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Al Naif Stud in Qatar

WITH A PAST SO RICH IN EXCELLENCE, THE FUTURE BECOMES EASIER TO PREDICT.

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After Qatar joined the WAHO in 1989, there were only a few studs on the famous peninsula ready to carry responsibility by facilitating and promoting the renaissance and comeback of the Straight Egyptian horses of Arabia. Al Naif stud was one of these studs which contrived ways and means to invest into the future in order to make a positive contribution to horse breeding and ensure lasting success.

Sheikh Abdulla Bin Nasir Al Ahmed Al Thani laid the foundation stone for his stud in a green oasis outside of Doha in 1996. The first horses were imported from the USA and Great Britain. Added to the breeding stock of Straight Egyptian Arabians were up to 150 racehorses who had extensive training facilities built for them behind the green windbreak hedges. The farm today is managed by Mr. Essa Alajmi.

The Straight Egyptians were not at all the sidekicks, however, just on the contrary. Two colts who were selected for Qatar in Ansata Stud of the USA were to make history, not just for Al Naif Stud, but for all of the world of Straight Egyptian breeders. They were the future unbeaten Get of Sire Champion Ansata Shalim (Ansata Halim Shah x Ansata Nefertari), and Ansata Nile Echo (Ansata Hejazi x Ansata White Nile), a horse whose influence in breeding was not limited to the gulf states but much felt in Europe, as he had not only a world class pedigree, but brilliant floating movements in trot, and enchanting charisma, both of them to a degree that has every breeder dreaming.



Top: Ansata Nile Echo
Right: Ansata Shalim





In 1999, Belgian trainer and horse photographer Glenn Jacobs set foot in the stud. He tells the story with a laughing face: "It was supposed to be a one month adventure; it's almost 20 years now". He took part in re-inforcing the breeding stock basis with Ansata horses. "We purchased the Saklawi mare Ansata Mouna by Farres, Ansata Marjaneh by Ansata Halim Shah who is Dahman Shahwan, and the Hadban Enzahi beauty Ansata Bint Sinan by Ansata Sinan for our breeding program. I was integrated in the breeding strategies right from the beginning, which is why by now, the Al Naif program has become quite a personal thing for me and for sure grew into a passion. We produced national, international, world champion, and European Egyptian Event winners".

From 1999 on, the stud underwent a period of consolidation. Their ideas had taken form as real horses and mating, the foundation horses were well settled and established. The first foals arrived, with one of them, the colt Jandeh Al Naif (Ansata Shalim x Ansata Nile Gipsy), exceeding all expectations. He won multiple show titles in Qatar and throughout Europe, including several times Qatar National Champion and European Egyptian Event Champion Stallion.

The next one to arrive was Johara Al Naif (Ansata Shalim x Al Johara by Prince Fa Monier) who was to make the stud famous the world over, as her extreme beauty and elegance were awarded with the title of Junior World Champion in Paris.



*Top: Johara Al Naif
Bottom: Jandeh Al Naif*



1999 was also the year when the mare Simeon Seate was imported as a weanling, together with three more Simeon foals from Australia. Later on, as a junior filly, Simeon Seate won the title of Qatar reserve national champion, but this mare from the Hadban Enzahi strain is most renowned and appreciated for her prowess as an outstanding broodmare, one who created her own dynasty in Al Naif stud on the basis of her offspring. Simeon Seate is a daughter of Anaza Bay Shahn, one of the brilliantly bred Shaikh Al Badi sons, out of the Dahman Shahwan mare Bint Deenaa, who in her turn tailed back to the famous EAO mares Futna - Farida. Her dam Simeon Sippora is a daughter of famous Simeon Safanad, out of the foundation mare of Australia's renowned Simeon stud, 27 Ibn Galal V, who was imported from Babolna stud in Hungary.

Simeon Seate is the only horse, though, who continues this breeding at Al Naif, however she is most probably their most successful foundation mare in terms of future generations. This family produces beautiful type, good legs, great movements and excellent tail carriage. They are all consistently compact in their conformation with superb toplines. Simeon Seate is bred this year to Al Adeed Al Shaqab.

