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# ISSAN



# STUD

## FOR THE LOVE OF THE ARABIAN HORSE

ISSAN Arabian Stud was built in 2012 in the midst of a vast palm tree grove bordering the scenic wild Atlantic coast near El Jadida, Morocco. Meanwhile, almost 90 purebred Straight Egyptian Arabians have found their home here. Many of the stud's stallions, mares, and foals are show winners sporting the best pedigrees, and all of them are lucky enough to live in this green paradise where red earth meets blue ocean and sky.



## STRAIGHT EGYPTIANS IN THE KINGDOM OF MOROCCO



ISSAN PRINCE  
(Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Insha Shabila)



On Morocco's wild and natural Atlantic coast to the North of Al Jadidah, you find the scenic town of Azemour. And there, just on the ocean and right in the center of a vast palm grove, Issan Stud was built. Almost 90 straight Egyptian Arabians have found their homes on the well-kept stud grounds which cover 60 hectares of green land. The whole complex is a beautiful sight and was built with the horses' requirements firmly in mind: spacious paddocks with run-in sheds for the stallions, mare barns that invite communication between the horses, and green pastures for the youngstock.



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Mr. Mostapha Benlafkih is the owner of Issan Stud, and he is a man who loves his horses. His Arabian horse breeding operation continues the long-standing family tradition. „My grandfather would harness his Arabian mare every day to transport merchandise to his small shop, six miles away. At that time, it was a great privilege to be owning an Arabian mare. My father has always kept horses on his farm, too. We grew up in the company of the farm animals, and handling horses was just what we naturally did. When I bought my own farm in 1982, a stock of 16 mares already lived there, all of them with a racetrack background. I have been breeding straight Egyptians, exclusively, since 2012, as I wish to base these horses' perfection and beauty - which are criteria for breeding for me - on the past. The pedigrees are my roadmaps, and I wish to perpetuate my horses' history in the history of my stud. Because it's not all about Arabian type. For type to be a perfect state and my breeding goal, it needs to include balance, functionality of the body, and charisma - and not just a nice head".



# THE STALLIONS

Issan Stud is proud to be home to a number of hand-picked sires of good quality and excellent ancestry. Particularly noteworthy among them are Rayyan Al Naif (Ashhal al Rayyan x Ansata Aya Nadira by Jamil), Mahboub (Ansata Safeer x Mahabbah by Madkour I), Ansata Haisam (Ansata Hejazi x Alajneha Nahme) who is an import from Syria, and the bay Rafahag (Authentic Khazim x Maresha Al Kidir by Al Kidir) who was brought in from Italy.

Visitors are welcome to have a look at their numerous offspring, many of whom have been successfully presented at shows, winning a variety of championships. Some are going to be part of Issan Stud's future breeding program, and quite a few will certainly make their impressive appearances on the international shows in Europe and the Middle East.

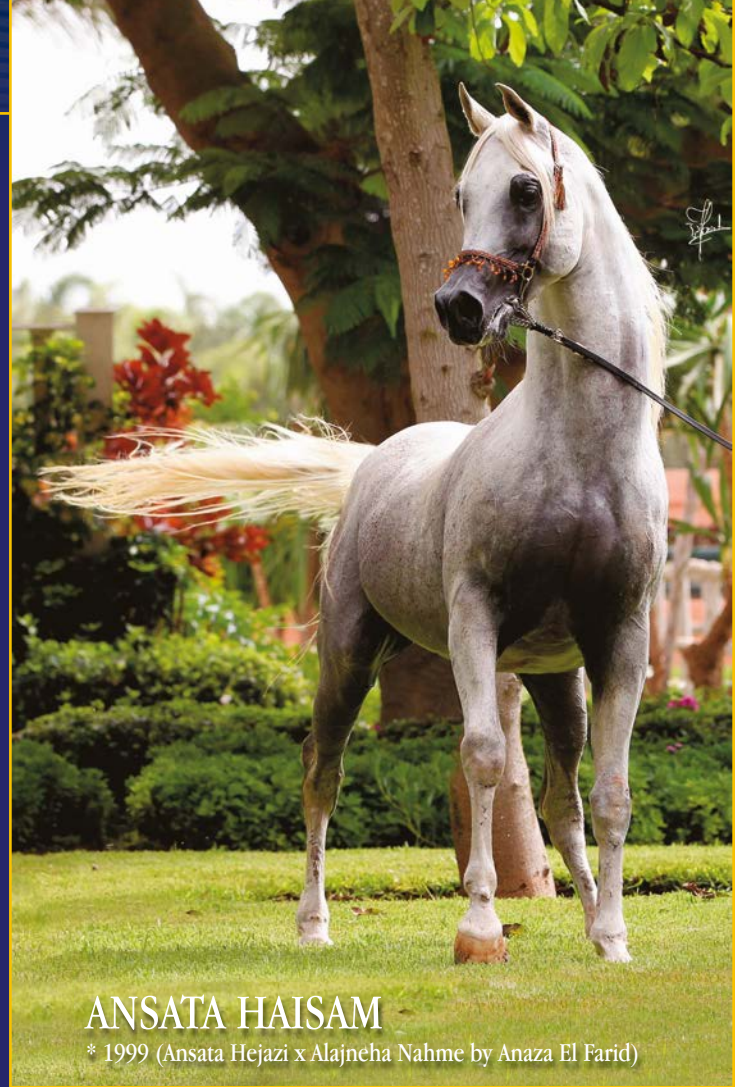
## ISSAN MORAFIC

(Ansata Haisam x Mas Romana)



## ANSATA HAISAM

\* 1999 (Ansata Hejazi x Alajneha Nahme by Anaza El Farid)



