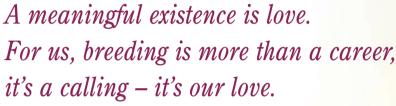


AL SHAQAB







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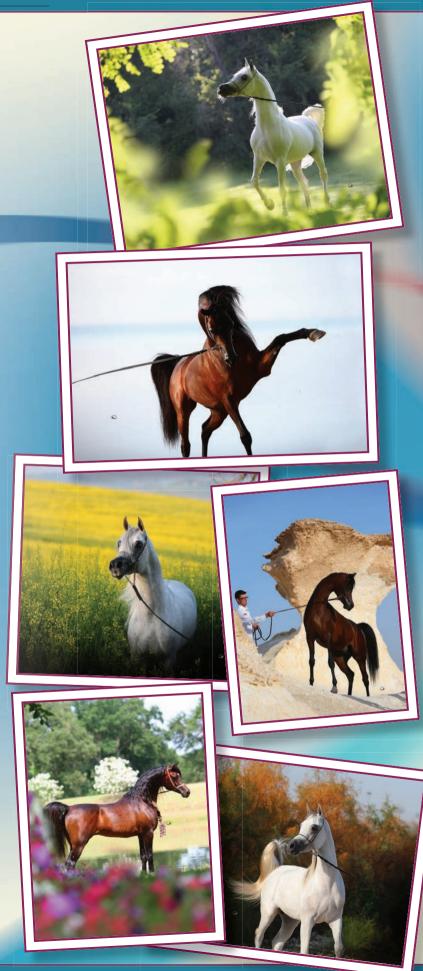
On Thursday, October 15, 2009, Mohammed Al Sulaiti was introduced as the new Manager of Al Shaqab's Breeding and Show Department. Among numerous directives, Mohammed was tasked by HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al-Thani, the Chairman of Al Shaqab's Board, to preserve the Arabian breed at its highest level, with the aim of making a positive and lasting contribution to the future of Al Shaqab's breeding program and the Arabian horse breed. Mohammed believed the appropriate course of action was to address Al Shaqab's breeding strategy. His objective was to focus on the future, to breed a new generation of worthy successors from the mare families that were proving capable of consistently reproducing their most ideal conformational characteristics and quality.

Along with Abdulla Al Kuwari, we set about making an honest evaluation of the entire herd, and determined the families that should be developed. We then addressed the desired characteristics we believed we needed to introduce into the breeding program and set out on a worldwide exploration to find and secure specific horses that exhibited them and that descend from families who were without a close pedigree relationship to the families we had committed to developing.

To safeguard the objective, some general parameters were put into place. We would inspect every horse and breeding program with an open mind and not measure the Al Shaqab horses and breeding against those that were considered. We would not discriminate against any bloodline or horse, even with regard to the straight Egyptian bloodlines. Show ring results would have no bearing upon the selection of any horses or bloodlines—since Mohammed's appointment, show ring results have no influence on the breeding decisions made at Al Shagab. We believe the shows serve to judge the horses and that many factors contribute to accomplishing or not accomplishing a championship, and by and large, these factors are of no consequence when making breeding decisions with the intention to preserve and/or improve upon the quality and conformation of the two horses being mated. And perhaps most importantly, we would scrutinize the past; the history of the horses and their pedigrees. These became compulsory tools to guide our evaluation process.

Our study and travels have affirmed our belief that a breeding program is judged by history. Specifically, it's the horses reproductive value, and their ability to reproduce their idealistic conformational characteristics and quality with consistency. With this in mind, our work will eventually become history too, and we will be judged by our effort to preserve the Arabian breed at its highest level through successive generations.

Ultimately, time will determine if our decisions truly meet the objective, but today the purpose of this endeavor has become our benchmark and we work every day with the intention that history will judge our efforts to be the hallmark of the Al Shaqab breeding program.

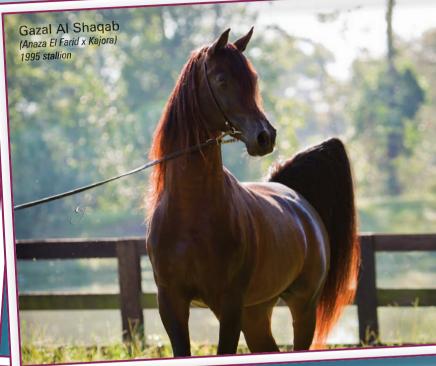


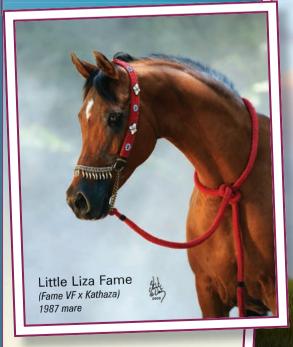


The evaluation of the mare families is an ongoing process. We began with an assessment of the foundation mares and determined which—along with their sons, daughters and grandchildren—had proven capable of consistently reproducing their idealistic conformational characteristics and quality. The male representatives of the accepted mare families are considered to offer an advantage. The valuable heritage of any mare family can quickly and easily be infused into the

herd through a stallion, but not just any stallion, only a stallion that meets our criteria.



