

Nile Breeding and Performance Report 2017

It was one of the years where Nile Arabian was able to put mile stones in breed and in sport. Miss Spirit's win in the Oaks was the first classic race we could win. The two half-brothers Nil Ashal and Nil Aziz achieved in St. Moritz and Rome 4 black type results: 1 win, 1 2nd and 2 3rd places on Listed level. Their dam, Nil Abiat, proved again to be our best broodmare at the moment. She gave birth to another colt, her fourth foal, a son of Damis. Last year's Swiss champion Arab race mare and Listed winner Nil Kamla ended her racing career and changed into a broodmare.

Beside our sportive and breeding activities we are watching out in the future: under the title "at the pulse of the Arabian horse" we will inform about the tremendous changes in the breeding and the marketing of the Arab horse.

We would like to thank all our team and our partners. Their engagement means a lot for us and they have a big portion on the success of our stud.

Nile facts and figures 2017:

- **MISS SPIRIT** – Oaks winner and best stayer mare in Switzerland 2017
- **NIL AZIZ** – Swiss Champion Arab race horse 2017 and Listed winner in St. Moritz
- **NIL ASHAL** – richest Arab race horse of Switzerland with life earnings of CHF 89'500.-. 9-times winner at the track
- **NIL KHAZNAH**, 19-yrs. old endurance mare honored in Germany thanks to her life performance of 7'500 racing kilometers.
- **STATISTICS 2017; own and owner's horses:** 29 races in Switzerland, France and Italy: **5 wins**, 16 places, 3 second, 3 third places; 72% of the runners placed.



Franziska & Urs Aeschbacher of Nile Arabians with NIL ASHAL (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) and jockey Tim Bürgin at the winner ceremony for the Wathba Stallions Cup 2017 in Avenches. It was NIL ASHAL's 9th win. The 9-yrs. old stallion is the most successful Arab race horse in Switzerland not only in wins but also in money earned.

Breeding

NIL ABIAT, after 2016 also in 2017 our best brood mare

All success starts with a good quality brood mare. **Nil Abiat**, 2001, (Darike x Kadjouna de Nerak v. Djourman), a representative of our A-line who traces back to the old French dam line of grey Zenab. The original Arab Zenab belongs to the tribe of El-Hamdaniéh and has been imported from the desert to France in 1880. This dam line belongs to the best ones worldwide.



NIL ABIAT, 2001 (Nil Bedouin x Kadjouna de Nerak), here as a 2-yrs. old on the stud farm in Brenles. Although young, she has got a lot of expression, harmony, short back with long shoulder and croup – a precondition for a future brood mare. Up to now, two of their three sons in racing age, **Nil Ashal and Nil Aziz**, are Black Type and have been racing internationally with a total earning of CHF 125'240.-. Photo Nile Arabians

Nil Abiat, who was placed once out of two starts as a 4-yrs. old has given birth so far to four colts. Her two first foals, **Nil Ashal** by **Nil Bedouin** and **Nil Aziz** by **Dahess** are active Black Type race horses. Her third foal, Nil Asfour by Burning Sand has been sold unraced at the age of 4 years as a riding horse.

2017, **Nil Abiat's** fourth colt has been born. He is by **Damis** (Amer x Kaicha). **Damis** is a son of the great Saudi Arabian stallion **Amer** out of the French bred **Djelfor** daughter **Kaicha**. The producing quality of **Damis** is still not known as his first crop are the foals 2017. Born in England, **Damis** himself was a very hard and successful race horses who competed in 31 races between 2009 and 2013. He won 10 races, two times a group I and two times a group 2.



NIL ADAMIS, 2017, (Damis x Nil Abiat) at the age of two weeks. High legged and strong colt with a short back and good conformation. Photo Nile Arabians

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NIL ASHAL, 2008,
(Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) is the first foal of Nil Abiat. A strong and elegant foal with good leverage in shoulder/upper arm and croup/lower leg. Photo Nile Arabians



NIL AZIZ, 2012,
(Dahess x Nil Abiat)

Second foal of Nil Abiat. Strong colt with lots of substance and a masculine expression. Photo Nile Arabians

2017 filly NIL FARAH DIBA, an interesting outcross on our A-line

Out of Nil Anablue, a half-sister to Nil Abiat, by the UAE bred stallion **AF Albahar** (Amer x Al Hanouf) is the 2017 born filly **Nil Farah Diba**. **AF Albahar** was born in 2004 and has purely Saudi Arabian blood lines by his sire **Amer** and his dam **Al Hanouf**. Bred to **Nil Anablue** out of our French A-line, **Nil Farah Diba** represents a classical breeding outcross.