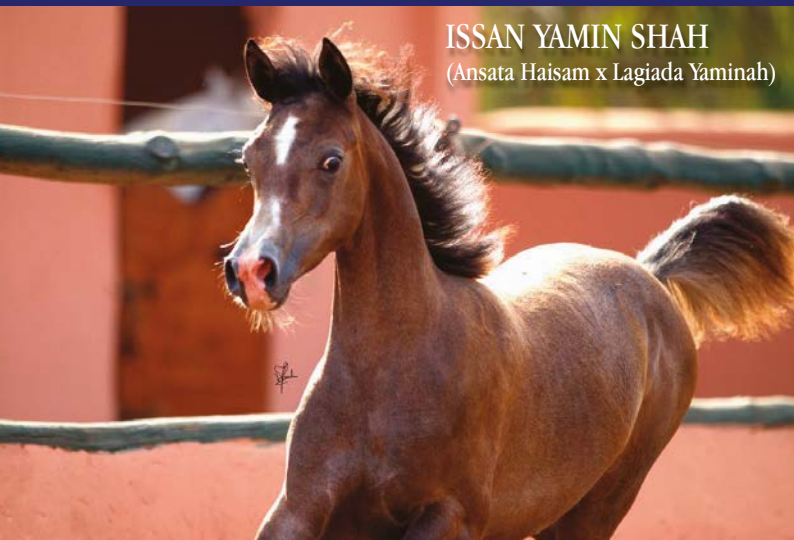
## ISSAN ANTER

(Ansata Haisam x Serene Farah)



## ISSAN YAMIN SHAH

(Ansata Haisam x Lagiada Yaminah)



# MAHBOUB

\* 2003 (Ansata Safer x Mahabbah)



# ISSAN AZIMAH

(Mahboub x Sym Azima)



# RAFAHAG

\* 2006 (Authentic Khazim x Maresha Al Kidir)



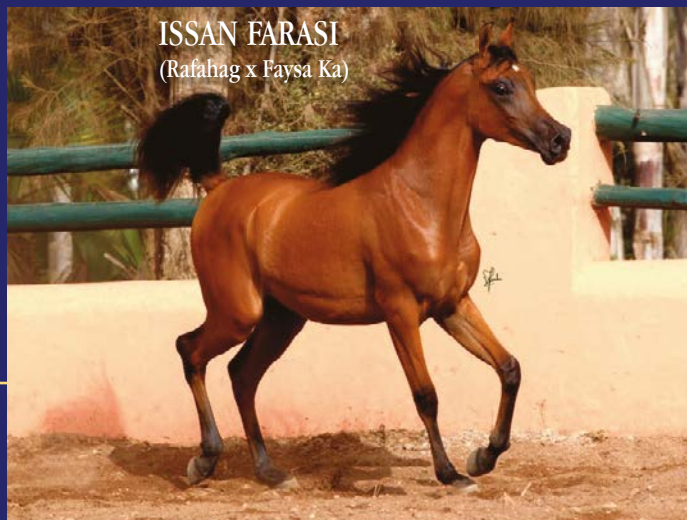
# ISSAN ANICA

(Rafahag x Fay Halima)



# ISSAN FARASI

(Rafahag x Faysa Ka)



# ISSAN MONEERA

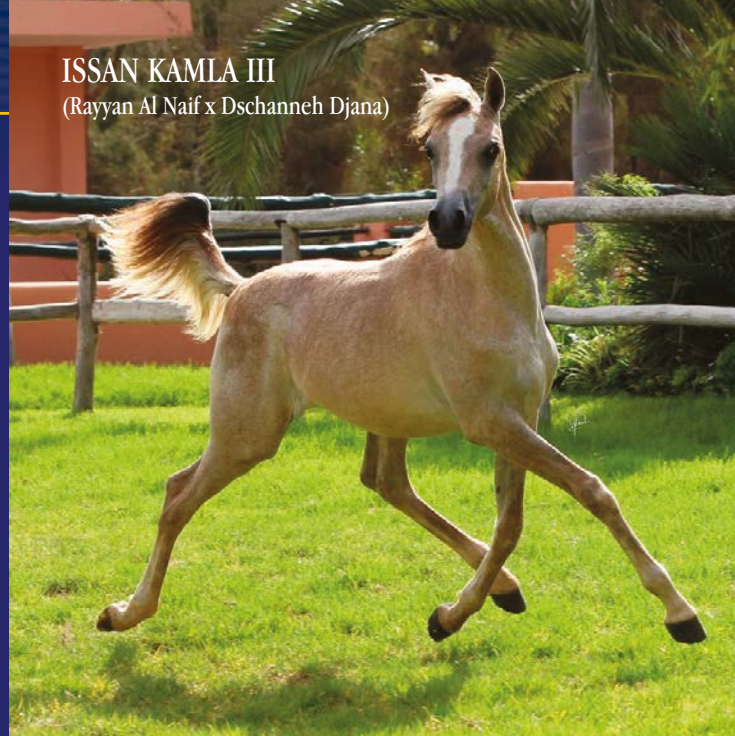
(Rafahag x Damraks Monassabah)





**RAYYAN AL NAIF**

\* 2005 (Ashhal al Rayyan x Ansata Aya Nadira by Jamil)



**ISSAN KAMLA III**

(Rayyan Al Naif x Dschanneh Djana)

**ISSAN RAYMAR**

(Rayyan Al Naif  
x Angelina KA)



**ISSAN MABROUKA**

(Ansata Haisam x FM Athenais)



**ISSAN HEJAZI**

(Issan Hejazi x Frasera Rania)



ISSAN JAWHARA  
(NK Mahir x Paminaa Al Qusar)



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