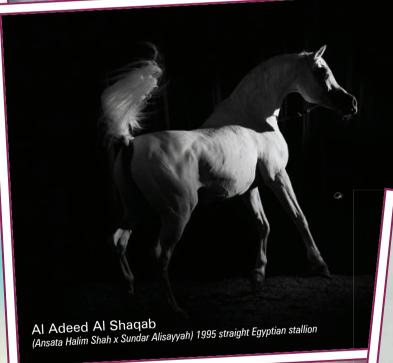








Collaboration and cooperation have proven essential in guiding the past and present leaders of Al Shaqab. These activities are embedded in Al Shaqab's history; Gazal Al Shaqab was leased to the Polish State Studs of Janow Podlaski and Michalow, and Marwan Al Shaqab was leased to SES Planes for his first breeding season. In our effort to make a positive and lasting contribution to the breed and with a growing number of valuable stallions, we committed to expand upon our history and launched the stallion leasing program.



Hadban Al Shaqab (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Sundar Alisayyah) 2001 straight Egyptian stallion We were determined to collaborate and cooperate with dedicated breeders who also cultivate the highest standards of welfare and husbandry, and in 2010 our aim introduced us to, among many others, Dr. Jody Cruz, of Rancho Bulakenyo, U.S.A.

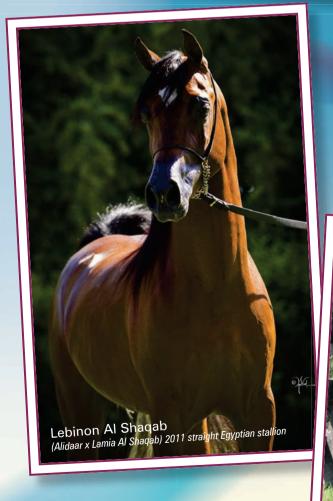
Rancho Bulakenyo was established in 1975 and is among the few premier straight Egyptian breeders remaining in the United States. We value Rancho Bulakenyo for their group of mares representing consistency of phenotype, high quality and athleticism, in addition to the long passed and proven horses they carry in the immediate generations of their pedigrees.

We leased Hadban Al Shaqab (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Sundar Alisayyah), a 2001 straight
Egyptian stallion to Rancho Bulakenyo for the
2011 to 2013 breeding seasons. During his lease, Hadban
was welcomed by the American straight Egyptian breeding
community and was bred to a number of outstanding
mares. His first Rancho Bulakenyo-bred daughter, Beyond
Imagination RB (x Justmyimagination, by Orashan), was
named the 2013 Egyptian Event World Class Reserve
Champion Yearling Filly.

During his lease, Hadban captured an impressive quota of prestigious show titles, including 2012 Egyptian Event Gold Champion Stallion and Highest Scoring Horse; Region 2 Unanimous Champion Stallion and U.S. National Reserve Champion Stallion Eight Years and Older. Hadban was the first straight Egyptian stallion to obtain U.S. National halter honors in eighteen years.

We elaborated upon our cooperation with Rancho Bulakenyo when we leased a second stallion, the last son of Alidaar (Shaikh Al Badi x Bint Magidaa), Lebinon Al Shaqab (x Lamia Al Shaqab by Ansata Hejazi), a 2010 straight Egyptian stallion. Lebinon stood at Rancho Bulakenyo for the 2014 and 2015 breeding seasons and his first foals perfectly represent the conformation and quality that our purposeful cooperation was attempting to perpetuate.

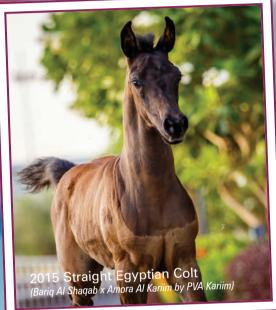








In 2012, after a visit to Albadeia Stud, we entered into a bespoke cooperation with the purchase of Semha Albadeia (Magd Albadeia x Zaghroudat Albadeia), a 2002 straight Egyptian mare and the lease of her sire, the 1995 straight Egyptian stallion Magd Albadeia (Rashdan x Bint Makhsous). Magd Albadeia's old but pristine ancestry is relatively devoid of close breeding and would serve to rejuvenate the pedigrees at Al Shaqab. Magd Albadeia exhibits sound conformation, bold correct movement and tail carriage, all of which he'd proven to reproduce consistently along with long well-shaped necks and a confident show-style attitude.



