

# *The Majesty of* AJMAN STUD





*Ami*  
15/12

*S* HANGHAI EA  
WH Justice x Salymah EA by Khidar



# The Majesty of Ajman

by Jeff Wallace



Many centuries ago, the Bedouin tribesmen of the lands south of the Mediterranean Sea first domesticated the Arabian horse. The breed developed in the fertile river valleys that flowed through the vast sand and rock expanses of the Middle East. The identifying traits that had developed through natural selection were magnified by selective breeding programs, producing the most sought-after horses in the world. Whether introduced through animals received as spoils of war or those acquired through trade, new bloodlines were added to historic pedigrees in a clever alchemy that further enhanced the breed characteristics that are highly prized to this day. Intrepid horse breeders from around the globe made their way to the homeland of the desert horse to purchase foundation bloodstock for their own stud farms. In that way, the desert horse became the root of most warm-blood horse breeds.

Today, breeders are once again drawn to travel to the deserts of Arabia in order to find the most spectacular collection of horses on Earth. On the shores of the Arabian Gulf, Ajman sparkles as the smallest of the United Arab Emirates, comprising approximately 100 square miles. On the outskirts of Ajman city, HH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi, the Crown Prince of Ajman, has created a farm so magnificent it is listed as a not-to-be-missed destination in tourist guides. After conducting educational forays to stud farms all over the world, Sheikh Ammar has built his collection from the ground up.

Founded in 2000, the Ajman Stud and the AJ prefix that signifies its homebreds have become synonymous with elegance and beauty. Aided by the counsel of Frank Spöenle, Sheikh Ammar selected only the finest horses to create his foundation herd. Each breeding match-up was calculated to hone the near-perfect qualities of both parents. The resulting foal crops have been nothing short of extraordinary, already bringing home several World Championship titles.



*The Majestic Mare Stable of Ajman Stud*



Frank Spönle grew up as a horse trainer in Europe, and was widely regarded as a man with both talent and integrity. His thoughtful training techniques were humane and successful, his kindness a strong element of his good character. In 2002, Frank remembers receiving a series of rather mysterious phone calls from a man looking for help in reselling and upgrading a recent purchase. It wasn't until several calls into the exchange that Frank realized just whom he was assisting. It was a communication that would change the course of his life. HH Sheikh Ammar was interested in exploring a relationship that has extended thirteen years forward to the present day. Frank Spönle and Elisa Grassi were a perfect fit for the growing culture of Ajman Stud. They reflected the same elegance and grace as the horses in their care, and were important guides to navigating the international Arabian industry. Frank and Elisa became the marketing agents for Ajman Stud, fielding inquiries, buying, selling, and exhibiting the fabulous horses. Their personal ethics were the perfect complement to their talents, and a necessary element in teaming with Sheikh Ammar, who is involved in all areas of the business. Teamwork on a superior level is a hallmark of Ajman Stud. Shortly after joining forces, the Ajman team embarked on the fact-finding world-tour that brought home the first of the Ajman Stud mares. In addition to outright purchases, Ajman Stud began to lease specific horses that were not for sale, including irreplaceable mares from the Polish State Studs.



*Sheikh Ammar, Frank and Badawieh AA in Paris 2014*

The mares and stallions of Ajman Stud include some of the most decorated show champions the breed has ever seen. It is clear to all that Sheikh Ammar truly loves his horses, and that they bring joy to him and his family. The bonds that he has established with them create a deeper dimension to the satisfaction of winning. An especially memorable win that went beyond the ordinary thrill of victory occurred in 2010 at the World Championship horse show in Paris. There, Ajman's exquisite Bess Fa'izah (WH Justice x Sharon El Kendal) brought down the house as she was named World Gold Champion Mare over the pride of Poland, Emandoria (\*Gazal Al Shaqab x Emanda). Bess Fa' Izah fulfilled the potential shown in 2006, when she was named World Champion Junior Mare and in 2005 when she won the All Nations Cup Champion Filly title in Aachen. To win a second World Championship over the best mares in the world was a moment to savor.



