



# Haras Cruzeiro



## *An interview with Leandro De Aguiar*

by Simone Leo ■ photo by Rogério Santos

*Haras Cruzeiro is a big stud farm with a long tradition of breeding horses.*

*Located in Araxá, in the State of Minas Gerais, Brazil, deep in the green of the tropical area, the farm has a huge extension and all the kind of horses.*

*The typical bred Mangalarga is used to work at the activities which, at the farm, never stop, night and day.*

*In this incredible location, Arabian horses are the kings, thanks to the vision of their owner, Mr. Leandro De Aguiar.*

*There is probably nobody in our Arabian horses*

*community nowadays who hasn't heard or known Haras Cruzeiro.*

*At the beginning a solid base of broodmares by the good quality sires as Ali Jamaal, Lethif El Jamaal, El Nabila B, Shallenger, Marwan Al Shaqab, WH Justice, Legacy of Fame and others, started the collection of Haras Cruzeiro.*

*Since 2010 the trips to Europe, America and Middle East has been showing to Leandro De Aguiar another type of breeding and the investments to increase the quality in Haras Cruzeiro have never stopped.*

*Just to mentions a few, mares like Turchyia MPE*



(WH Justice x Thee Rahiba), Shariba (Gazal Al Shaqab x Thee Rahiba), Mary Rose (WH Justice x Baja Badiya), FT Havana El Keav (Keav Power x Hillary CVM), Yasmin HWM (Legacy of Fame x Dollysia HCF), VA Exotica (Ajman Moniscione x MA Alija) and stallions like Ansata Shaamis by Ansata Halim Shah, Hdb Sibr Ibn Massai (Massai Ibn Marenga x Mayana), Mashoor Al Mohamadia (Abba Qatar x Abba Palma) and Nedel del Guado (Ansata Shaamis x FR Egyptian Princess) joined the band of Haras Cruzeiro.

During his recent visit to Europe, on the occasion of the Arabian Horse Championship in Menton, France, we had the chance to interview Leandro De Aguiar of Haras Cruzeiro.

**TuttoArabi: You travelled throughout Europe many times and you attended Aachen and Paris shows. We know this is the first time you are attending Menton show: do you like this show?**

**Leandro De Aguiar:** I love this show. The location is amazing and the show is perfectly organized.

The quality is incredible, very high, and I hope one day I will participate with my horses.

Seeing how the quality is increasing every time, it is really interesting to me.

I slept in Montecarlo, Monaco, and I enjoyed the time here. I will return here for sure next year.

One of the shows that I also love in Europe is the Pride of Poland.

I know that now Poland is going through a big change and I wish the best to the Polish horses.

**TA: Which are the differences between the shows in Menton, Aachen and Paris?**

**LA:** I like very much Menton because in Menton, in addition to the great show, you can have time to relax and the schedule is perfectly respected giving the possibility to have also free time and long breaks to enjoy the pleasures offered here.

I am here also to talk with the people, the other breeders who participate in the show and the people who is attending the venue to learn more as every breeder should do.

I like also the show in Aachen and I will come to Aachen next september.

In Aachen there are so many classes that there's no time for other. For me that I love Arabian horses, this is a pleasure.

And then the Paris show, that is the World Championship so everybody has undoubtedly to attend it.

**TA: Do you prefer the shows in Europe or in Brazil?**

**LA:** Honestly I like the shows in Europe most as there the shows are more charming and the organizers are perfect.

The locations chosen for the 3 big shows are very elegant with all the facilities.

And I have to say that the people are more enthusiastic in Europe than in Brazil where, anyway, we have many shows and every organizer, amongst many difficulties, is trying to do his best to organize shows like in Europe.

In Europe we also got many satisfactions. We have participated with one of our mares, Turchyia, in an European Tour in 2010 with great results.

We were Champion Filly in Verona Class A show, Best Head and 2nd in class in Aachen and Best Head and Second in class in Paris.

**TA: Do you have the Breeder Cup in Brazil?**

**LA:** Yes we do have in Brazil the Breeders Cup. In my opinion the quality of the breeder comes from the offspring.

I like to be at the farm all the year long but for me the best moment is between December and March when the babies come.

**TA: And tell us about the Brazilian National, one of the most awaited events in Brazil.**

**How many times did you win the Brazilian National?**

**LA:** We won the Brazilian National in 2011, in 2013 and in 2015.

Every time for me and my staff it is the most awaited event.