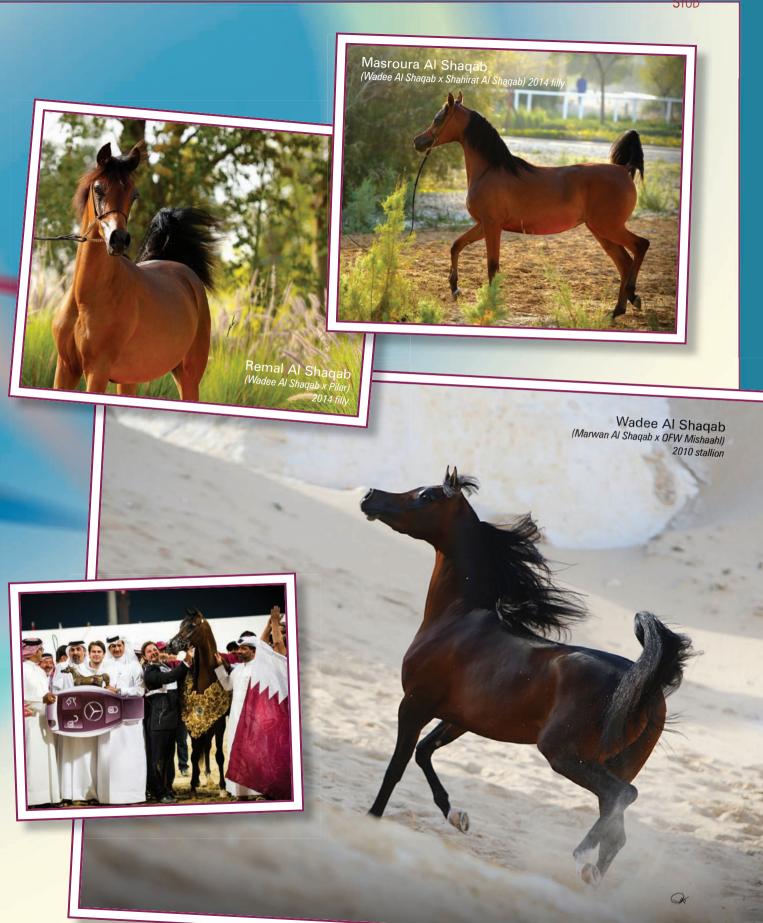
It is with great honor that Al Shaqab's breeding is incorporated into Albadeia Stud's historical program (established in 1935). Naasa Al Shaqab (Magd Albadeia x Nawal Al Shaqab [Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Hazmia Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Dalilat Albadeia)]), a 2013 straight Egyptian filly, and a splendid fusion of Al Shaqab and Albadeia breeding, has traveled to Albadeia Stud in appreciation of the lease of Magd Albadeia. We are also elated to announce the lease of Bariq Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Wahayeb Al Shaqab), a 2011 straight Egyptian stallion, to Albadeia Stud for the 2016 and 2017 breeding seasons.



Like Sundar Alisayyah (dam of Al Adeed Al Shaqab and Hadban Al Shaqab), Kajora, (dam of Gazal Al Shaqab) and Little Liza Fame, (dam of Marwan Al Shaqab), OFW Mishaahl (Mishaah x OFW Balarina), 2002 mare, has propelled the future of Al Shaqab's breeding. She is, unquestionably, the most significant contributor to the new generation, primarily through her World Champion sons, the full brothers Kahil Al Shaqab and Wadee Al Shaqab, by Marwan Al Shaqab.



Entesar Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaahl) 2007 mare

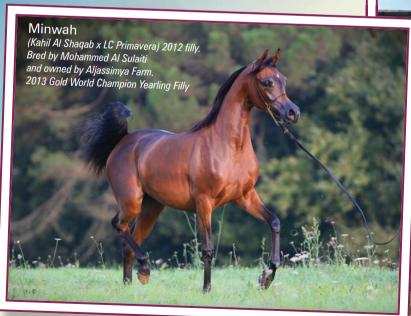


At just seven years of age, Kahil Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x OFW Mishaahl), a two-time World Gold Champion, is the sire of two World Gold Champion Yearlings and one Silver Champion Yearling from his first two foal crops—among numerous other winning offspring—placing him among the leaders of Al Shaqab's new generation proven to consistently reproduce their quality and ideal conformational characteristics.

Of all the horses representing the new generation, Kahil has been given the greatest opportunity to demonstrate his siring ability. Having been leased to Janow Podlaski State Stud in Poland, for the 2012 and 2013 breeding seasons, Kahil sired many outstanding foals. Following the birth of Kahil's first Janow-bred foal crop in 2013, Director Dr. Marek Trela stated, "The next decade will belong to the get of Kahil Al Shaqab in Poland." A remarkable compliment, considering Janow Podlaski was established in 1817 and is among the oldest and most influential breeders ever.