NIL FARAH DIBA, 2017, (AF Albahar x Nil Anablue). High legged, elegant filly, short back, large in shoulder and breast. **Nil Farah Diba** is a half-sister to **Nil Alamoona, 2012** (Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue), a Listed horse.

The Original Arab **AF Albahar** produces in a superior manner and belongs with his first crop in 2011 already to the leading sires with group winners in Qatar, Dubai and France. **AF Albahar** has two brothers: 2000 born **Hateen** by **Bengali d'Albret** and 2003 born **AF Al Buraq** by **Amer**. Both of them are successful producers: **Hateen** in Qatar and **AF Al Buraq** in the UAE. **AF Al Buraq** was the leading sire in the racing season 2016/17 out of 142 stallions. His crop had a win percentage of 14% of all starts and a win sum of US\$ 612'000.



AF ALBAHAR, 2004,
(Amer x Al Hanouf)

Original Arab stallion out of Saudi Arabian blood lines. Although deficient in his legs and unproven on the track, he is a superior producer.

*He is the sire of group 1 winner **AF Almathmoon** (Dubai Kahayla Classic, Gr.1 PA), **Alsaker** (French Derby winner, Gr.1 PA) and **Bint Jakkarta** (Al Rayyan Cup, Gr.1 PA)*



AF Al Buraq, 2003,
(Amer x Al Hanouf)

*Full brother to **AF Albahar** and leading sire racing season 2016/17 in the UAE based on the earnings of his crop.*

This stallion will be standing 2018 in France for Shadwell Stud of HH Sheikh Hamdan Al Maktoum.

NIL KAMLA moves from the racing stable to the stud farm

The 2011 born **Dahess** daughter **Nil Kamla** out of our Tunesian K-line finished her racing career after a bad incident in the starting gate in the Listed race in St. Moritz in February 2017 (the gate opened too late). In 2016 she was winning the **HH SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN LISTED CUP** as well as the **HH SHEIKHA FATIMA BINT MUBARAK LADIES WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP** in St. Moritz. Out of 13 international races she has only been unplaced once and she was the **Champion Arab race horse** of Switzerland in 2016.



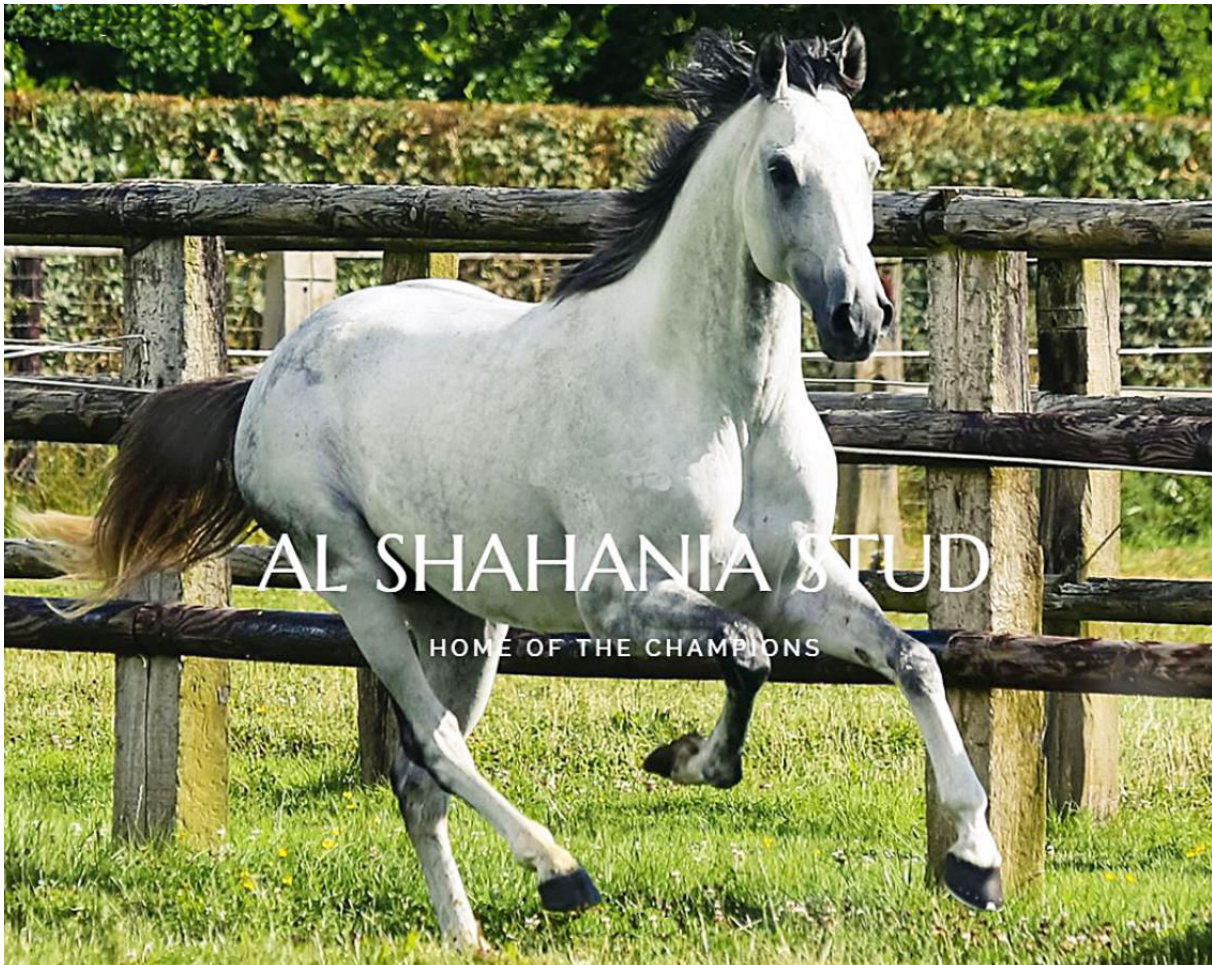
NIL KAMLA, 2011, (Dahess x Kahloucha) here as a 3-yrs. old in race training. She finished her racing career with a respectable record:

- **Champion race horse 2016**
- **SZAP race performance test approved 2014 and 2015 and Black Type mare**
- **Listed winner HH SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN LISTED CUP**
- **13 international starts, 2 wins, 10 places**
- **Half-sister to the Champion race horses and endurance horses **KAHRMA** (Dormane x Kahloucha) and **NIL KARAZI** (Dormane x Kahloucha) Photo Nile Arabians**

In 2017 we bred her to the Qatar bred stallion **Assy** (Amer x Margouia).

Assy is unproven in breeding, his first crop will be the 2018 foals. Based on his race record and on his excellent pedigree lots of hope is put in that young stallion. His former jockey and assistant trainer of Al Shahania Stud describes him as follows:

“Assy is a very powerful all round horse. I have never ridden an Arabian horse that can push from behind and reaches out for the next ground to come, Assy through his lungs and muscles can produce stamina and lots of speed, he has the heart of a racehorse and in two words is a War Horse.”



***ASSY**, 2009 (Amer x Margouia), born in Qatar, was a extraordinary race horse with stamina and speed. Out of his 11 starts he won 9 races including the H.H. The Emir's Sword (**Gr.1 PA**) in 2014 and the H.H. The Emir's Trophy (**Gr.1 PA**). Assy is a big horse with lots of substance and a good type.*

Racing

In this past season Franziska has trained 8 horses; 5 Arabs and 3 Thoroughbreds. Out of 29 starts in Switzerland, France and Italy we are happy that our horses did get **5 wins** and **16 places**, thereof 3 second and 3 third places. A **win quota of 17%** and **72% placed starts** is the result of our statistic 2017.

Our thoroughbred **mare Miss Spirit** did win the Oaks at IENA in Avenches, it was the first classic win of our stable. The two Arab racers and half-brothers **Nil Aziz** and **Nil Ashal** did achieve not less than 4 Black Type results on Listed level in St. Moritz and Roma, whereof one win in the **H.H. Sheikh Zayed Listed Cup** in St. Moritz on snow and three Listed places of **Nil Ashal**, **Nil Alamoona** and **Nil Kamla**.

This has been one of our best seasons so far and we would not miss to thank all our stable staff, farrier and other team members.

Miss Spirit, Oaks winner and best stayer mare in Switzerland

Also in her fourth racing season, the 5-yrs. old mare **Miss Spirit** did prove her class again. In 2017 she did win twice and has been placed four times out of seven starts.