*Especially because we have many people from abroad visiting the National and we want to show them our best quality.*

**TA: What do you think about the show in America like Scottsdale and Las Vegas?**

*LA: I like the shows in America, I always attend both shows.*

*Honestly I like Scottsdale most as it is the kind of show I prefer.*

*It is a real Arabian horse fair where you can see the authentic tradition of the shows.*

**TA: When did you fund Haras Cruzeiro?**

*LA: First of all before being Arabian Horse Breeders we are Horse Lovers.*

*We breed in our farm not only Arabian horses, we have Mangalarga (a Brazilian bred) and Paint horses but in smaller scale.*

*The relationship between our family and horses comes from many generations.*

*I am very passionate about horses, I love to be in the farm every time I can.*

*I follow everything at the farm with my staff.*

*Since 1995 I am taking care of the farm and the big change came in 2010 when I started to put all my efforts in Arabian horses.*

**TA: To be one of the best breeders you imported many good breedings from Europe and America. Tell us which are the stallions more utilized at the farm?**

*LA: We imported many breedings from worldwide but the stallions that I like to use more via frozen semen are Gazal Al Shagab, Marwan Al Shagab, Wh Justice, Magnum Chall and Emerald J.*

**TA: Tell us how many foals Haras Cruzeiro does per year?**

*LA: In the last 3 years we have had an average of 40/45 foals.*

*I wish to have more in the future even if we have to put a limit.*

*The good thing about being a breeder of success is*

*that you can dedicate time to the trips.*

*In every trip you can learn something.*

*This is why I am trying to visit breeders worldwide and the best training centers.*

**TA: As Haras Cruzeiro is known as one of the best breeder farms in Brazil and you are a very polite and smart person, many people asked you to be the new President of the Brazilian Association. Why did you always refuse?**

*LA: I think that to be the President you need to have a lot of time.*

*I imagine a President that can be there to assist the breeders.*

*I don't have enough time to do that.*

*Especially now with the moment we have in Brazil we need a President that can see the future and open more doors.*

**TA: Tell us more about one of the key of the success of Haras Cruzeiro?**

*LA: The staff that works in Haras Cruzeiro is really the key of our success.*

*We have 28 people working at the farm and many of them are with us since the beginning.*

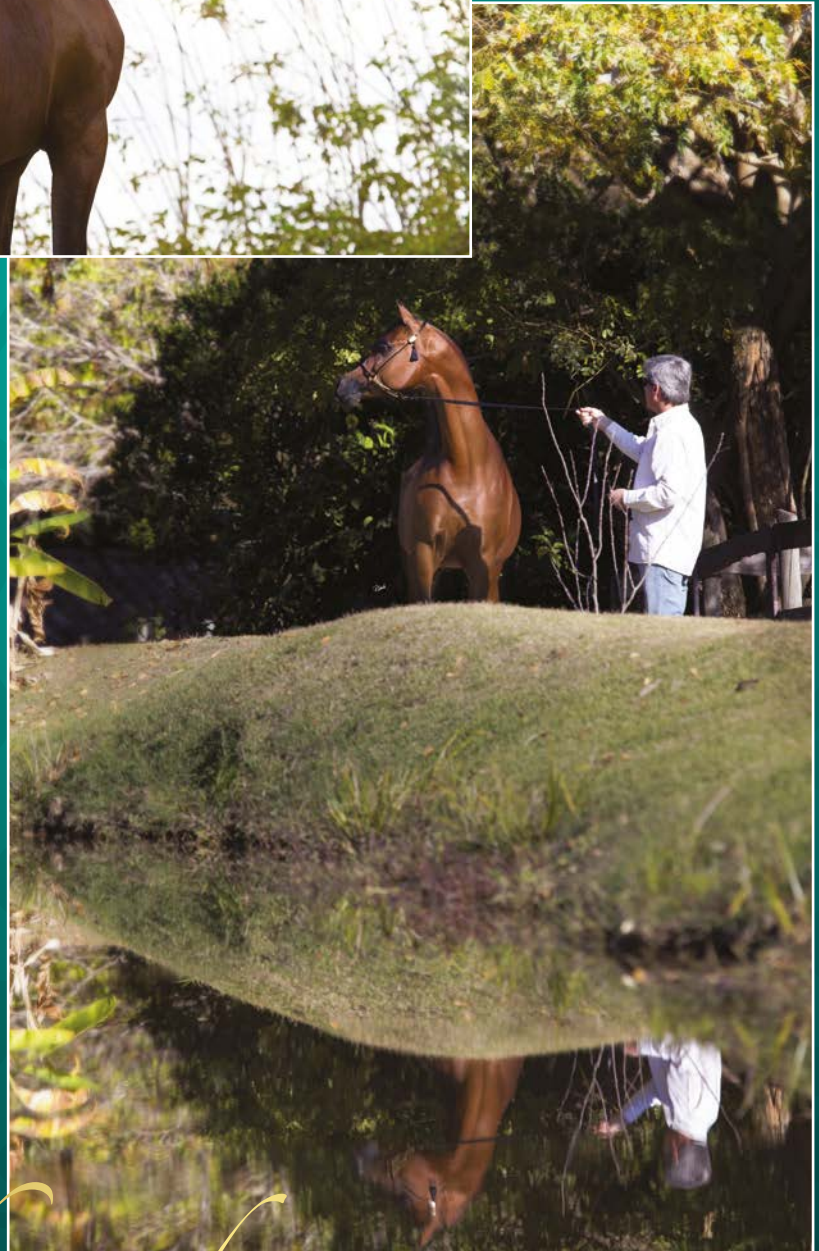
*All of them have their role in the farm and we are really working as a team.*