In a twist of fate, Sheikh Ammar transformed Emandoria from an illustrious competitor into a member of the Ajman family when he leased her from the Michalow State Stud. At the 2013 European Championships in Verona, Italy, Ajman Stud received the Senior Mare Championship trophy that she earned. In addition to her European Championship title, Emandoria earned the All Nations Cup championship, and completed her European "Triple Crown" with a victory at the 2013 World Championships in Paris. In North America, Emandoria had earned the title of Las Vegas Breeders World Cup Champion and United States National Champion Mare. Her genetic predisposition to elegance and refinement is underscored by two crosses to \*Bandos through his sons \*Pepton (x \*Pemba) and \*Eukaliptus (x Eunice) who were bred to the exquisite Palas daughters Emigracja and the incomparable Etruria. Now returned to Poland, Emandoria has left behind a stunning grey 2014 filly, AJ Emana, by none other than Ajman's young super-sire AJ Mardan to contribute her gene pool to the Ajman program. An ethereal white beauty, in many ways she exemplifies the qualities of Ajman Stud: extreme elegance and superior quality without sacrificing the bonds of family.



*Seconds after Bess Fa'izah was announced as the 2010 World Champion Mare*

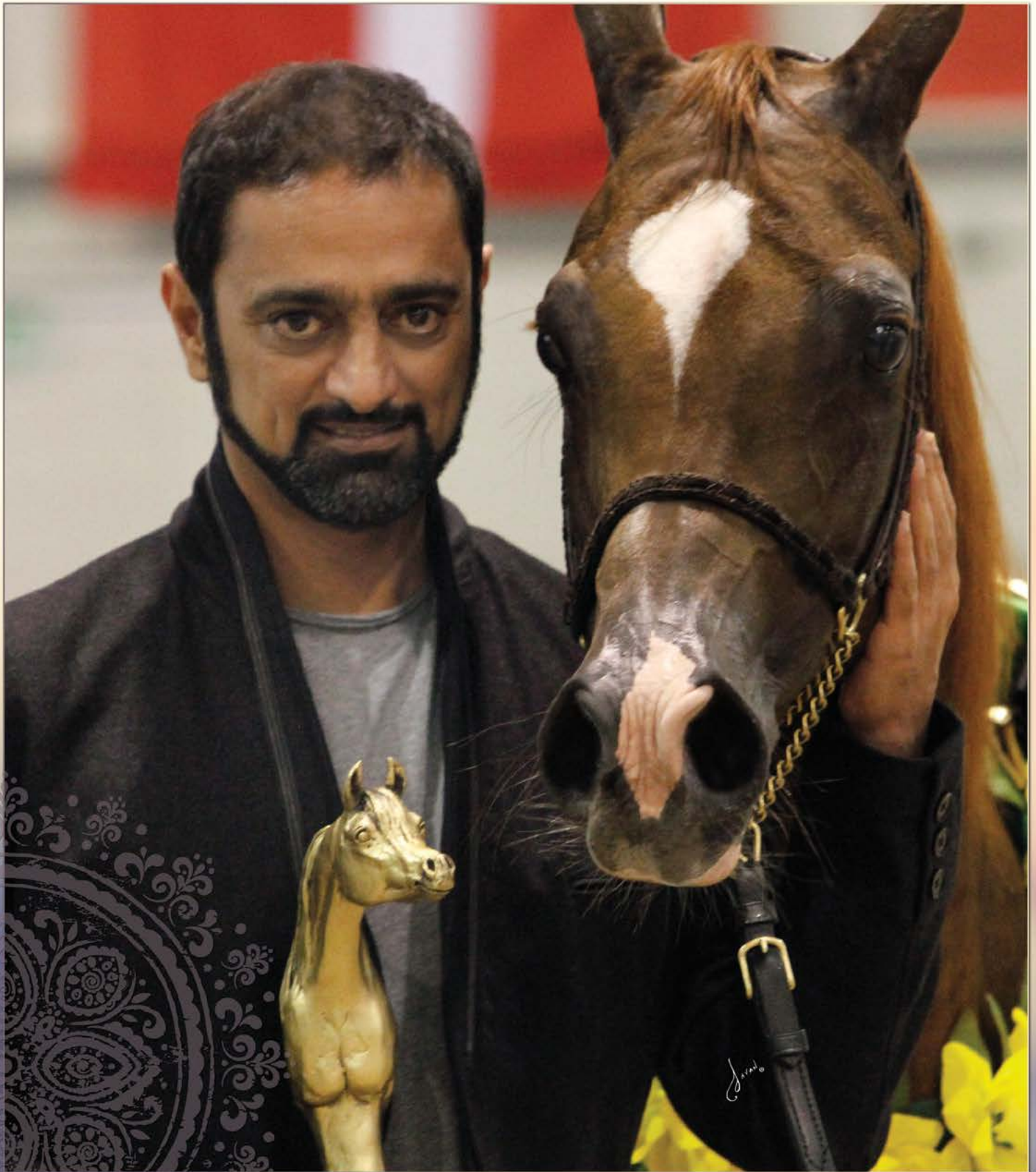


*Emandoria during the 2013 World Championship in Paris. Where not only was she crowned as the new World Champion Mare, but also as the 2013 Triple Crown Champion Mare*



*Sheikh Ammar and Bess Fa'izah at the 2010 Salon du Cheval in Paris*





*Kwestura and Sheikh Ammar receiving the trophy of  
All Nations Cup Gold Champion Mare.*



Another incomparable mare in the collection is the world-renowned International Champion Kwestura (Monogramm x Kwesta). A celebrated champion in the show ring, Kwestura was offered as Lot 1 in the 2008 Pride of Poland auction to a group of eager bidders. Following a spirited session that illustrated the high esteem placed on the mare, Kwestura was sold to HH Sheikh Ammar bin Humaid