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Anaza Bay Shahh

SIMEON
Seate

Simeon Sippora

Shaikh Al Badi

Bint Deenaa

Imperial Madaar

Simeon Safanad

Morafic

Bint Maisa Al Saghira

Ansata Ibn Halima

Deenaa

Imperial Madheen

Ansata Nile Mist

Sankt Georg

27 Ibn Galal V

Here is a list of the female world-class offspring that resides at Al Naif Stud produced by Simeon Seate: her daughters Arqah and Toya, her granddaughter Kerdan Al Naif, and her great-granddaughters Al Jood Al Naif and her 2018 maternal sister by Al Adeed Al Shaqab.

- Arqah Al Naif (Ashhal Al Rayyan & Simeon Seate) is bred to Ansata Nile Echo
- Kerdan Al Naif (Ansata Sokar & Arqah Al Naif) is bred to Barraaq Al Alia
- Al Jood Al Naif (Nasser Al Rayyan & Kerdan Al Naif) is bred to Ansata Nile Echo
- 2018 filly (Al Adeed Al Shaqab & Kerdan Al Naif)
- Toya Al Naif (Al Adeed Al Shaqab & Simeon Seate) is bred to Hilal Al Nakeeb



Toya

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When writing about Seate, it's unthinkable not to write about her daughter Toya Al Naif (Al Adeed Al Shaqab x Simeon Seate), for this daughter Toya was Unanimous Champion as a junior and also at the Qatar International Egyptian Horse Show, and has won some other awards as well. At Al Naif, they don't show their horses much and definitely not as seniors, as most of the time the mares are in foal. Still, Toya Al Naif is considered a world-class Egyptian mare and the best direct representative of this family.





Arqah
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Ashhal Al Rayyan | Simeon Seate



Kerdan
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Ansata Sokar | Arqah Al Naif



Al Jood's 2018 maternal sister
by Al Adeed Al Shaqab



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Al Jood

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"Al Jood Al Naif is quite special as well and perhaps more resembles her granddam on her sire's side, who is Nadrah Al Rayyan. She is double Ashhal Al Rayyan, so I believe that explains it. She is the first offspring of Nasser Al Rayyan ever born" Glenn explains.

Nasser Al Rayyan | Kerdan Al Naif (by Ansata Sokar & Arqah Al Naif)



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It's not only strong females coming from the Seate family, as according to Glenn Jacobs, her grandson Maher Al Naif (Farres x Toya Al Naif by Al Adeed Al Shaqab) is a stallion with a lot of potential. "I believe in Maher as a significant sire because of the strong reproduction qualities of his family. He inherited a perfect conformation and good legs from all parts of his unique ancestry. I'm confident he will pass those traits to his progeny as they are really stamped into him by his pedigree for generations. He is an obvious son of his parents and you can see the best of both families in him. He has very powerful movements, with great tail carriage on top of that."



Last but not least, his dam Toya Al Naif is one of the most exotic Al Adeed daughters alive and has had great success in the show ring. She is usually everyone's favorite horse when guests visit Al Naif Stud. She always mesmerizes them with her beauty and presence.

Maher's pedigree boasts quality and offers an outcross for the majority of straight Egyptians around the world. The Straight Egyptian gene pool is getting smaller, so it's important to counteract that right from the beginning.

"We have had one filly and two colts so far by Maher out of different mare lines; they all inherited his strong conformation and express even more refinement and dished faces. His first colt born out of Sabiat Al Naif, by Sinan Al Rayyan, we are planning to keep for the future of our breeding".



Maher

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There are almost 35 Straight Egyptians who have made their homes in Al Naif stud. Most of the mares were born in the stud, representing the qualities they are looking for to breed. They produce an average of 8 foals per year and have been successful throughout the years despite this small number.

"The aim of our breeding is simple, we breed for what we like. From generation to generation we try to breed refinement and elegance, good conformation with high tail carriage and beautiful movements. Our horses should be functional and be a potential quality foundation or contribution to other breeding programs."

Many of their horses, such as Toya Al Naif, Al Jood Al Naif and Maher Al Naif among others, would doubtlessly be successful if they were presented for national and international honours, though perhaps that is for the future.





*From left to right Maher offspring out of; Sabiat Al Naif (by Sinan Al Rayyan),
Hejazia Al Naif (by Ansata Hejazi) and Jamila Al Naif (by Ansata Nile Echo)*