

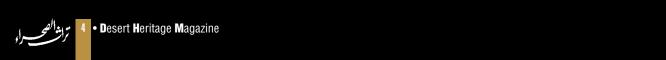
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# NASEEM ALASHEDIAH PATH TO GLORY

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Are there any breeders of Arabian horses in the world that do not dream about breeding a Show Horse Supreme? This question often leads to another: which attributes are necessary for an Arabian horse to achieve greatness? Is it the exquisite Arabian type, aristocratic refinement, noble presence, commanding charisma, correct conformation or powerful movement? There is one simple answer: a perfectly balanced combination of all these qualities is the recipe for success in the showring. However, achieving greatness may be much more challenging than it seems, especially for a breeding stallion. Not only does he need to become a recognised show champion, but he is also required to prove himself in a breeding barn by repeatedly stamping his offspring with the most desirable of his own traits. For some, breeding such a horse is just a dream, while for others, it becomes reality.

The determination, engagement and passion of the whole team at the world-famous Al Rashediah Stud in Bahrain, founded by Mr. Abdulrahman AJjasmi and skilfully supervised by Rashed Abdulrahman Al Jasmi, have resulted in breeding an outstanding individual who is on a good path to become a living legend. At the age of six, Naseem Al Rashediah is much more than a promising young stallion. With his extraordinary record of accomplishment, both in the showring and in the breeding barn, he has already gained a reputation



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of one of the most sensational and successful young stallions in the Straight Egyptian breeding world. A world that undoubtedly has its challenges and limitations due to a fairly restricted number of existing SE bloodlines.

According to the vision of his breeder and owner, Mr. Abdulrahman AJjasmi, Mr. Rashed Abdulrahman Al Jasmi tell us: "Naseem has several very important and desirable characteristics that are much needed in the Arabian horse world, particularly in the Straight Egyptian horse. He is a balanced, correct and complete horse with a heart-stopping charisma, a refined, almost perfectly shaped head and astonishing black skin". It would be difficult not to agree with Rashed. This strikingly handsome young stallion has it all: an authentic Arabian type that goes hand in hand with a harmonious, well-balanced build and an alluring magnetism that captivates both the spectators and the judges. As if it was not enough, Naseem has been blessed with an exotic, perfectly proportioned head with small, beautifully shaped ears, black intelligent eyes, deep round jowls and dark vascular muzzle, which combined with a long elegant neck, set highly on a well-muscled shoulder, short back and impressive upright tail carriage create a picture of an Arabian stallion that is close to perfection.

All these superb qualities Naseem exhibited from the day he was born. This is how Rashed remembers this special moment: "I was so excited when I saw Naseem for the first time! He was one of our first foals by Al Adeed Al Shaqab. More importantly, he possessed

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all the qualities and conformational traits that we were hoping to get from crossing his sire with his dam. These two beautiful but very different types of SE horses in both conformation and pedigree produced a young colt that not only exhibited the best features of both his sire and dam, but also represented much needed diversity of bloodlines. He seemed to realize from birth that he was destined for greatness and he proudly showed off his beautiful head with extremely large black eyes and a remarkably refined muzzle. He had an excellent sloping shoulder with a neck that was wonderfully set and shaped. His back was short and he possessed a deep loin and excellent strong hip and croup, topped off with a tail that he held up high and straight. He also possessed all the charisma that could be packed into such a young colt. We could not have been more delighted!"