Al Nuaimi setting the record for a Polish Arabian horse sold at auction. The previous record was set in 1985 when David H. Murdock purchased \*Penicylina (Palas x Pentoda) from the Polish government at the Polish Ovation auction in Scottsdale. Although \*Penicylina's record would still stand if adjusted for inflation, the honor of being the most now rests with Kwestura. Shortly after joining the ranks as the Queen of Ajman, Kwestura rewarded Sheikh Ammar's confidence by winning the titles of 2009 World Champion Mare in Paris with Frank. This year, at 19 years, Kwestura again represented Ajman Stud among the elite show horses of the day. She was named 2014 Aachen Gold Champion Mare. In addition, Kwestura competed against other invited champions in Paris, earning the title of Platinum Champion Mare against other mares who had also been pinned World Champion Mare titles in the past.



Sheikh Ammar, Director Bialobok, Frank & Kwestura. The past and present caretakers of one of the most celebrated mares in the World. Pictured here in Paris 2014 as she receives the title of World Platinum Champion Mare for Ajman Stud.





Among the first of many championships earned by Ajman Stud horses was the title of 2006 World Reserve Champion Mare brought home by the lovely Loubna (\*Imperial Imdal x \*Imperial Kalatifa) under the capable handling of Frank Spönle. Also an All Nations Cup, and twice Dubai Champion and the 2006 World Reserve Champion, Loubna's popular victories served as an announcement to the world that Ajman Stud was a force to be reckoned with. In a similar fashion, the horse show crowd was stunned when Ajman Stud fillies swept the World Champion Junior Mare and Reserve World Champion Junior Mare titles in Paris in 2006. Both daughters of WH Justice (Magnum Psyche x Vona Sher Renea), Bess Fa'izah (x Sharon El Kendal) took the top spot, with Panarea By Palawan (x Palawan) winning the Reserve. It was clear to the entire Arabian community that Sheikh Ammar and the Ajman Stud were staking their place on the world stage...front and center.

