





# A LEGENDARY *Triad* THE ROYALTIES OF AL SAQRAN

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Traditionally, Bedouins named their foals according to their color, markings, beauty, temperament, courage and personality. It looks like this fate has also met the lives of three amazing Arabian individuals whose names and victories in recent years have been acclaimed in the show rings and by public audiences from all over the world. I refer here to: ES Harir (AJ Dinar by WH Justice x TF Magnums Magic by Magnum Psyche), Excalibur EA (Shanghai EA by WH Justice x Essence of Marwan by Marwan Al Shaqab) and Donna Molta Bella SRA (DA Valentino by Versace x RD Fabreanna by Falcon BHF). Three star-studded horses under the ownership of Al Saqran Stud. Al Saqran Stud is a fast-growing horse reality composed by three farms situated in three different countries - Kuwait - Dubai and the U.S.A. - all directed by one man's passion: Mr. Bessam Al Saqran. His breeding philosophy is humble and, most of all, a practical one. He doesn't believe he has a special breeding program yet, but he is trying to have one that is 'special'. One that can produce amazing foals. Bessam travels a lot to farms around the world to try to find something unique to incorporate into his program. His favorite sire line is the Padrons Psyche - this can be noted both in Excalibur EAs and ES Harir's blood pedigree - because for him it is a very prolific one. However, he prefers not use too much of the same. For instance, when it came to Donna Molta Bella, Bessam had managed to cross some old, prestigious Bey-Shah lines with some Ali Jamal ones.

At Al Saqran everything got started with the stallion AJ Dinar, the grey WH Justice son who is the foundation stallion in the barns. With him Bessam found the horse that he had always been looking for. AJ Dinar is out of the ethereal mare Deska HJE (ex Solda Deska by AF Don Giovanni) and has had numerous successes in the Gulf region, but it is as a sire that AJ Dinar has made his biggest contribution to Al Saqran with remarkable progeny of the caliber of ES Harir. Looking to E.S. Harir's damline, we find more influence from Magnum Psyche (Padrons Psyche x A Fancy Miracle) as Harir is out of TF Magnums Magic, a

Magnum Psyche daughter and she is out of Kharnation (Kharben x Pachouli) in turn, thus infusing the Padron (Patron x Odessa) blood even further, as Pachouli (ex PAJ Sildaana by Legendary Nahdaan) is a daughter from this famous line. The grey satin-draped ES Harir is a dynamic addition to the Al Saqran stables and has carried the stud's banner to incredible successes in Europe and North America. As a four-year old colt, ES Harir was already Gold Champion Senior Stallion at Strohen, Germany, and in Chantilly, France. But his crowning achievement was Gold Champion Senior Stallion at the prestigious All Nations Cup in Aachen. The toughest competition of them all then followed that of the Paris World Championships. Having scored highly in his qualifying class, ES Harir left Paris as Bronze World Champion Stallion, concluding a great year for him, and one that confirmed that he was the name to talk in the town. ES Harir has a statuesque body and his attractiveness is enhanced by his large, bright eyes and beautiful movement. He started covering mares in the Middle East and his first foals are already making their presence known in the show-ring, especially the three-year old filly SQ Rawan (ex Noor Al Qalb by El Gameer), bred and owned by Al Saqran Stud. She was second in the Ajman and Abu Dhabi shows, which demonstrates great promise for the future. ES Harir is definitely one of the most popular young stallions on the showing circuit, and with his strong sire line, is now right in the heart of his journey, both as a sire and a show horse. If ES Harir is the King of Al Saqran, the US-bred Donna Molta Bella SRA is unquestionably the Queen of the broodmare band. When she was foaled in 2012, expectations were very high for her as she was sired by the Grossman's six time National Champion, DA Valentino (Versace x DA I Love by Padrons Psyche) and out of the National Champion Mare, RD Fabreanna (Falcon BHF x GF Simply Magic by Magic Dream Cahr). However, Donna Molta Bella SRA has met and exceeded every expectation, hope and dream for her. As if a master-painter had utilized just the right amount of each precious bloodline, she has emerged as a masterpiece

