ALIBABA DU NIL wins his first race out in Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi 29th October 2026

The 4 years old pure bred Arabian horse ALIBABA DU NIL made big impression in the AL MAQAM CLASSIC race, a maiden for 4 yrs over the distance of 2'200m. In the colors of YAS Racing (HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan) and ridden by the French jockey Jules Mobian, he has dominated his concurrence by 8 lengths.



Photo: ALIBABA DU NIL, winner of the AL MAQAM CLASSIC in Abu Dhabi with his jockey Jules Mobian, wearing the silks of YAS Racing

Coming out of gate 13 of 14 runners, **ALIBABA DU NIL** (Mister Ginoux x Nil Farah Diba by AF Albahar) was well hidden by **Jules Mobian** and travelled third to last during the first 1400m. He then started a constant progression, doubled a big part of the field in the last bend, entered the straight line as third horse, showed a nice turn of foot to finish easily by 8 lengths in front of the 2nd placed horse.

We congratulate the owner **YAS Racing**, the trainer **Eric Lemartinel** and the jockey **Jules Mobian** for that pleasant success.

ALIBABA DU NIL is born and raised by us at **HARAS DU NIL**. We started breaking him when he was 2 ½, took him into pre-training and trained him that for his future as a race horse. Already early in his formation he showed talent and a certain class. That was the reason why we entered him for his first race out as a 3 yrs old on **Group III** level in Toulouse and he did fulfill our expectations: In the **Prix Mushrae (Group III PA),** over the distance de 1'600m, he finished 3ème in his first race, fighting for the win.

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Photo: ALIBABA DU NIL in the presentation ring in Abu Dhabi

One week after his good debut, we decided to accept the offer of **YAS Racing** and to sell **ALIBABA DU NIL** in the stables of **HH Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan**. **ALIBABA DU NIL** joined then the stables of French trainer **Xavier Thomas Demeaulte** in Mont-de-Marsan, where he did a solid season start 2026 with a 4th place in Toulouse over the distance of 2'100m.
After this race, **YAS Racing** has decided to move the 4yrs gelding to Abu Dhabi and to entrust this highly appreciated horse to trainer **Eric Lemartinel**. This trainer has prepared him carefully for the racing season 2026/2027 in the United Arab Emirates.



Photo: Winner ceremony with the entourage of ALIBABA DU NIL, from left to right : jockey Jules Mobian, UAE Racing Manager de YAS Racing Claude Piccioni, trainer Eric Lemartinel and the official representative of the Abu Dhabi Turf Club

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ALIBABA DU NIL represents the fourth generation of our A line (**ZENAB**). This is the same dame line as that one of **ROMEO AT** (2022), the best 4yrs pure bred Arabian race horse this year in Europe, he did win the English Derby and finished 2nd in the French Derby. **ALIBABA DU NIL** is the first foal of **NIL FARAH DIBA** (AF Albahar x Nil Anablue by Munjiz). His grand-mother **NIL ANABLUE** is a half-sister to **NIL ABIAT** (Darike x Kadjouna de Nerak by Djourman), who produced 3 winners, whereas the Black Types **NIL AZIZ** by **DAHESS** and **NIL ASHAL** by **NIL BEDOUIN**. Her last foal is the filly **ASHALEEA DU NIL**, born 2022, who realized so far 9 places in 12 races in France and Belgium.

As breeder of **ALIBABA DU NIL** we wish **YAS Racing** good luck and lots of success for the future race career of **ALIBABA DU NIL**.



Photo: ALIBABA DU NIL (Mister Ginoux x Nil Farah Diba by AF Albahar) after his win on 29.10.2026.