Ajman Stud has twice earned U.S. National Champion Mare titles...and it happened in back-to-back years. In 2010, Eagleridge Passionata (\*Sanadik El Shaklan x River Oak Dimity) followed up her earlier Las Vegas championship with the coveted title of U.S. National Champion Mare. The very next year, Ajman returned with Panarea by Palawan (WH Justice x Palawan) to capture the 2011 crown. It was an unprecedented display of the depth of the Ajman Stud program. Horses owned and shown by the farm have won National and International championships on five continents against the finest horses from scores of nations. In 2005, the United Arab Emirates won the All Nations Cup due to the Ajman wins alone with Champion Junior Filly Bess Fa'izah, Champion Senior Mare Psyches Amber Gem and Senior Champion Escape Ibn Navarrone-D. In 2012, and again at the All Nations Cup, the Ajman bred and owned entries of AJ Asyad, AJ Mardan and AJ Siyadah were named Gold Champion Yearling Filly, Gold Champion Yearling Colt and Gold Champion Junior Filly respectively. Two very impressive and rare accomplishments from Ajman Stud. From Qatar to Menton, from Paris to Scottsdale, from Dubai to Las Vegas... the Ajman Stud will continue, in 2015, to dominate in show arenas around the world.



*Eagleridge Passionata*  
2010 Las Vegas & US National Champion Mare



*Panarea by Palawan*  
2011 Las Vegas & US National Champion Mare





*Sheikh Ammar, Virginia Spönle and AJ Siyadah in Aachen 2012 celebrating the title of Gold Junior Champion Filly*



The 2013 World Championships resulted in three Gold and one Bronze title coming home to Ajman. In addition to Emendoria's Gold World Champion Mare honors, new purchase Antaris OS (RFI Farid x Justina) was named Gold World Champion Colt. Even more significant was the victory by AJ Sawahi (Marwan Al Shaqab x Siberia SA), as Unanimous Gold World Champion Filly, a repeat of her 2011 win. The pleasure and importance of exhibiting a World Champion becomes even more potent when that entry is a product of ones own breeding program. AJ Asyad (Marwan Al Shaqab x AJA Angelica), the Bronze World Champion Filly in the same class as AJ Sawahi, was another Ajman Stud homebred. That remarkable achievement of having homebreds place Gold and Bronze in a single class earned Ajman Stud the prestigious title of 2013 "Best Breeder and Owner" at the Salon du Cheval, a stunning accomplishment in so few years.



*Aj Sawahi  
2013 Unanimous World Champion Filly*



*Aj Sawahi  
and "her" cheerleaders in Paris*



*Aj Sawahi & Aj Asyad  
2013 Gold and Bronze Champion Junior Filly respectively*





Aj Sawahi  
2011 & 2013 Unanimous World Champion Filly



Antaris OS  
2013 World Champion  
Yearling Colt



Emendoria  
2013 World Champion Mare



Over the last five years, Ajman Stud has emerged as a breeder to be reckoned with. The many years of study and prudent acquisitions and breeding decisions have resulted in a team that is excelling in all areas of the Arabian business. They have had exceptional success using the brilliant sire Marwan Al Shaqab (Gazal Al Shaqab x Little Liza Fame). Marwan has given Ajman a host of spectacular fillies including AJ Sawahi and her 2014 World Silver Champion Yearling full sister AJ Sawari, all classically elegant and yet athletically dynamic. Also of particular interest is the intensely linebred stallion Vervaldee (Versace x Giavanna), who unfortunately passed away at the end of 2014. Prior to his early death, he had already sired a number of exceptional progeny for Ajman Stud. Vervaldee's sire and dam are true three-quarter-siblings, both being out of Precious As Gold (El Shaklan x Autumn In Gold) crossed on a Bey Shah son [Fame VF (x Raffoleta-Rose) and NV Beau Bey (x Bint Miss Fire) respectively.] Vervaldee was the rarest of commodities in the breeding shed... a sire of sires. The up-and-coming young stallions, AJ Mardan (x Felicia RLC) and AJ Portofino (x Magic Jamilla) will carry his precious blood forward. Recently, Ajman Stud has acquired Shanghai EA (WH Justice x Salymah EA) with the intent of using him on Vervaldee and Marwan Al Shaqab daughters and granddaughters as the next step in breeding forward. He will also be crossed on other hand-selected mares belonging to Ajman. Shanghai EA is a gorgeous silvery-white stallion with magnificent breed type and one of the most perfectly beautiful heads in breed history. He will undoubtedly reinforce the level of beauty Ajman Stud is beyond world famous for. Sheikh Ammar has mastered the recipe for utilizing intense infusions of particular bloodlines, creating a potent genetic pool of particular traits and characteristics, including phenotype. In the hands of a careful breeder, just the right combination can produce a masterpiece. Ajman Stud has been so successful in this regard, they have enough "masterpieces" to warrant a gallery. HH Sheikh Ammar's hands-on approach will guarantee the continuation of his success. In addition to the horses in training with Frank Spöenle, Ajman Stud sends individual horses out to suitable handlers based internationally. As the 2015 show season gets underway, the breeding program of Ajman Stud will be represented in show strings all over the world. As the Champions are called to the center of the ring, a great many of them are likely to have ties to the now globally famous Ajman Stud.

