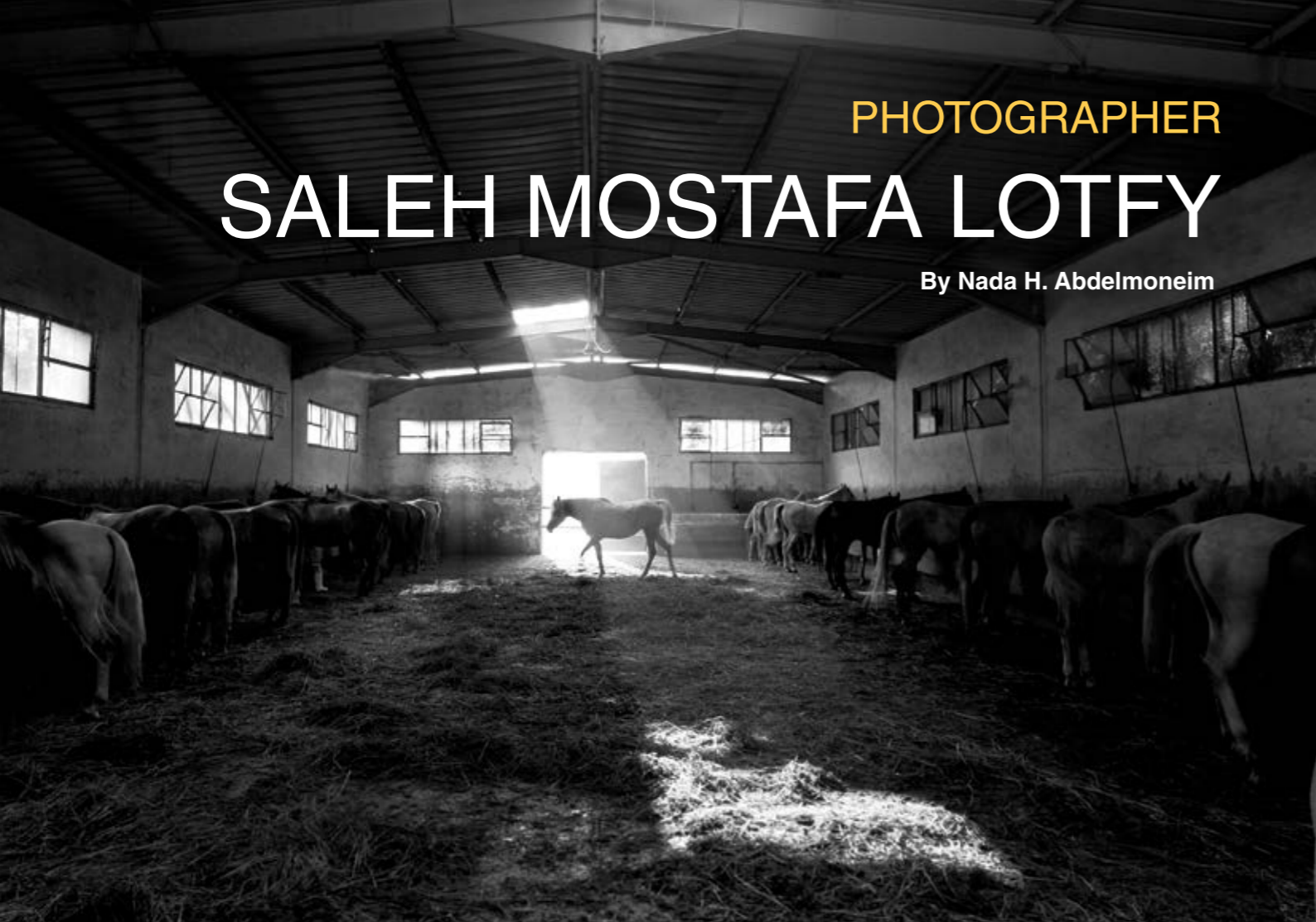


PHOTOGRAPHER SALEH MOSTAFA LOTFY

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WE FIRST MET SALEH MOSTAFA LOTFY IN 2011 AFTER BEING RECOMMENDED HIS SERVICES BY A PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND THE FIRST WORDS THAT WERE USED TO DESCRIBE HIM WERE "HUMBLE, RESERVED AND HAD A GROWING INTEREST IN PHOTOGRAPHING HORSES". YET LOTFY WAS A MAN WHO HAD GREAT TALENTS. HIS PORTFOLIO FEATURED HIGHLY ARTISTIC AND CONCEPTUAL PHOTOS AND WAS SOMEONE WITH AN EDGE TO CREATIVELY PHOTOGRAPH EVERYDAY LIFE.

Lotfy picked up his first Digital single-lens reflex camera seven years ago after graduating with a degree in Computer and Information Sciences. A self-taught photographer with books and practice as his mentors, he has gained much experience after working alongside renowned Egyptian photographers and directors and is currently a partner in XtremePhotography, a full-fledged photography agency based in Cairo and founded in the mid 90's.

After developing a fascination for the spirit of Arabian horses, Lotfy was introduced to Dr. Nasr Marei, an internationally acclaimed Arabian horse breeder and judge, as well as a celebrated and published photographer. Dr. Marei stated

that he saw a promising and gifted photographer in the making after meeting Lotfy, "I detected his artistic potential with an eye that sees details and composition. His experience in horse photography was almost non-existent then. I accepted the task of helping him build-up his skills as I usually do if I find that the candidate has talent and is willing to learn."

Lotfy enjoys working indoors and outdoors. His studio shoots are creative and diverse, and his outdoor themes vary between vintage and modern. He has worked with HORSE TIMES on several exclusive photo-shoots for dressage and show jumping athletes and competitions, as well as Arabian horse shows. His photos were featured in many of the magazine's issues as

well as in Desert Heritage Magazine. He grew to understand the Arabian horse better as to fully capture its essence, spirit and beauty, and intends to further pursue photographing the quintessence they bring to their lovers and breeders. 



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