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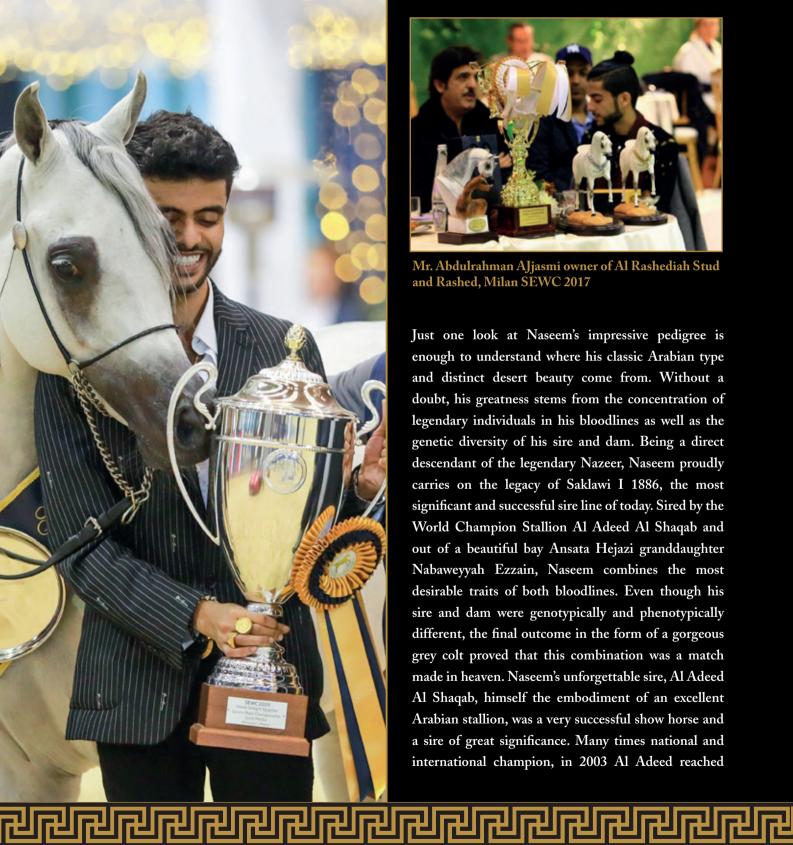
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Mr. Abdulrahman AJjasmi owner of Al Rashediah Stud and Rashed, Milan SEWC 2017

Just one look at Naseem's impressive pedigree is enough to understand where his classic Arabian type and distinct desert beauty come from. Without a doubt, his greatness stems from the concentration of legendary individuals in his bloodlines as well as the genetic diversity of his sire and dam. Being a direct descendant of the legendary Nazeer, Naseem proudly carries on the legacy of Saklawi I 1886, the most significant and successful sire line of today. Sired by the World Champion Stallion Al Adeed Al Shaqab and out of a beautiful bay Ansata Hejazi granddaughter Nabaweyyah Ezzain, Naseem combines the most desirable traits of both bloodlines. Even though his sire and dam were genotypically and phenotypically different, the final outcome in the form of a gorgeous grey colt proved that this combination was a match made in heaven. Naseem's unforgettable sire, Al Adeed Al Shaqab, himself the embodiment of an excellent Arabian stallion, was a very successful show horse and a sire of great significance. Many times national and international champion, in 2003 Al Adeed reached



Unanimous Golden SEWC Stallion: 2020 Champion Stallion

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for the well-deserved World Champion Stallion title, the most prestigious trophy in his spectacular career. His influence as a breeding stallion should not be underestimated. As the last and, at the same time, the most prominent son of Ansata Halim Shah, he was widely used across SE and non-SE breeding programmes in the Middle East, Europe and in the USA. Every inch his father's son, Naseem exhibits many traits that Al Adeed Al Shaqab inherited from his own outstanding sire. Ansata Halim Shah, who is considered one the most influential Straight Egyptian Arabians of the 20th century, was highly admired for his abundant Arabian type and perfectly balanced conformation. An even closer look at Naseem's lineages reveals the extent of Nazeer's incomparable influence on both his genotype and phenotype. Ansata Ibn Halima and Morafic, who



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AYAH AL FALA Naseem Al Rashediah | Zumorroda Al Waab. Bred & owned by Al Fala Stud Gold Medal Champion Yearling Fillies - SEWC 2020

are considered the cornerstones of the breed as well as Nazeer's most prominent sons, appear in Naseem's pedigree six and nine times respectively. With all the unpredictability of breeding, such a concentration of priceless genes must have resulted in a superior individual. The excellence of Saklawi I sire line in Naseem's genotype and phenotype is further enhanced by his exceptional dam, the reigning queen of the Al Rashediah Stud - Nabaweyyah Ezzain. This priceless pearl of Bahrain once again confirmed her value as a broodmare during the 2020 Straight Egyptian World Championships, where Naseem's maternal halfbrother Al Ghazi Al Rashediah (by Jamil Al Rayyan) became Gold Junior Champion Colt.