## **ES HARIR**

### **DUBAI**

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2016

### **PARIS**

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

### **CHANTILLY**

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

### **STRÖHEN**

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

### **MENTON**

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

### **AACHEN**

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

## **DONNA MOLTA BELLA**

### **DUBAI**

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2016

### **PARIS**

BRONZE CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

### **CHANTILLY**

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### **AACHEN**

GOLD CHAMPION SENIOR STALLIONS 2015

## **EXCALIBUR EA**

### **VERONA**

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION STALLION 2017

### **AACHEN**

GOLD MEDAL CHAMPION STALLION 2017

### **DUBAI**

CHAMPION 2017

### **ABU DHABI**

CHAMPION 2017

### **WORLD CHAMPION**

### **TRIPLE CROWN WINNER**



of Alsaqran Stud. She is one of those truly rare mares that equates to greater than the sum of her parents. In Donna Molta Bella all the finest elements of every line of her pedigree are represented in a harmonious blend that could be the most powerful source of perfection the world has yet seen.



After all, she boasts an impressive show record: 2013 Region 14 Unanimous Champion Yearling Filly, 2014 US National Champion Junior Filly; 2014 Supreme Champion Filly Arabian Breeders World Cup Las Vegas; 2014 World



Championship Junior Filly Paris under the lead of David Boggs; while in 2016 she started the show season with her Unanimous Gold Champion Mare title at International Arabian Horse Festival Sharjah UAE; Gold Champion Mare at International Arabian Horse Championship Abu Dhabi; Gold Champion Mare at Dubai International Arabian Horse Championship UAE. Globally admired, Donna Molta Bella's appeal went up another gear at the Paris World Championship as she was crowned World Champion Mare and Best Movement Female with Paolo Capecci. Among his horses in the stables, Bessam Al Saqran has no favorites. As I said, he is most of all a man of passion. Just like a father who is not able to give preferential treatment to any of his children, so is Bassam with his horses. He loves them all with the same intensity, but, time has come for Mr. Bessam to make new projects with the snow white Excalibur EA (Shanghai EA by WH Justice x Essence Of Marwan) that he purchased from Princess Laetitia d'Arenberg of Las Rosas Arabians, in Uruguay, in 2017 and is now under his ownership. This horse is an extraordinary rare specimen. While his type and charisma are clearly marks of WH Justice's influence, his mother Essence of Marwan has given Excalibur EA his athletic body, his almost perfect legs and a really unique movement, making of him a well balanced and solid horse. Essence of Marwan is a chestnut daughter of the legendary Marwan Al Shaqab out of Elizja by Esta-Ghalil, infusing the pedigree with Polish, Spanish and Egyptian lines influence. Few horses like Excalibur EA have achieved the title of European Triple

Crown Champion as he did in 2014 with Tom Shouckens; later winning the 2017 Aachen Championship in the magical hands of Paolo Capecci, and the European Championship at Verona 2017 where he was crowned Gold Champion - Senior Stallions Championship (Class 18), always under the lead of Paolo Capecci; and Gold Champion at Dubai 2017 - Stallions Championship (Class 20). So far Excalibur EA has also proved to be a great sire by producing excellent progenies, in particular: LR Era de Excalibur out of Expected Beauty, World Gold Champion Filly at the All Nations Cup 2017 in Aachen; the three years old colt Exxalt out of Vesperra, the latter a grand-daughter of Gazal Al Shaqab; last but not the least, Alexanderr (out of AR Most Irresistible by ML Mostly Padron) one of the hottest young colts on the showing circuit. He was Gold Medal Champion Junior Colt at the Paris World Championship 2017.

For the time being, Al Saqran stud has fully entrusted his horses to the Team on Capecci Training Center under the supervision of Paolo and Susy Capecci, with Giampaolo Gubbiotti as their main promoter. Mr. Bessam has already very much proved his worth in the breeding process and to have a smart eye when it comes to horses. His love and enthusiasm for the Arabian breed is simply 'contagious'. There is really little doubt that under his supervision, Excalibur EA is going to be a crucial turning point in the development of Al Saqran breeding program with many surprises in the barns in the years to come.

