

# Preserving A Priceless Egyptian Heritage



**A**t his property outside Cairo, a short drive from the Great Pyramids, Omar Sakr strives to fulfill his deepest passion - the breeding of exquisitely beautiful Classic Egyptian Arabians. The farm, comprising some 25 stalls and five annexed paddocks is state of the art and sits on eight acres of manicured landscaped gardens.

An avid enthusiast and devotee of the Egyptian Arabian horse, Mr. Sakr from the start was intent on reestablishing Egypt as the source of the finest straight Egyptian Arabian horses in the world. Unwilling to compromise on quality, he has devoted himself, seven years ago to building his stud with the most select group of mares and stallions available. He had the foresight to invest in extremely high quality internationally bred Egyptian Arabians and to return them back to their homeland. In so doing, he has reversed the trend which has seen many great horses leave this land for other horizons. His aim was precise - "Egypt has produced International Champions in the past and exported stock that established premier Egyptian Arabian Breeding farms around the world; there is no legitimate reason why we should not continue doing so". Says Mr. Sakr, "It is important that my stud, one day, be known for certain type or look. I do not want to be producing everything for everyone" - he adds

His actions revolutionized the industry. Breaking away from the traditional breeding approach in Egypt did not win him a popularity contest, however, the results of his breeding philosophy as seen in the exquisite refined individuals produced consistently on the farm earned him the respect and admiration of the industry both domestically and internationally.

Omar Sakr is well on his way to achieving his objective. The industry is always on the lookout for Sakr Arabian horses in the show ring. He has established a type for his farm which he is proud of.

"I have been lucky and blessed to produce the quality and beauty in such a short breeding career. The challenge is to maintain this standard. To do so, one should always be on the lookout for this special individual horse that would add this little extra look or quality. Being self critical is key in this business. Breeders that get locked in and refuse to accept that they are departing from the breeding standards are harming both themselves and the Egyptian horse" says Mr. Sakr.



**D**uring the five years Omar Sakr has been showing horses, bred and/or owned by him, the farm have amassed the following premier awards; 1993 champion mare and supreme champion horse, 1993 reserve champion mare, 1994 junior champion colt, 1994 reserve junior champion mare, 1995 junior champion colt, 1995 reserve junior champion colt, 1995 reserve junior champion mare, 1995 senior champion mare, 1995 most classic head award for both mares and stallions, 1996 junior champion and reserve junior champion colts, 1996 junior champion and reserve champion colt, 1997 reserve junior champion colt, 1997 most classic head stallion award and finally 1997 best producing mare and best producing stallion awards.

Additionally, horses bred to his stallions and owned by other farms have produced similar results in the show ring. A good example are the 1997 junior and reserve champion mares owned by Al Badia stud the largest and one of the oldest breeding farms in Egypt. Internationally, Sakr horses have also done well. SQR Dinar sold to Saudi Arabia was the 1996 Reserve Champion Stallion at the Saudi Nationals and went to be the Champion stallion, Supreme Horse and most Classic Head award winner at the 1997 Jeddah Regionals. SQR Dinar is the head sire standing at the Adeyat stud in Saudi Arabia. Stallions bred by Omar Sakr are also making their mark on the domestic front Hamdan Stables ( Ahmed Hamza ), the oldest private breeding stud in Egypt has recently acquired SQR Al Basha a three year old stallion bred by Mr. Sakr. The stallion is the herd sire at Hamdan Stables

Sakr Arabians' successful breeding program is based on an impressive brood mare band, all of the Dahma Shahwanian strain, complemented by two outstanding stallions of the Kuhaylan Rodan strain ; Imperial Madori and Shaheen. SQR Ghazal, a two year old son of Shaheen and the 1997 junior champion colt, and considered one of the best colts in the world will stand at stud next to his sire next year. In Mr. Sakr's words " SQR Ghazal will reshape the future of the Egyptian Arabian horse in the world".



The colt will be traveling to Europe this summer to be shown. A further addition to the stallion row is a half brother to Imperial Madori, Al Mokhtar who is presently standing at stud in the US and will return to his homeland next spring.



ALIDARRA  
( Alidaar x G.Serima )

some forty internationally bred Egyptian Arabian horses were imported and returned to their homeland over the last four years. Sakr Arabian's stallions were also incorporated in their individual breeding programs.



SQR GHAZAL  
( Shaheen x Alidarra )

\* 98 Junior Champion Colt

\* 98 Most Classic Head Winner

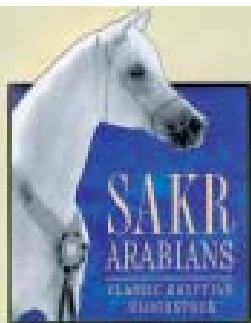
*Destined to Shape the future*

In a land where time is measured in thousands of years, the perpetuation of the Egyptian Arabian horses requires determination, integrity and certain pride. In the pursuit of perfection, the course is not designed for the week or foolhardy.

SQR MAHA  
( Imperial Madori x Alidarra )

\* 96 Most Classic Head Award

\* 97 Junior Champion Mare



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**In the time honored tradition of the great Egyptian horse breeders, Mr. Sakr quest to seek and breed the best as a natural resource for his native country is a worthy contribution . He gives the future the treasures of the past a priceless heritage.**