

# KIAHF 2025

## Arabian Peninsula Horse Show

### 29 January - 1 February

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The fifth edition of the 'KIAHF' Katara International Arabian Horse Festival, under the High Patronage of HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, took place between 29th January and 1st February in the beautiful location of the Katara Cultural Village.





Cultural Village Foundation-Katara is chaired by General Manager His Excellency Dr. Khalid bin Ibrahim Al-Sulaiti, in collaboration with Racing and Equestrian Club and Qatar Equestrian Federation for the organisation of this show. From this union we are offered one of the most beautiful shows in the world, the KIAHF. I would like to emphasise that Katara Village is not only a beautiful place for meetings, shopping, restaurants and events, but above all a place created specifically to highlight the culture, art and heritage of Qatari traditions. For this reason, the place where we are watching and judging our PSAs aims to keep intact everything about the history of this nation, which hosts many world-class sporting events every year, not just equestrian events, with a special focus on tourism. For lovers of culture and beauty Doha offers many possibilities including visiting 'The National Museum', 'The Museum of Arms', the Souq Waqif in the city centre and within walking distance the 'Islamic Museum', not to mention the natural beauty this land offers.

An important symbol of Qatar's past history is the Pearl Monument, which testifies to the importance of traditional handicrafts, one of the main activities carried out by locals up to a hundred years ago: the harvesting and crafting of pearls.

This year, Katara will also host the 'Global Champions Arabians Tour' 2025.

The Arabian Peninsula Horse Show took place in the specially set up arena by the sea, in the heart of Katara Village, and this sumptuous panorama is in itself the ideal setting for all photographers. Close your eyes, imagine a horse and its handler parading along the ring with the sea behind them, the music, the wooden boats typical of the Qatari maritime tradition and, above, the blue sky! An enchanting place and an exceptionally well-organised and well-attended venue, ready to receive thousands of people from all over the world.

For the media, a special press area was set up in the upper area of the side grandstand so as to dominate the entire arena. To coordinate the journalists, videomakers and photographers under the careful supervision of Mrs. Malika Muhammad Al-Shuraim (Marketing and Communication Director), Mrs. Anu Sharma punctiliously and with great professionalism managed reports and meetings for the best success of the event. Our thanks and special praise go to them for enabling us to do an excellent job again this year and fulfilling every technical requirement on site. All this meticulous attention to detail for the pure-bred Arabian horses is also thank to the great experience of those working on Qatar's National Vision 2030 project.

The 13 judges alternating with each other using a computerised system judged the 138 horses entered were: Mrs. Michaela Weidner (Germany), Mrs. Renata Schibler (Switzerland), Mrs. Karin Zeevenhoven (Netherlands), Mr. Elyas Ebrahim (Bahrain), Mr. Josy







Everars (Belgium), Mr. Luiz Alvaro Moreira Rocco (Brazil), Mr. Tarek Hamza (Egypt), Mr. Nikolaus Jung (Germany), Mr. Jonas Salzman (Kuwait), Mr. Mohamed Machmoum (Morocco), Mr. Sufian Taha (Palestine), Mr. Carmelo Zaragoza (Spain) and Mr. Ali Ghanem Al Mazrouei (UAE). Four DCs: Mrs. Cristine Keiser (Norway), Mr. Danial Alavi (Iran), Mr. Yousef Abusamra (Qatar) and Mr. Razan Mohamed (Oman). Both Ring Masters were highly experienced: Dr. Vet. Laura Mascagna (Italy) and Mr. Bassem Badr (KSA).

The prize money up for grabs is always very high and coveted by breeders and owners, but what pays most for any breeding effort is the joy of one of the three championship medals.

In any case, the prize money was around QAR 1,800,000, almost half a million Euros. Participating in this Festival is always a privilege and every year there is always something new, even when the show gives horses and handlers a breather - an exhibition of paintings by Ali

Almimar or a falcon festival (Marbles) with hundreds of specimens were just examples of the extra entertainment offered by Katara Cultural Village.