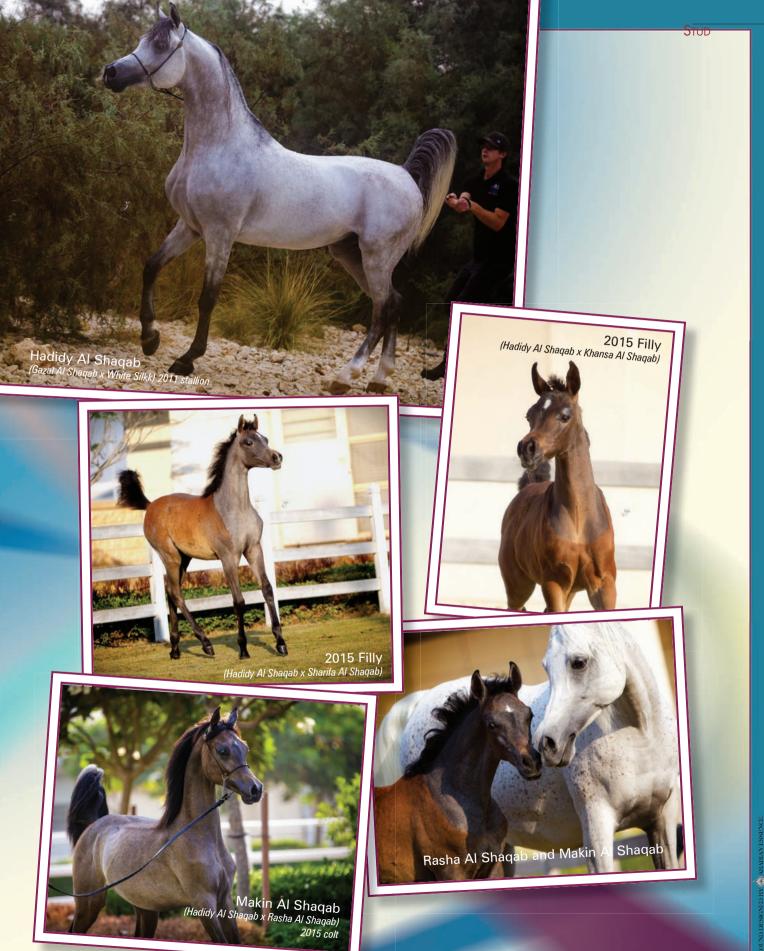
White Silkk (Dakar El Jamaal x KH First Prize), a 2003 mare, has also made a significant contribution to the new generation through her sons, Hariry Al Shaqab and Hadidy Al Shaqab, a 2011 stallion by Gazal Al Shaqab.

Hadidy has shown enormous siring potential with the arrival of his first three foals. The birth of every foal is an exciting event and the arrival of a promising colt, one that represents the highest level of quality and who exhibits the ideal conformational characteristics of his family, is a foal to celebrate. Makin Al Shaqab, a promising Hadidy son from Rasha Al Shaqab (by Al Zeer Al Rayyan – tail-female to Malvina), evokes the quality and conformation we seek from the new generation, and together with his paternal siblings, symbolizes a valuable indication of Hadidy's breeding ability.

Makin Al Shaqab traces in tail-female line to Malvina (Balaton x Mirnaia), 1991-2013 mare, who was bred by Tersk Stud in Russia and imported to Al Shaqab in 1992. With just two retained daughters, Shahirat Al Shaqab (by Al Adeed Al Shaqab, and the granddam of Makin Al Shaqab) and Batalah Al Shaqab (by Marwan Al Shaqab), Malvina established a wonderful family and left a fine legacy. Perhaps Makin Al Shaqab will prove himself to be capable of consistently reproducing his idealistic quality and conformational characteristics, offering an advantageous opportunity to extend Malvina's family through a male representative.

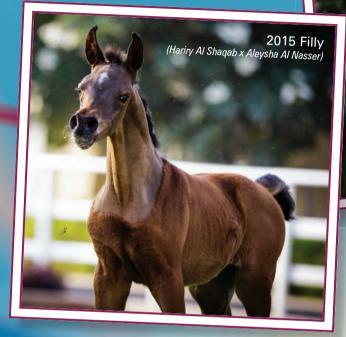




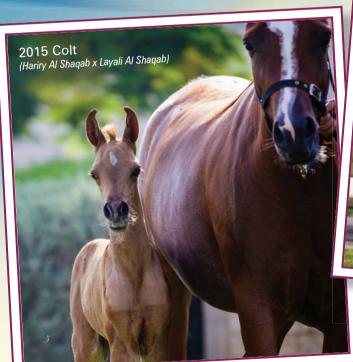


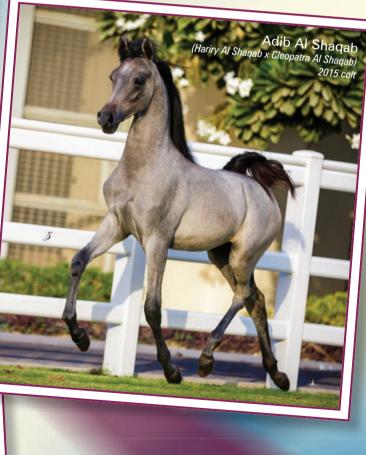
Hariry Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x White Silkk), a 2010 stallion, is unique among all of the Al Shaqab stallions. Most horses are the sum of their parents, their inherited characteristics are immediately identifiable and attributable to their mother or father. But not Hariry. He is one of those truly rare horses that equates to greater than the sum of his parents. Hariry has inherited the very best conformation of his entire pedigree, a pedigree that comprises of many of the breed's most highly accomplished breeding and show horses.