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MISS SPIRIT, 2012 (Spirit One x Miss Lloyds) and Vaclav Janacek winning the Oaks in Avenches 2017.



MISS SPIRIT 2012 as a weanling in France when we bought her.

Good body and top line, harmonic and well-balanced filly with a nice neck and a correct shoulder.

Photo Scarlett Schär

RIVER finishes a long and successful racing career in full health

The 8-yrs. old gelding **River** finished his career after seven years in the racing stable. He has never known any health problem and did compete in 34 races whereof he did win four times and had been placed 16 times. His earnings are CHF 30'300. Owned by Therese Reusser and Urs Aeschbacher, he ran under the colours of Stall Golden Arabians. During summer 2017 we schooled him in dressage, over cross country jumps and used him as a leader for the young race horses. He got an excellent new place as a riding horse with a good rider and enjoys his days together with another horse and a few goats in a calm environment and free access to the paddock. His new owner is very happy with his behavior and his riding qualities.



RIVER, 2009 (Della Francesca x River Sans Retour) here as a 3-yrs. old when winning for the first time in Aarau. From left: owner Therese Reusser, jockey Stéphane Laurent, owner Urs Aeschbacher and trainer Franziska Aeschbacher. Photo Scarlett Schär



River with his new friend, a goat. They share food and water bucket and seem to have a great understanding.

NIL AZIZ, Champion Arab race horse 2017

The 5-yrs. old colt **Nil Aziz** was our most successful race horse in 2017. The late son of **Dahess** out of **Nil Abiat** was unplaced as a 3-yrs. old, did win a first small race in Germany in 2016, showed a good performance in the Wathba Stallion Cup 2016 and finally improved a lot as a 5-yrs. old in 2017: Winner of **H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup** against group horses and **another win** one month later in Italy against the best Italian horses. In May and in June he confirmed his performance on **Listed** level when finishing **2nd** and **3rd** in Rome.

With his win, a second and a third place on Listed level he achieved three Black Type results over different distances of 1'600m, 1'900m and 2'000m. Trainer Franziska Aeschbacher points out not only the good pedigree and conformation of Nil Aziz but especially his excellent mental qualities: "At home he is rather a lazy horse and does not look superior to his training mates. On race days, he is the most happy and motivated horse you can imagine who is keen on racing and loves competing. He is an excellent traveler, loves to see new stables and is always eating and drinking like at home".



NIL AZIZ, 2012 (Dahess x Nil Abiat), Champion Arab race horse 2017 in Switzerland, followed by his half-brother Nil Ashal, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat). A compact, strong horse with long shoulder. The excellent eye and relaxed expression indicate his outstanding character. Photo Nile Arabians

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NIL AZIZ with jockey Vaclav Janacek going to the winning ceremony of the **HH Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup** in St. Moritz. The Black Type colt has up to now 11 races with a record of 3 wins, 6 places and earnings of CHF 31'573.-.

NIL ASHAL - full of class

The most successful Arab race horse in Switzerland is still the 9-years old **Nil Ashal**. He did his 6th racing season in a row and is the record holder.

9 wins and a life earning of about CHF 90'000 make him the richest and the most winning Arab horse of Switzerland. The 1:44,71 on turf over the mile in Avenches run in 2013 is still the track record. He was the race **Champion** of Switzerland from 2012, 2013 and 2014. Only his sire, **Nil Bedouin**, has won this title more often, he did win it four times from 2003 to 2006.

In 2017, **Nil Ashal** did his third Black Type result when finishing third, straight behind his half-brother Nil Aziz, in the **Dubai International Arabian Stakes**, a Listed race in Rome. In September he was dominating the Wathba Stallion Cup, beating the French runner **Hazeme** owned by HH Sheikh Mansour Bin Zayed Al Nahyan who finished 2nd, followed by **Nil Alamoona** on 3rd and **Nil Aziz** on 4th place.

Another top performance **Nil Ashal** was the 2nd place in the Moutai Cup in Pisa mid November where he was beaten by a French group 1 horse by only 2 ¾ lengths but carrying 7.5kg more than the winner.