Naseem's illustrious show career bears a striking resemblance to his sire's amazing achievements. He clearly follows in Al Adeed Al Shaqab's footsteps and he definitely did not say his final word as a show champion. As a two-year-old colt, he already reached for the highest trophy at the 2016 Straight Egyptian World Championships. He won his class with a very high score of 93.38 points and became unanimous Gold Junior Champion Colt. Only a year after his



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SALAM AKMAL Naseem Al Rashediah | Salmma BKV. Bred & owned by Akmal Stud Gold Medal Champion Yearling Colts - SEWC 2020

triumph at the SE World Championships, he proved that he can compete with non-SE Arabians too and achieve amazing success. At the 2017 Menton show, Naseem again stood on the podium as a Silver Junior Champion Colt. However, it was his most recent win during the 2020 Straight Egyptian World Championships in Milan that established him as a showring phenomenon. With a spectacular score of 93.88 points, including maximum notes for type, head and neck and 2x20 for movement, Naseem remained undefeated throughout the whole show. Not only did he become unanimous Gold Champion Stallion, but he also reinforced his leading position with the unanimous Best in Show Male title.

Rashed seemed very pleased but not overly surprised with the wonderful victory of his stallion: "Overall, Naseem has a sense of confidence about himself and he easily shows it. He is easy to manage and handle, but in a blink of an eye he turns into a fiery and beautiful show horse that demands everyone's attention! He is a natural born ruler!" His most recent presentation confirmed that he is the unquestionable King of the Ring! And he knows it! He carries himself with such confidence and dignity that all eyes are on him when he enters the showring.

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Naseem Al Rashediah | Al Jazi Al Nasser filly bred and owned by Al Nasser Stud

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As befits a fully accomplished stallion, Naseem rules not only in the showring, but also in the breeding barn. His progeny is the living proof of their sire's great genetic prepotency. His fantastic foals follow his lead as show champions, repeatedly winning the highest trophies at some of the most prestigious shows. It is enough to mention the most recent SE World Championships, where two outstanding yearlings by Naseem, an exotic grey filly Ayah Al Fala and a handsome grey colt Salam Akmal, became unanimous Gold Champion Yearling Filly and Gold Champion Yearling Colt respectively. There is no better way to demonstrate the value of a sire than to have his two foals reaching for Gold Champion titles in the yearling sections at the same time as their father becomes Gold Champion as a senior stallion.

When I asked Rashed about his favourite offspring by Naseem, this is what he told me: "Well, this is a difficult question as my favourite foal by him changes constantly. I am often amazed at the shows when each of his foals ends up beating the next. I will not be surprised if tomorrow my opinion will change again. I shall leave it to the breeders to decide which cross with Naseem works best in their opinion."

Naseem surely is a remarkable representative of the breed. What is the best word to describe him? According to his breeder and owner it is "Extraordinary! There is nothing every-day or ordinary about this stallion. He possesses that rare combination of a spectacular classic pedigree with excellent conformation and extreme type that he consistently passes onto his offspring. In my opinion, there could not be a more relevant SE stallion in the world today.



Due to his diverse bloodlines and excellent refinement and type, he is a sight for sore eyes for breeders that are looking for ways to move their breeding programmes forward."

Is Naseem an ideal Arabian horse? If we ever get to the point where we breed an Arabian horse that has no flaws, the whole idea of breeding will no longer make sense. Is Naseem close to perfection? Both his impressive show career and his successes as a breeding stallion leave no doubt that he sets a standard which reaches far beyond the Straight Egyptian breeding world. Are we going to hear about Naseem soon? Without a doubt, the reigning Straight Egyptian World Champion Stallion continues to grow more beautiful each year while also becoming invaluable as a sire. Naseem Al Rashediah definitely did not say his last word as a show champion, nor did his offspring rest on their laurels, so watch this magnificent stallion grow into a legend and be the witness of his path to glory.  $\Box$ 



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