When the great stud farms of the world are lauded in the future, Ajman Stud will surely be among them. Created and fueled by a great love for the Arabian horse and supported by a handpicked team of horsemen, Sheikh Ammar's splendid jewel of the desert will continue to produce the finest Arabian horses on the planet. Future generations of breeders will come often to that well of opportunity, to add a splash from the Ajman Stud palette to their canvas in hopes of creating their own masterpiece. The quality, correctness, elegance and beauty of the Ajman horses will continue to improve the breed and will be measured by continued success in all competitive arenas. For many years to come, the Ajman Stud will continue to draw future breeders back to the source of the desert horse.



*Ajman Stud - Home of Royalty*





2015 colt sired by Aj Mardan out of Aj Siyadah



# QWESTURA

Monogramm x Kwesta by Pesennik



2007 & 2009  
World Champion Mare





# L LOUBNA

Imperial Imdal x Imperial Kalatifa by Imperial Al Kamar



2004  
World Champion Mare





# IBERIA<sup>SA</sup>

Nuzyr HCF x Eternia SA by Hafati Apollo







AJ  
SAWARI  
Marwan Al Shaqab x Siberia SA

AJ  
SAWAHI  
Marwan Al Shaqab x Siberia SA



2011 & 2013  
World Champion Filly





# AJA ANGELICA

WH Justice x FS Anastasia by Kubinec







# AJ SYAD

Marwan Al Shaqab x AJA Angelica



# BESS A'IZAH

WH Justice x Sharon El Kendal by Ass Kendal



2006 World Champion Filly  
2010 World Champion Mare





AJA  
PHRODITE  
WH Justice x Lovin Psyche SSA by Padrons Psyche



