

OPEN HOUSE 2016



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Entering the facility of Tom Oben on Monday after Paris we were astonished what he and his team had prepared for us. After a successful show in Paris, with two Silver Medals and 6 horses in the Top 10, Tom welcomed 150 guests to his first open house. The training center, located in Belgium, is a 2,5-hour drive from Paris and one of the most beautiful facilities Europe has to offer. It is a full service facility for training, boarding, breeding, and stallion management, boasting 22 grass paddocks and 69 stalls. A therapeutic, vibrating, Vitafloor platform and five work arenas support the training program, while the breeding facility includes a state of the art lab to accommodate the shipment of fresh and frozen semen.





The event started with a presentation of a selected group of horses. The ladies opened the presentation with an impressive show: AVA, AL JAZEERA, LATONA and PITNONISA AS. Followed by the very cool colt foal VDV CONQUESTADOR and the big boys on stud: SAFEER, R'ADJAH DE CARTHEREY, SHARAF AL SHAHANIA, FAYAD AL FAYYAD,









AJ DINAR and MORION. The highlight: The 2 Silver World Champions LUIGI and SULTAN AL ZOBARA entering the arena together at the end.

After the presentation we had the chance to walk around in the barn. Carrot treats were handed out by the Obi Training





Center team and so we could give our favorites a treat. Tom really has a barn full of satisfied and happy horses. It is easy to imagine that many other tributes and victories will be celebrated by Tom Oben and Obi Training Center in the future. Please enjoy the impressions of this day by Henrike Hoermann.

We are looking forward to the Open House of Obi Training Center next year! □

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