*We have with us Mr. Zico Guardia who has been helping us thanks to his experience giving us advice and a plus in our breeding program.*

*We also have our dear friend Simone Leo in Europe that helps us with the promotion and together with Zico works to plan our trips during the year.*

*Being in Araxá is a great experience. Every year Haras Cruzeiro organizes a great horse event in August and after the show the door of the stud is open to the breeders and Arabian horse lovers who want to know better Haras Cruzeiro and its excellence.*

*We wish Haras Cruzeiro the best for its future breeding plans and its participation to the shows all around the world. □*



# *Mashoor Al Mohamadia*

Abha Qatar | Abha Palma  
Stallion, 2011



# *HDB* *Sihr Ibn Massai*

Massai Ibn Marenga | Mayana  
Stallion, 2007





## *Coralina LA*

HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | Shanelle D'Mister JM  
Filly, 2014

## *Caríssima LA*

HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | MS Magnolia  
Filly, 2014



## *Bela LA*

HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | Yasmin HWM  
Mare, 2013



## *Curinga LA*

HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | FT Havanna EL Keav  
Filly, 2014



*Dandara LA*  
HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | Da Vinci Jewel  
Filly, 2015



*Belissima LA*  
HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | MS Magnolia  
Mare, 2013

*Esparta LA*  
HDB Sihr Ibn Massai | MS Magnolia  
Filly, 2016



# *Turchiya MPE*

WH Justice | Thee Rahiba  
Mare, 2008



# *GHS Mary Rose*

WH Justice | Bajah Badiya  
Mare, 2009



# *Dakota LA*

WH Justice | Yasmin HWM  
Filly, 2015

# *Da Vincis Jewel*

Da Vinci FM | Magnum Julep  
Mare, 2009



*VA Exotika  
by Alija*

Ajman Moniscione | MA Alija  
Mare, 2011



*Alma LA*

QR Marc | Turchiya MPE  
Mare, 2012



*Donata LA*

Magnum Chall HVP | VA Exotika by Alija  
Filly, 2015



*MG Magnolia*  
Marwan Al Shaqab | MPA Psynata  
Mare, 2007



*Brasilia LA*  
Marwan Al Shaqab | Turchiya MPE  
Filly, 2014



*Muranas  
Mabrouka*  
Marwan Al Shaqab | Mamuschka El Assuad  
Mare, 2010



*Jymarawa  
Meia Lua*  
Marwan Al Shaqab | Jyvara El Maktub  
Filly, 2015





# *HLP Darkyna Fame*

Legacy of Fame | Arkyna HCF  
Mare, 2008



# *HCE Magbey*

AB Magnum | HMA Havanna Bey  
Mare, 2004



# *Yasmin HWM*

Legacy of Fame | Dollysia HCF  
Mare, 2009



## *ET Havanna El Keav*

HK Keav Power | Hillary VCM  
Mare, 2010



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