## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT FAVOURITE ARABIAN HORSES

## Mina Suskevicava OWNER OF SUWECO STUD

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e introduce to you Nina Suskevicova — one of the longest and most successful breeders from Czech Republic since over 20 years although her horses used to stay outside the country mostly as despite having many champions Nina does not have her own farm! Breeding and purchasing selected Arabian horses around the world she is very familiar person to all Arabian horse community.

Let's find out how she got in touch with Arabian horses, what are her favorites in the breed and in own barn and – is Suweco Stud going to have its own seat?

Let's start from the beginning - how did Arabian horse came to your life? As you have beautiful house near Prague but despite many animals around there is no stable and you have many horses!

I started breeding horses in 2000, when I bought my first Arabian mare Umbertina. It was a Straight Egyptian yearling at this time. I was also riding her and she was tried in horse racing too as well as was competing in Czech National Show. A really versatile Arabian horse and I have her until now. She turned 24 this year! Yes, It is true that I do not have stables in the Czech Republic, but I am building them and I hope that I will be able to finish them next year.

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BERENIKA (EDEN C (US) X BELGICA (PL))

EBORA (EKSTERN (PL) X EBERIA (PL))

ANAWERA (PIAFF (PL) X ALTAMIRA (PL))





JV NERINA (SE) (KADAR'S ECHOO (BE) X NIIMAH (SE))

Persia Touch SW (PL) (EKS Alihandro (ZA) X Princess Touch W (BR))





BINDUGA (KAHIL AL SHAQAB (US) X BIGAMIA (PL))

Unfortunately, Covid slowed this process down — meaning the construction work, so I didn't have time to finish it yet. Anyway, in the next year I plan to finish the stables, for now for 16 horses.

How it came that you enlarged your herd of horses? Who insipired you and who were the further additions to your herd?

The inspiration for enlarging the breeding, or indeed for the breeding of Arabian horses at all, was a visit to the Polish National Show in Janow Podlaski where I first saw the mare El Dorada. I completely fallen in love with her and I used

her sire - Sanadik El Shaklan in my breeding. Following horse I bought was beautiful Shael Dreem Desert daughter Waleska El Shael from well known breeder Murillo Kammer. She is also still with me.

Do you have your beloved lines or pedigrees – when you buy and when you breed?

My favorite are the Polish lines of Arabian horses, specifically the E and P lines. I consider Ekstern to be the most important horse for breeding.

Who is your favorite horse of your own and why?



PILAROSA (AL ADEED AL SHAQAB (QA) X PILAR (PL))

My most favorite horse is my first horse - Umbertina. The second is Prunella because of her incredibly sweet character.

Who is your favorite stallion that you used or maybe that you dream of using?

I used a large number of stallions in my breeding program and it's hard to say which was my favorite. But If I could choose who I want to use one more time, it would be probably Ekstern.

What are the biggest show successes of your horses so far?

The biggest success that I counted so far was in 2022 when El Madera, the mare I purchased from Poland, was named Junior European Champion Mare and my anotyher Polish mare - Prunella was Senior Junior European Champion mare.

And what about the nearest show season—do you plan to show any horses during the winter shows or you are preparing your horses for 2024?

I am definitely looking forward for 2024 show season!