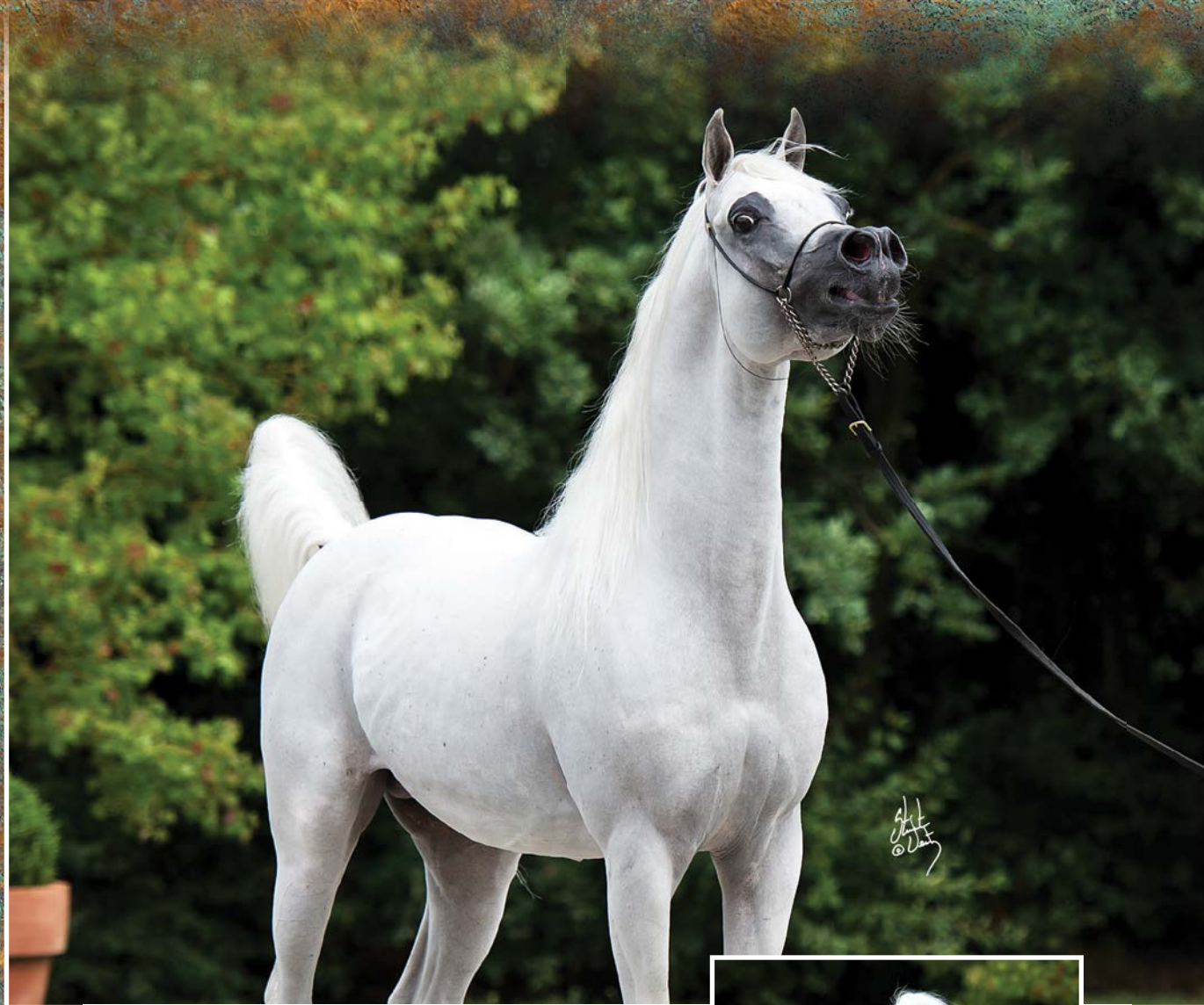
SHIKHA ALDANAT
Shamekh Aldanat x Badrat Aldanat, by Badir
2014 Filly