NIL ASHAL, 2008 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) with his trainer Franziska Aeschbacher. Nil Ashal is one of the best horses we have bred in the last 40 years. He is even more particular for us as we did not only breed Nil Ashal but also his sire Nil Bedouin as well as his dam Nil Abiat. Photo Nile Arabians

NIL ALAMOON proves her constancy in her third racing season

Although slightly in the shadow of her two training mates **Nil Ashal** and **Nil Aziz**, the 5-yr. old daughter of **Nil Bedouin** is racing regularly on a solid level since the age of three. In 2017 she realized her best results so far, finishing 5th in the **H.H. Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan Listed Cup** on snow in St. Moritz behind the winner **Nil Aziz** and 4th-placed **Nil Ashal**. In September she finished 3rd in the Wathba Stallion Cup on turf in Avenches and closed her season with a good 5th place in the Moutai Cup in Pisa against solid international concurrence. Thanks to these results this beautiful mare is qualified for the SZAP race performance test.



NIL ALAMOON, 2012 (Nil Bedouin x Nil Anablue) out of our A-line. Her record stands at 10 races whereof she had been placed six times, including places in Listed races. **Nil Alamoona** is the first out of three foals of the **Munjiz** daughter **Nil Anablue**.

NIL KHAZNAH, an exceptional endurance mare and broodmare is still active with 19 years

Nil Khaznah incorporates the legendary hardness, type and vitality of the pure bred Arabian horse which make it different from any other breed. **Nil Khaznah** (Kubinec x Nil Nouza b. Gips) has been celebrating her 19th birthday in spring 2017 - an age that does not prevent her from participating in 9 endurance races in Germany and being placed 4th in the Arab Endurance Trophy in Germany with a total of 7'494 racing kilometers.

2010 she was winning the Araber Trophy, in 2009 she finished 5th and in 2011 on 2nd place. Her dam **Nil Nouza** is an Elite mare in Switzerland; **Nil Khaznah** herself is a Premium mare in Germany with a total of 7'494 endurance race kilometers. Thanks to her life performance she has been honored in 2017 by the German endurance- and driver association.

Two years ago, with 17 years, she gave birth to her first foal, a colt by **Ajman Moniscione**. Even then she continued her endurance career and did a total of 300 race kilometers which brought her the 11th place in the Araber Trophy Germany in 2015.

After she had grown up on our stud farm, we schooled her in riding before we sold her. We still remember that she already then showed a lovely character, attached to the people but breaking her in had been quite a challenging task because of her strong will and her never ending energy. This is probably one of the reasons why this special mare could perform in such an outstanding way.



NIL KHAZNAH, 1998 (Kubinec x Nil Nouza) out of our N-line, here with her owner Ina Baader

- **Life performance 7'493 competition race kilometers**
- **Golden award**, stock show Fehraltdorf 1999 (yearling)
- **Class winner 3-yrs. mares and golden award**, stock show 2001
- **Class winner**, sport horses class int. show Kaub (GER), 2009
- **Premium mare** Germany 2009
- **2nd place**, Liberty class, int. show Kaub (GER), 2009
- **6-times winner in Endurance**
- **5th place Arabian Worldwide Trophy**, 2009 (Endurance)
- **1st place Arabian Worldwide Trophy**, 2010 (Endurance)
- **2nd place Arabians Trophy**, 2011 (Endurance)
- **Dam of CZ Khalisha**, 2015 by Ajman Moniscione
- **4th place Arabians Trophy**, 2017 (Endurance)



CZ KHALISHA, 2015, (Ajman Moniscione x Nil Khaznah) is **Nil Khaznah's** first and only foal which she had born as a 17-yrs old.

Photo Andrea Ehret

Keep up with the times – a foresight concerning the Arabian horse

The rapid change in our society, technological developments and digitization do not ignore the world of the Arabian horse. Breeding and marketing Arabian horses is developing in quantum jumps and is living a distinctive transition. Whether these developments are positive or negative, we leave it open but it is a fact that huge changes happen.

Where is the breed going to?

Already 20 years ago, breeding Arabian horses seemed to be a complex and variegated matter. As a matter of fact, it had been quite simple: Essential in the selection had been the criteria beauty and a correct exterior. Some breeding strategies have made a difference in Egyptian, Polish, Russian etc. blood lines. A breeding focus onto the future use of the horse had been mainly inexistent, did we all - admittedly rather naïve - believe that the pure bred Arabian horse would be an all-rounder who is capable to win in the show ring, on the race track, in endurance and of course also in dressage, show-jumping and western competitions; the perfect horse which is superior and able to do everything. In a sort of academical kind of discussions breeders have tried to find out whether an Egyptian Arab horse would be more pure than a Polish or a Russian one. Filling specialized magazines and internet fora a few years ago, only a minority of people is interested in these matters nowadays. The last discussions relating to the "pureness" of an Arab breed were led with the regard to the French Arab lines.