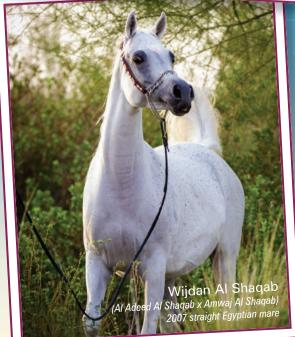




Johara Al Shaqab (Imperial Mahzeer x Sahaba), a 1998 straight Egyptian, is an elegant and harmonious mare, epitomizing the exotic type and refinement that has brought so much appreciation to the horses of Egyptian lineage. As a breeding mare, Johara and her family have proven to consistently reproduce her quality and ideal conformational characteristics, an invaluable ability that has enabled her to single-handedly found a dynasty. Through her son, Farhoud Al Shaqab, the influence of Johara is now well infused into the Al Shaqab breeding program.

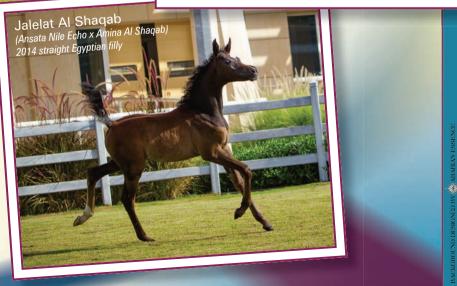












Farhoud Al Shaqab (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Johara Al Shaqab), a straight Egyptian stallion born in 2008, was named the 2010 Egyptian Event Champion Colt and Supreme Male.

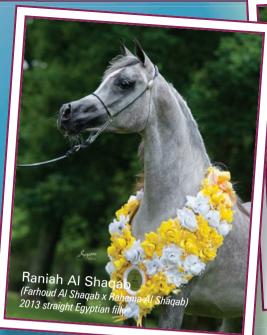
Farhoud was initially identified as a potential successor to his valuable heritage. Having inherited his parents quality and most idealistic conformational characteristics, Farhoud easily met our criteria and has since established himself among the leading breeding stallions at Al Shaqab.

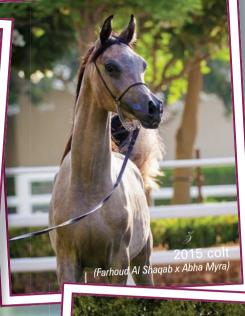
Of all the Al Shaqab stallions, Farhoud is the most reliable for consistently siring his extreme head type. He has also proven to contribute his conformation and look—a look that is significantly influenced by his dam, Johara Al Shaqab—which has produced a collection of accomplished show horses at prestigious shows around the world.

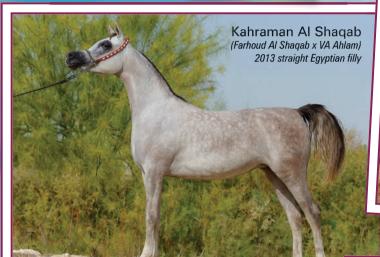


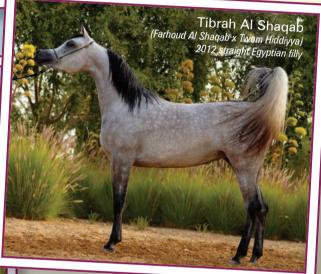


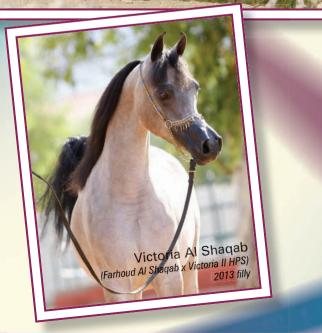














Jenny and Peter Pond have made annual visits to Al Shaqab for the past twenty years. They are intimately associated with our breeding program and when they leased Jadaan Al Shaqab (Ashhal Al Rayyan x Torfa Al Shaqab by Al Adeed Al Shaqab), a 2006 straight Egyptian stallion, we were intrigued.

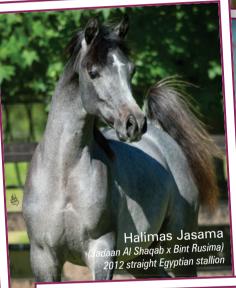
Peter is the President of WAHO and like us, he and Jenny have been avid lovers and students of the breed since childhood. Their Forest Hill Stud, located in Australia, was established in 1968 and today, like Al Shaqab, represents an extensive collection of outstanding horses carrying a vast array of the world's bloodlines. Their blending of these bloodlines and phenotypes has resulted in remarkable quality and consistency. The fact that they chose Jadaan and bred with him so successfully, is a testament to their knowledge and skill.