REEF ALDANAT
Shamekh Aldanat x Zakhira Al Naif,
by Ansata Shalim



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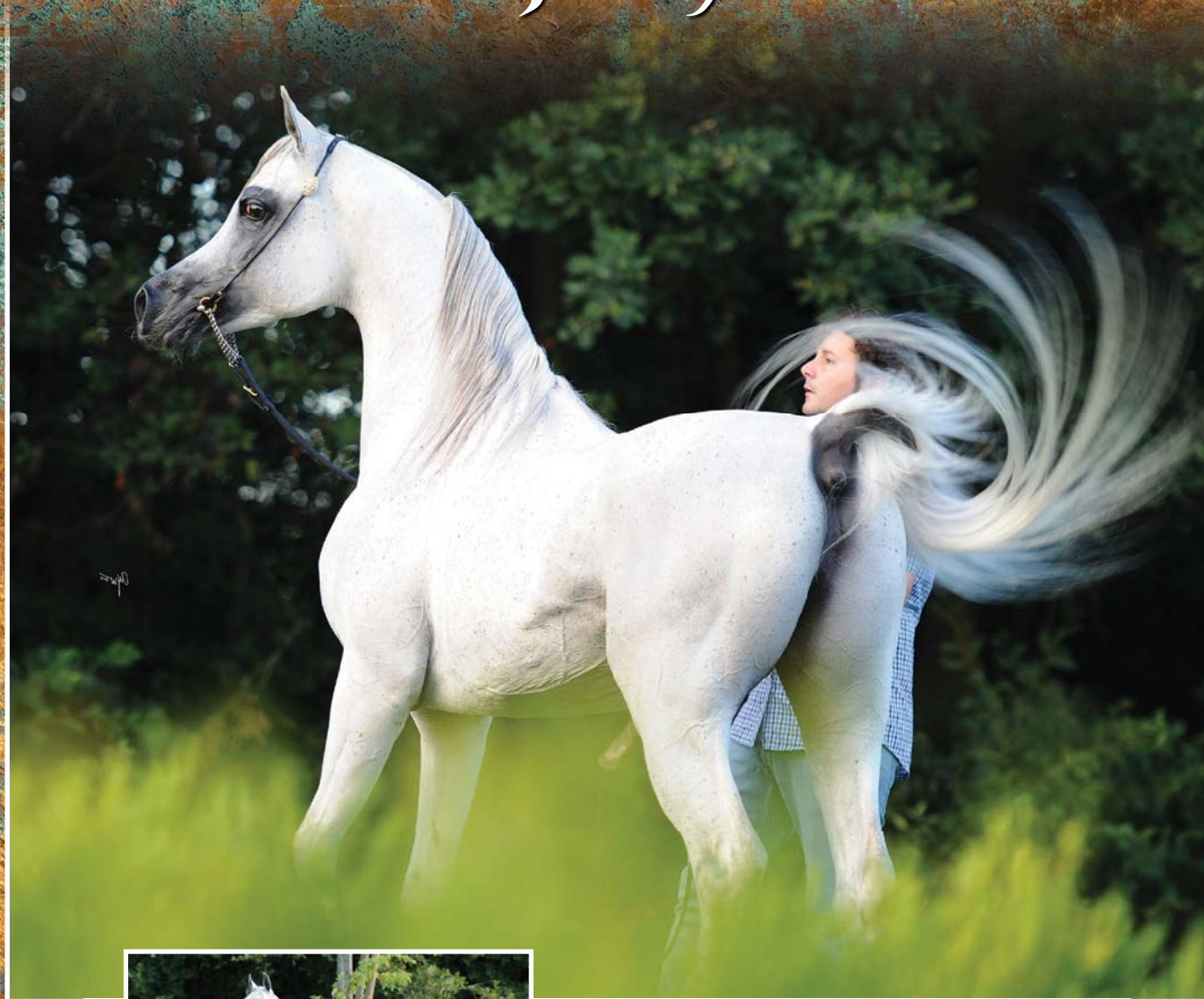


Ashhal Al Rayyan x Amira Al Nasser
2004 Stallion



EXPECTATIONS ... HE BEATS THEM ALL!

EL THAY MAJDY



Teymur B x El Thay Magidaa
2003 Stallion





*Thank you ... to the staff that makes
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