Trend 1: Genetical diversification in the Arabian race horse breed

Even if there are still discussions regarding the French Arab breed, these discussions are without any meaning because of the fact that the trend in breeding Arab race horses goes clearly away from the „pure French“ Arab horse. Most of the top race horses today are a mix out of French, Tunisian, Saudi Arabian, American and Russian/Polish performance blood lines. Only very rarely the straight French bred horses will be found at the top of a scoring list. There is a clear trend to genetical diversification with a breeding focus on the best performance blood lines of the different breeding programs.



GENERAL, 2005 (Amer x Hanoof by Manganate). One of the best race horses in the last years with four Group 1 wins, whereof two times winner of the Qatar Arabian World Cup at the Arc De Triomphe meeting in Paris, total life earning over 1 million Euros. His pedigree reflects the trend to genetical diversification in the Arab race horse breed: 50% Saudi Arabian blood trough his sire **Amer** (Wafi x Bushra), 25% French blood to the sire of his dam **Manganate** (Saint Laurent x Mandragore) and 25% Russian blood through his grandmother **Pesennaia** (Navtalin x Pesnia)

Trend 2: A global type in the Arabian show horse breed

Attending a show 20 years ago, it was immediately apparent whether the presented horse came out of Egyptian, Russian Polish, Spanish etc. blood lines. Today this country-specific type difference is hardly recognizable and there is clear trend to a global show type. We can see this uniform type winning the big shows in Europe, USA and in Europe or the Middle East. Thanks to the new reproduction technologies such as frozen semen and embryo transfer natural geographical borders and characteristics have been partly removed. On top of that there is the vision of the breeder and his desire to integrate the best of every breeding program in his breed. A show horse should unify the type of an Egyptian, the movements of a Russian and the substance and correctness of a Polish horse. I dear a future prospect: if the judges cannot make enough difference between the horses in the ring because of their universal type and appearance, more characteristics and features for differentiating have to be bred which concrete means that some characteristics such as type or showy behavior will get more extreme or pronounced. Other characteristics such as walk, gallop or legs, which are not of eternal importance to a show horse, could be neglected in the breed.



EXCALIBUR EA, 2011
(Shanghai EA x Essence Of Marwan EA by Marwan Al Shaqab)

Multiple Champion und Triple Crown winner in the show-ring.

This stallion represents the global show type. His phenotype does not reveal one of the traditional, country-specific breeding programs. His pedigree unifies in balance Egyptian, Spanish, Polish, Russian and Crabbet bloodlines.

Trend 3: Away from the all-rounder, going for the specialist

It is a fact that no show horse is able to win a race and that no race horse would have a glance of a chance in a show ring. The trend to specialization has just started and is far from being at its end. In the endurance breed today in its beginning there will be a specialized breed with the characteristics needed for endurance and certainly being different to those of the breed of race- and show horses. A specialization is not negative; it is interesting that there is a growing demand again in Arabian riding horses. These buyers are not looking for horses out of show lines but they are consciously looking for an Arab out of performance blood lines which more often fulfil their requirements in spirit, character, riding skills, frame and movements. A growing number of gentlemen-riders do disclaim the popular type presented on shows and often feel it to be unnatural of even abusive breed. The conclusion: the gentlemen-rider is looking for a „normal Arabian horse“. This sounds simple but may challenge a breeder as he will be obliged by the market to think about his breeding criteria such as health, serenity, riding ability and functional correctness – criteria which have not been on top of the list for many breeders in the last generations.



NIL MAJEED, 2013 (Majd Al Arab x Nil Incipit).

A „normal Arabian horse”. Out of race blood lines, more than one year in race training and today a relaxed, calm horse of a gentlemen-rider.

Unfortunately this is not a matter of course but the riders are asking for this kind of horses. This represents a chance for every breeder to help that the Arabian horse will meet again to his original reputation.

Where is the market going to?

Trend 1: From a real to a virtual market

The digitization in our society also leaves its traces in the market of the pure bred Arabian horse. Reality and virtuality are smelting. „Virtuality is the characteristic of a thing not to be existing in the form it seems to do but to resemble to it in its being or in its effect”.

The real pure bred Arabian horse is getting more and more boring to many buyers. Looking at the real horse, they can exactly see what they buy and do know therefore most often its limits.

