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## ALJASSIMYA FARM

Since 1979

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Sheikh Jassim Bin Khalifa al Thani's Aljassimya Farm has focused intensely on the classic Arabian type that has been held as the breed standard for so many years, The collection of homebred horses gets more impressive every year as the older fillies from the farm are now becoming broodmares in their own right. In the last few years Al Ayal AA was used extensiively, particularly as the perfect foil to WH Justice. The soft eye and gentle harmonious curves of WH Justice, come from the heritage of his half Spanish sire Magnum Psyche, some from the perfectly bouncing spring that is Padron, and yet more from his El Shaklan and American domestic bloodlines are brought into focus by the clean, dryness of an Egyptian sire. This is a recipe tested over time and is already a repetition of the diagram that produced Padron and El Shaklan. Breeding is a weaving together of what has is already known, applied to new individuals.

The Saklawi I sireline has come to dominate the world of shows, all through Nazeer with 46 of 52 world champions in the last decade descending from this line. Al Ayal AA is descended not from the Nazeer sons Morafic or Aswan, but Hadban Enzahi, the wonderful Nazeer son who came to Germany and founded his own sire line and look, mainly through Jamilll and Malik. Some of the most extraordinary and memorable World Champions - Tiffaha, SA Misha Apal and Nahbay are from this line.





ARRAAB ALJASSIMYA by AI Ayal AA ex Om El Aisha Aljassimya by WH Justice



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OM EL AISHA ALJASSIMYA by WH Justice ex OM El Aliha

There are currently twenty offspring of Al Ayal AA at Aljassimya Farm, with the oldest just two years old. One of the most exciting things about Al Ayal AA is that his colts and fillies from the same mare are of equal quality with the colts bigger and clearly more masculine, and the fillies delicate and feminine, just as they should be. Both have his trademark triangular head, with an incredibly finely etched muzzle, curving ears and a beautiful balance from front to back.

In 2017 an outstanding colt and filly pair were born to the breeding program: Arraab Aljassimya and Amira Aljassimya out of the WH Justice daughter Om El Aisha Aljassimya. Aisha was Bronze Champion in 2018 in the sand blizzard of the final afternoon in Menton, adding to her Silver title from Las Vegas, both in her first year of competition as a senior mare. Just coming into her own as a mature white mare, Aisha displays all the charm of the Justice lines. Her look alike, super feminine Amira Aljassimya is out in the pasture but her very special sibling the yearling colt Arraab Aljassimya has arrived in Tuscany with Giacomo Capacci to start his show career. Like his sire , he is a balanced combination of masculine and refined, and this silver colt matches the breed standard exactly. We hope he will accompany his lovely dam to the Salon du Cheval this year.

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QUTUZ ALJASSMYA by AI Ayal AA ex Minwah by Kahil Al Shaqab

This pair were preceded in 2016 by Mounif Aljassimya and Mounifa Aljassimya, both out of RP Miss Surprise, by WH Justice. Mounifa has been to Scottsdale twice earning titles in the Egyptian Heritage section while Mounif won his Futurity in Las Vegas as a yearling and was awarded Silver Champion Colt at the Vegas Breeders Cup this year. He has been sold to Mr Peng Jiang of China where he was easily the Champion young stallion in Beijing at the first Chinese show and can hopefully progress to be foundation sire himself. This pair were also part of Miss Surprise's Produce of Dam winning team in Scottsdale 2017 and 208. CR Jasmeenah, the most decorated of Sheikh Jassim's WH Justice daughters produced the heavenly creature Jasmeenah Aljassimya by Al Ayal AA. Like her mother, we may have to wait for her Oscar winning performance, but she remains the apple of everyone's eye and is again an absolute match to the breed standard.

One WH Justice son from our formidable collection - Jaal Aljassimya by WH Justice is also in action this year as a three year old. An effortlessly athletic colt who knows his way around the Paris arena - Silver World Champion at one year old and winner of his two year old colt section last year, he is a powerful mover with

a balanced structure and is a great representative of his bloodlines. His full brother Jalal Aljassimya produced his first foals this year for the farm and is a promising young sire.

The WH Justice daughters have proven their worth as broodmares the world over in combination with many different sires. The colt Figaro, bred by Fausto Gladich and bought as a foal by Sheikh Jassim is by Al Shaqab's dual World Champion Wadee Al Shaqab and out of the beautiful WH Justice mare Shirin by Aisha. Figaro became the World Champion Yearling Colt at his first and only show last year in 2017 for Aljassimya Farm and has matured into a superbly correct silver grey two year old. The blood of the great Marwan Al Shaqab blood has been woven into the breding program just as successfully the other way round, by breeding Aljassimya Farm's 2013 World Champion Minwah by Kahil Al Shaqab to Al Ayal AA. The beautiful bay yearling colt Qutuz Aljassimya is a horse who needs to do no more than stand still to exhibit his flawless conformation; neck, withers shoulders, ribs, loin, croup, gaskin, knees, hocks, cannon, pasterns, feet - you would have trouble finding a better model. Topped off with his short dished head, huge black eye and short shapely ears, he is a colt to please the most demanding of observers. A good mover at home and in public, he has been Silver Champion at all three outings - in Scottsdale, Menton and Chantilly, and will not be backing down for the World



BALADA AL ALFABIA by EKS Alihandro ex ZT Magna Psyche by ZT Magnanimus



Sweira Aljassimya by SMA Magic One

## Championships.

One representative of SMA Magic One who was a guest stallion at Aljassimya Farm as a young stallion will also be forward. Sweira Aljassimya was the 2017 Menton Yearling Gold Champion. Always a joy to see, she has a short dished face and all the animation you could want. Also representing Aljassimya Farm in Paris from the Marwan Al Shaqab bloodlines will be spectacular Balada Alfabia by EKS Alihandro and descended from one of our favourite mare lines for the Wayne Newton herd. Balada Al Alfabia is a supermodel in with elegance and charisma and was bred by our friend Gigi Grasso; an artist who understands the Arabian horse. She will be shown like all our entries by Giacomo Capacci who has presented all of our most recent World Champions.

We look forward to welcoming you to our stand at the Salon Du Cheval this November, for the event of the year.  $\Box$ 