The quality of the Jadaan offspring bred at Forest Hill Stud has generated worldwide breeding interest. This year Jadaan was bred to mares located in Qatar, across Europe, the United States, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand along with Al Shaqab mares.

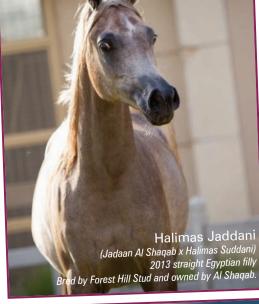








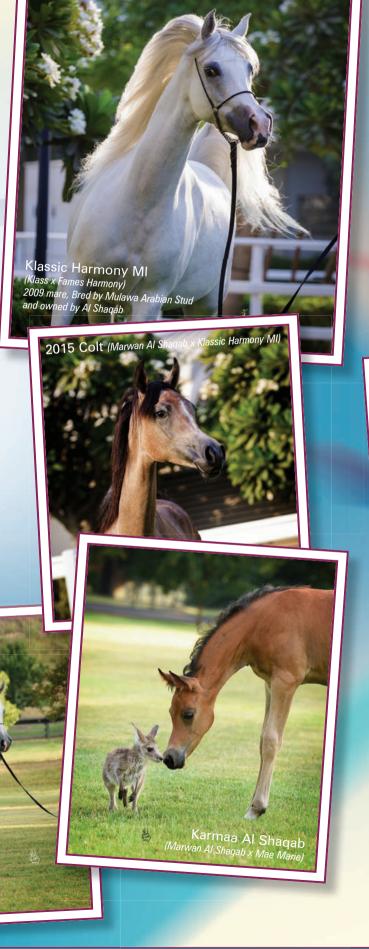




With Jadaan Al Shaqab's relocation to Forest Hill Stud, Australia became a frequent destination and presented us with the opportunity to investigate the Australian breeding programs.

On our first visit with Greg, Julie and Jane Farrell of Mulawa Arabian Stud, we encountered Klassic Harmony MI (Klass x Fames Harmony), a 2009 mare and at that time, a yearling and the reigning East Coast Champion Filly. It was love at first sight. She bounced, snorted and threw her tail over her back. Her head type was exquisite; her conformation almost perfect. We knew she could be bred to every one of the Al Shaqab stallions and we procured her immediately —it was as simple as that.

During that visit, we also had the privilege of meeting Karmaa (Kaborr x AN Marieta), a glorious mare and a paternal sister to our own Kajora. Like Kajora, Karmaa has founded her own extraordinary family and this year we are pleased to welcome another Karmaa descendant at Al Shaqab. The Farrell's generously allowed us to lease Mae Marie (TS Al Malik x Karmaa), a full sister to Klass (who is the sire of Klassic Harmony MI), and in February she foaled a superb filly by Marwan Al Shaqab, whom we have named Karmaa Al Shaqab, in honor of our appreciation for Karmaa, her family and the impressive contribution she has made to the Arabian horse breed.



Mae Marie & Karmaa Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x Mae Marie)





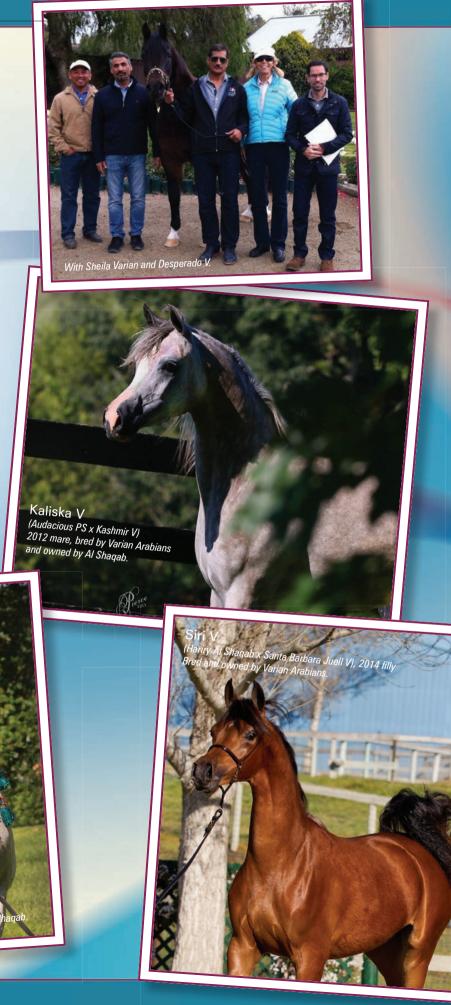
Marion Richmond, with her parents Peter and Ruth Simon, established Simeon Stud in 1956 and today, it's among the most famed and accomplished straight Egyptian breeding programs in the world. We've spent days with Marion, enjoying her hospitality and bonding over our deep-seated mutual interest in horses and breeding. Eventually we procured Simeon Sumaq (MB Mayal x Simeon Sibolet), a 2005 straight Egyptian mare of great value to us. Simeon Sumaq idealistically represents her pedigree and like Magd Albadeia and the Rancho Bulakenyo mares, we expect Simeon Sumaq will transmit the valuable attributes of her particularly old pedigree that is relatively free of close breeding.