A new benchmark has been set with the show horses at the All Nations Cup in Aachen. As in a cyber world, virtual dreams and illusions have been generated and sold for real money. Top seller of the sale has not been a horse, but a future embryo out of the mare **Donna Molta Bella SRA** by FA El Rasheem (Lot 15.) This future embryo has been sold for € 230'000.-. Out of ten sales at this auction have been 5 “breedings” for unborn foals or embryos. The success of this sale confirmed the promoter to be right. The real horses which have been sold to a correct price have all been young, unknown, very good quality horses. Offering these horses, not a lot of reality but lots of hope and dreams can be sold.

In the Thoroughbred breed this trend can be seen since a while. Yearling sales are the richest ones throughout the world. In 2017, on day one at the Arqana Sales in Deauville, the average price out of 82 horses offered and 70 horses sold reached € 256,091.-. Also here 95% is invested in virtual hope. By the end of the days, the statistics show that probably only a good hand full of these horses have succeeded.



Donna Molta Bella SRA, (DA Valentino x RD Fabrenna)

2016 Gold World Champion Mare has not any progeny up to now. Anyway, a right to an embryo by the stallion FA El Rasheem has been sold for the top price € 256'000.-.

Virtuality stands before reality in today's world and an unlimited number of wishes and visions can be projected into the virtuality of an embryo.



Lot 330, Top price at the Goffs Ireland Thoroughbred Yearling Sale 2017 with € 1'600'000.

Unnamed yearling by Frankel out of Balesta. The hope motivated the buyer to spend a huge amount on this horse. However, no-one knows whether this beautiful yearling will ever win a race.

Trend 2: Future markets: middle east out – far east in

Europe and the United States of America are suffering since years of a surplus supply while frequenting a constant demand for pure bred Arabian horses. Demand for show horses is

retrograding; the sport and riding horses stay on a low price level. Only the top show-, endurance- and race horses, about 2 – 5% of the population, achieve top prizes on an international market.

The market in the Middle East (UAE, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and Kuwait) is retrograding. There are various reasons for: buyers of these countries have invested during the last two decades in top quality horses for show, racing and endurance, horses who have been dominating their discipline. In the meantime these horses are used for breeding in the Middle East where they are producing superior quality. On top of that the breeders in these countries have invested big amounts in know-how and infrastructure and are now able, even facing climate difficulties, to breed top quality horses. Most of them have built up stud farms in Europe and in the USA where they can compensate the climate disadvantages of the Arabic countries.

With the organization of horse sales in Qatar and the UAE, buyers have regularly an opportunity for buying horses of an equal quality as offered in Europe and the USA. There is no more need to travel around the world.

Another reason for the stagnating markets is the more frequent use of modern reproduction technologies such as embryo transfer and artificial insemination with fresh or frozen semen. Especially embryo transfer targets the high end market as this costly method is used mainly on the top horses. In thoroughbred breeding where neither artificial insemination nor embryo transfer is allowed a positive influence on the market can be determined. Whether the use of embryo transfer technology is wise from a biological point of view is worth a discussion. After many years of experience, some of the big and renowned studs are thinking of stopping using embryo transfer because it did not bring the success they hoped.



*A visit from China at our stud farm in Brenles. From left Mr. **Tai Ji Sun**, vice-president of the China Arabian Horse Breeding Association and Arabian horse owner in China, **Franziska Aeschbacher** from Nile Arabians and **Nelly Philippot**, Arabian horse breeder from Belgium.*

*On his trip to Europe Mr. **Tai Ji Sun** visited several Arabians horse farms and training center to learn about Arabians show and sport horses in Europe.*

China has founded an Arabian horse breeding association and submitted their first stud-book to WAHO. Still today quite a big number of pure bred Arabians are leaving each month Europe to be imported by new owner in China. Although the market in China is still very small but the size of the country and the population offers a tremendous potential for the future. Demand is increasing each year and we are looking forward to the next big wave in the Arabian horse industry in Far East during the next year.

Franziska & Urs Aeschbacher
Nile Arabians

Quality breeds Quality – since 1975

Sire NIL BEDOUIN – available at the Swiss National State Stud in Avenches in 2018

- **Leading sire** Swiss race statistic 2012-2015
- **Highest categorized stallion in Switzerland** (B/A/A/-)
- **Multiple race champion**
- **Top class producer with winning progeny**
- **SCID and CA free**



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