# RLC ELICIA

Shael Dream Desert x Camelia K by Donatello K



Al  
O  
2010





B

AA  
ADAWIEH  
Laheeb x Bahiha by Baahir



# DEAGLERIDGE ASSIONATA

Sanadik El Shaklan x River Oak Dimity by Arjai Summitt







EL  
*S*AGHIRA  
Galba x Emira by Laheeb



AL NASSER  
**ARWA**  
Marwan Al Shaqab x Aliyah Al Nasser by Imperial Mahzeer







# AJ SIYADAH

Vervaldee x Sweet Caroline LL by Legacy of Fame





BY PALAWAN  
**ANAREA**  
Wh Justice x Palawan by Padrons Ghibli







OS  
ASTYA

Marajj x AB Nastrapsy by Psytadel



# MONISCIONE NETTE

Ajman Moniscione x Aura Moniscione by WH Justice







AJ  
DAB  
AJ Mardan x Anette Moniscione



# AJ RAHEDA

WH Justice x Lumiar Rosalita by Lumiar Amadeus



*Clara*



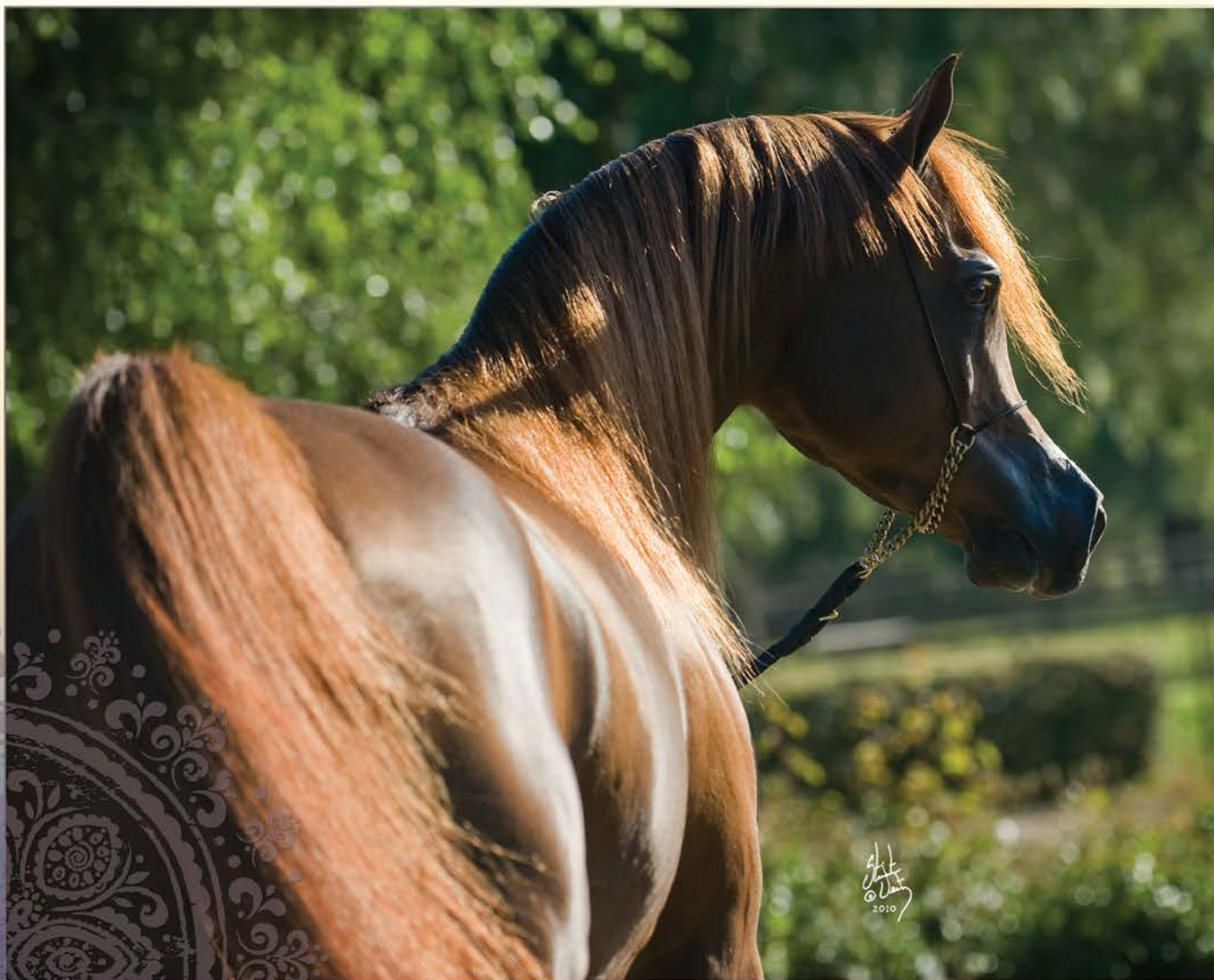


AJ  
*Reeda*  
AJ Portofino x AJ Raheda



# ERVALDEE

June 3rd 2003 - December 6th 2014



You will never be forgotten.  
Your legacy will continue through  
your beautiful children.

Your sons and grandsons will carry on  
your unique beauty.





**AJ PORTOFINO**  
Vervaldee x Magic Jamilla  
by Ansata Shaamis



**AJ Marzan**  
AJ Portofino x HED AB Maria  
by AB Magnum



**AJ Nofan**  
AJ Mardan x AJ Noor Kwestura  
by Aia Justified



**AJ MARDAN**  
Vervaldee x Felicia RLC  
by Shael Dream Desert



# AJMAN STUD



design: Elisa Crasi

**Sheikh Ammar & his beloved Bess Fa'izah**  
2006 & 2010 World Champion



**AJMAN STUD**  
HH Sheikh Ammar Bin Humaid Al Nuaimi  
Crown Prince of Ajman  
United Arab Emirates  
[www.AJMANSTUD.com](http://www.AJMANSTUD.com)