We also thought highly of Simeon Sohaar (Simeon Shifran x Simeon Sanaa), a 2012 straight Egyptian stallion. When Simeon Sohaar was purchased by Jaroslav and Martina Lacina of the Czech Republic, we entered into an agreement that will allow Al Shaqab to be among the first to breed to him in 2016.

It is our hope that the incorporation of Simeon Sumaq and Simeon Sohaar, with the sound conformation that they exhibit and represent through the generations of purposefully bred horses before them, will make a profound impact at Al Shaqab.



Form To Function. To us, good conformation, harmonious form and correct function, is Arabian breed type. Our search for these important attributes led us to Sheila Varian of Varian Arabians, U.S.A. What an honor it is to call Sheila our friend. Sheila established Varian Arabians more than 60 years ago and we believe her pioneering spirit has enabled establishments such as Al Shaqab to become what we are today. We are so very pleased to bring Kaliska V (Audacious PS x Kashmir V), a 2012 mare, and Maya V (Sanadik El Shaklan x Marigold V), a 2001 mare, to Al Shaqab. In Maya V we are especially grateful to have such a precious descendant of Bachantka (Wielki Szlem x Balalajka). Born in Poland in 1957, Batchantka now boasts nine successive generations at Varian Arabians.



(Sanadik El Shaklan x Marigold 2001 mare, bred by Varian Arab

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Another of the world's breeders to successfully merge beauty with form and function is Silvia Garde-Ehlert of Gestut Gut Alemich, Germany. Silvia began breeding in the late 1960s with horses from the Tersk Stud in Russia and quickly emerged among the leading breeders of Russian bloodlines. Diademah (Nagadir x Dalia II), a 2010 mare descending from multiple generations of Gestut Gut Alemich's breeding, was purchased in 2012 and with her first foal, produced the 2015 Berlin Cup Silver Champion Filly, Bayan Al Shaqab (by Fadi Al Shaqab). In 2014 we returned to Gestut Gut Alemich with the specific intention to buy and acquired Alischa SGE (Nagadir x

Aida), a 2013 filly; Korona (Koronec x Miss Ambernado), a 1997 mare; and Korona's son Kohinoor (by Nagadir), a 2005 stallion. The first Al Shaqab-bred Kohinoor foals are due in 2016.

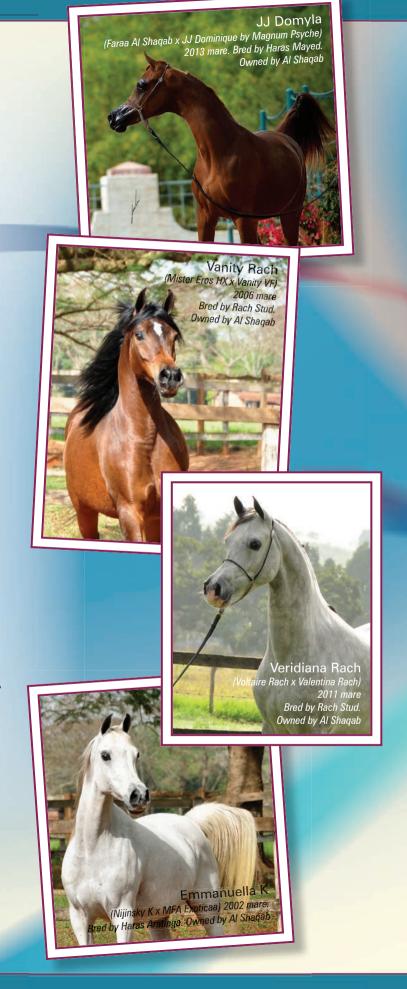


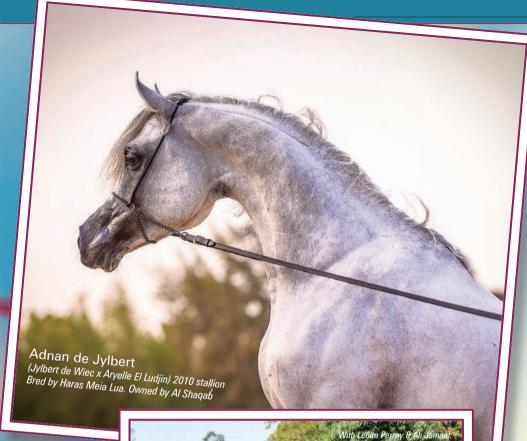
Many of the finest Arabian horses have found their way to South America and we set out to inspect these horses and their descendants. Our 2009 visit with Joaquin and Fernando de Santibañes of Haras Mayed in Argentina, introduced us to their extensive group of high quality, well-conformed Magnum Psyche daughters and resulted with the lease of Faraa Al Shaqab (Marwan Al Shaqab x GW Natorious Star), a 2007 stallion. During his two seasons at Haras Mayed, Faraa obtained the title of Argentine National Champion Stallion and was bred, predominately, to the daughters of the living legend Magnum Psyche, siring nearly 100 registered foals and multiple Argentine National Champion offspring.

