

GR MARVEL

MODERN TYPE WITH RUSSIAN POWER

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In 2011, Gianfranco Bloisi from Italy purchased a young stallion from the United States. His name is GR Marvel. GR Marvel was bred in 2006 by Golden Ridge farms in the USA. A chestnut colt with a beautiful face and impeccable movements! A result of his phenomenal sire Marwan al Shaqab and his powerhouse dam LC Ferrarita by Padrons Psyche. In 2011, Marvel was shown at the prestigious arabian horse show in Scottsdale, Arizona where he was named Champion stallion as well as Top ten international breeders classic stallions. In

2012 he was selected as a signature stallion in Scottsdale, while his breedings and offspring were starting to sell world wide. He caught the eye of Simone Leo who introduced him to his client Gianfranco Bloisi from Rome. Seeing the beautiful type of the stallion combined with the incredible movement, Gianfranco knew that this was the right stallion for him to bring to Europe. Marvel arrived in Europe in 2012. Immediately there was a huge interest in him. He was presented at a stallion presentation in The Netherlands where he acquired his first group of fans. Af-



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terwards he made his trip to Italy, what would become his homeland. Many people got charmed by this magnificent big chestnut stallion. He was the answer to many. His long legs and perfect body with extra long neck given to him by Marwan al Shaqab. And the beautiful dishy face and powerful movement given by his grandfather Padrons Psyche. But above all, Marvel also has a very sweet disposition and with his long mane and tail, he already captured the hearts of many horse lovers.

Marvel is that kind of horse that catches the eye immediately and stays in mind forever. Although already some foals were born in the USA and the UAE, the first European foals were born in the beginning of 2013. Although the expectation of the foals were high, Marvel managed to exceed them by producing ultra refined foals, with upright necks, beautiful faces and incredible movement. His first European born foal was ASE Mijas (x Amal-Chariklia) – followed by many more exotic foals like Vincent Night (x PG Charlotte), Bellinda Night (x Habiba Ray), Betty B night (x Magic Monella) and many more. The first foals of Marvel are expected in the showing next year!

For the upcoming breedingseason, GR Marvel is leased out to Sarah Mets of Joarah Arabians in Belgium. Joarah Arabians has already been into Arabian horse since many years, though

starting from this year, they have expended with many quality horses, including the two lease stallions GR Marvel en Don Angelo SL (Hassan Ashiraf x Mata Hari HY). GR Marvel will be stabled at the new training facility of of Sylvester de Meulmeester and Romy van Dam. This training center is located in Belgium and has all the facilities to host a great stallion like GR Marvel. The training center counts twenty-four spacious stables that can be expanded to thirty-four, great outdoor facilities, large pastures and a fully equiped breeding station just a few minutes from the farm.

GR Marvel will stand at stud for mares worldwide through fresh and frozen semen. Furthermore, GR Marvel will hit the showscene with Sylvester de Meulmeester.

With many sons of Marwan al Shaqab around, GR Marvel has just that little extra which makes him stand out from the crowd. It is not only his extreme pretty face which makes him unique or his incredible movement. It is the total package he offers and together with his strong damline he makes a very interesting breeding stallion of which we will hear much more about in the nearest future! □





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