The auction held on 3rd February of horses, breeding and embryo transfers, again presided over by His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani was an eagerly awaited event as part of the Festival, and started at around 17.30. At 15:00 the opportunity to pay the insurance deposit that allows buyers to bid and buy officially opened.

The Katara auction for purebred Arabian horses allows new fans to approach the world of shows or to consolidate breeding programmes by purchasing subjects that have already participated in competitions of international importance.

I will now leave you with the photos of the prize-giving champions and the wonderful atmosphere surrounding the KIAHF. □





# Gold Medal Yearling Fillies

## QUMRIYAH

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X KAMAR EGA | B: RAWDAT E'THANYA | O: AL HAMAMA STUD



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## Silver Medal Yearling Fillies **GJ MAJESTICA**

MAJD AL QUSAR X HADIYA AL SHAHANIA | B: GLENN JACOBS | O: AL NASSER STUD



## Bronze Medal Yearling Fillies **ANHAJEEAH AL SHAQAB**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X MASHHOORAH AL SHAQAB | B/O: AL SHAQAB



# Gold Medal Yearling Colts

**D SADN**

D LABBAD X D ASFOORAH | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



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### Silver Medal Yearling Colts **SAIF AL WADI**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X NEFERTITI AL WADI | B: HAMAD BIN QURAYA | O: AL WADI STUD



### Bronze Medal Yearling Colts **IBN AL NAIF**

ANSATA NILE ECHO X AL JOOD AL NAIF | B/O: AL NAIF STUD



# Gold Medal Junior Fillies

## BAHGA AL FARIDA

BAAREZ AL FARIDA X SHEROUK AL FARIDA | B: EL FARIDA STUD | O: SK ARABIANS





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## Silver Medal Junior Fillies **GHAYA EL ALYA**

QAMAR EL ZAMAN AL WAAB X GHEZLAN AL WAAB | B: EL ALYA STUD | O: AL HAMAMA STUD



## Bronze Medal Junior Fillies **LATEEN AL DANAT**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X MONA ALDANAT | B/O: AL DANAT FARM



# Gold Medal Junior Colts

## MALEEH AL NASSER

NASSER AL RAYYAN X SARAB AL NASSER | B/O: AL NASSER STUD





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## Silver Medal Junior Colts **MEJRIN AL SALAM**

MOTAIR AL BAIDAA X LAYAN AL SALAM  
B: MOHAMED HAMAD AL RKHAYES | O: AL SALAM STUD



## Bronze Medal Junior Colts **AKM LUSAIL**

SHAHEEN AA X AISHAA | B: MOHAMMED MOBAREK AL SULAITI | O: AKM ARABIANS



# Gold Medal Senior Mares

## NADRAH AL NASSER

SHAGRAN AL NASSER X JAMILA AL NASSER | B/O: AL NASSER STUD



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### Silver Medal Senior Mares **D A'NNAFEYYAH**

ASFOOR AL WAAB X D FOLAH | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



### Bronze Medal Senior Mares **LUJINA**

AL AYAL AA X MASHALLA ALEHA | B: ALI ALI MAHMOUD | O: KHALED ALNUGH AIMSHI



# Gold Medal Senior Stallions

**GJ FAHEEM**

NASEEM AL RASHEDIAH X HADIYA AL SHAHANIA | B/O: GLENN JACOBS



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### Silver Medal Senior Stallions **BASHEER AL WAAB**

SINAN AL RAYYAN X AMAAL AL WAAB | B: SHEIKH ABDULLA BIN KHALED AL THANI | O: EL ALYA STUD



### Bronze Medal Senior Stallions **D MEMZER**

ASFOOR AL WAAB X XTREME WONDER | B/O: DUBAI ARABIAN HORSE STUD



# KATARA ARABIAN HORSE AUCTION

3 February





