Jamil Saliba and his sons Paulo and Ricardo, founded Rach Stud, located in Brazil, in 1985 with the acquisition of the finest mares of Polish breeding from the United States and Poland. We consider Rach Stud to possess the largest and most important collection of these bloodlines and during numerous visits continuously found ourselves drawn to the descendants of Vanity VF (Gwydion x LS Vareena), 1986 mare. Today Al Shaqab is the very proud owners of the double Vanity VF granddaughter Veridiana Rach (Voltaire Rach x Valentina Rach), 2011 mare, and a superb daughter of Vanity VF herself, Vanity Rach (by Mister Eros HX), a 2006 mare.

Murilo Kammer, of Haras Aratinga, Brazil, is an impressive breeder. A glimpse at the long list of Haras Aratinga bred international champions, perhaps more than any other Brazilian breeder, is a noteworthy testimony. Haras Aratinga was established in the 1980's, with a famous collection of Scottsdale and United States National Champion mares. Today the breeding program is in its 5th generation and we were eager to obtain the blood of MFA Exoticaa (Echo Magnifficoo x MFA Huckle Honey Bey – a daughter of the Varian bred Huckleberry Bey), a 1994 mare.

Emmanuella K (by Nijinsky K), a 2002 daughter of MFA Exoticaa, was procured and we leased MFA Exoticaa's granddaughter, Kyra K (Nijinsky K x Donata K) who produced a much hoped for filly in Mahasen Al Shaqab, by Marwan Al Shaqab.





Adnan de Jylbert (Jylbert de Wiec x Aryelle El Ludjin) 2010 stallion, inherited the look of Ludjin El Jamaal (Ali Jamaal x Lydia El Shaklan), and it was this look that captured our attention when we procured him in 2012.

Adnan de Jylbert was bred by "Master Breeder" Lenita Perroy of Haras Meia Lua, Brazil. Lenita's thirty year old breeding program is typically associated with Ali Jamaal and his revered contribution to the breed. Today, more than a dozen horses of direct Haras Meia Lua breeding reside at Al Shaqab and it is the young Adnan de Jylbert who is proving to make a notable contribution. From two crops of just five foals, Lulua Al Shaqab (x Zaafarana Al Shaqab by Marwan

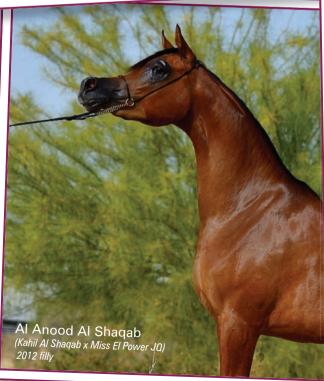
Al Shaqab) and a 2015 Filly (x Marwa Al Shaqab by Marwan Al Shaqab) are among the best of all the foals born in their respective seasons.



Marsal Al Shaqab (by Marwan Al Shaqab), 2011 stallion, was perhaps the most anticipated foal of his season, the first to be born from Miss El Power JQ (Power World JQ x Elkada Sahibi), 2007 mare. Back then we had high hopes for the production of Miss El Power JQ. Today she has confirmed her position with a succession of outstanding sons and daughters effortlessly representing the standard defined by a new generation.







Abha Myra (Marwan Al Shaqab x ZT Ludikalba), 2003 mare, was bred by Marieta Salas of SES Planes, Spain. SES Planes was established in 1965 (known at that time as SES Rotes), and was the first breeder to utilize Marwan Al Shagab.

Abha Myra is from that first Marwan foal crop and from our observation of Abha Myra's son, Fadi Al Shaqab (by Besson Carol), 2008 stallion, and 2014 World Gold Champion, we have noted a remarkable reproductive resemblance with Marwan. Like Marwan, Fadi has demonstrated an extreme ability to consistently reproduce his

most desirable characteristics and that much sought-after Marwan quality. While Fadi and Marwan sire differing conformational characteristics, they none the less share this most desirable ability, an ability that has set Marwan apart and established his title as one of the most influential breeding stallions in recent history. These observations have led us to suspect that Fadi, too, could fulfill such a role and perhaps in time take a place of equal merit to that of Marwan's breeding contribution.



Abha Myra

2003 mare

Fadi Al Shaqab (Besson Carol x Abha Myra

2008 stallion



