

*On the Cover - Words by Samantha Mattocks*

*Al Zobair Stud, located in Sharjah, is known throughout the world for its incredible mare collection. Since the inception of the stud by H.E. Sheikh Abdulla Bin Mohammed Ali Al Thani, this incredible farm has both been home to, and bred, some of the most beautiful Arabian mares that the world has seen. And joining this incredible group in 2015 was the brilliant European Champion Mare, Pistoria.*

*Bred by the Michalów State Stud in Poland, Pistoria is a mare who easily belongs at Al Zobair Stud. Her maternal granddam was the great beauty, Palestra (Penitent x Patera by Bando), one of Al Zobair Stud's foundation mares and a mare who was very special to Sheikh Abdulla. Very much a favourite of all at the farm, Palestra was an incredibly beautiful and graceful mare who provided one of the first big wins for Al Zobair Stud, taking Senior Female Championship titles in Sharjah and Ajman, as well as Reserve Senior Female Champion at the illustrious Middle Eastern Championships. While she passed away in 2015 at 29 years of age, her legacy at the farm lives on through the horses bred by Sheikh Abdulla - including Palestra's great-producing daughters Tamriya Al Zobair (by Marwan Al Shaqab by Gazal Al Shaqab out of Little Liza Fame) Mayada Al Zobair (by Besson Carol by Parys El Jamaal out of Classic Krystall) - it was felt that a further infusion of the Palestra bloodline would only benefit the farm.*

*Sold to Al Zobair Stud at the 2015 Pride of Poland Sale, Pistoria is sired by Gazal Al Shaqab (Anaza El Farid x Kajora by Kaborr), thus making her very closely related to Al Zobair Stud's homebred nine-year-old mare Shoola Al Zobair (Gazal Al Shaqab x Palestra). Pistoria's dam is the elegant multiple-champion Palmira, a mare whose titles include All Nations' Cup Champion, World Reserve Champion and, of course, Polish National Champion. Palmira is a daughter of Monogramm (Megatraz x Monogramma by Kaippel), a stallion used with great success at the Polish State Studs, and is also out of the incredible Palestra.*

*Already a champion both in Poland and across Europe, Pistoria was selected by Sheikh Abdulla and he was there in Janów Podlaski to ensure that this influential mare would come to call Al Zobair Stud home. Sold in foal to Vitorio TO (DA Valentino x Sol Natiqah by Solstice), Pistoria will no doubt be bred to Al Zobair's superstar sire, Z.M.A. Magic One (Prystadel x Majidah Bint Pacha by AS Zinans Pacha).*

*However, the focus now for Pistoria is on the bright lights of the show-ring of Abu Dhabi, as this grey beauty prepares to show for the first time for Al Zobair Stud. At both this show and the Dubai International Arabian Horse Championships in March, Pistoria will enter the ring under the guidance of Tom Schonkens. With her incredibly powerful movement, graceful elegance, extraordinary beauty and true Arabian type, she is sure to shine once more.*

*Pure Power of Pistoria.*



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