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FOR THE 14TH YEAR, ABU DHABI INTERNATIONAL HUNTING AND EQUESTRIAN EXHIBITION RETURNS TO ABU DHABI

THIS EDITION IS ALL ABOUT SUSTAINABLE HUNTING, EMIRATI TRADITIONS AND A LITTLE BIT OF FUN!

The first glimpse into Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) 2016 took place on September 28th, during the press conference held at the Intercontinental Hotel in Abu Dhabi.

Organised for the 14th year by the Emirates Falconers' Club (EFC), under the patronage of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Ruler's Representative in the Western Region of Abu Dhabi Emirate and Chairman of EFC, with the support of Cultural Programmes and Heritage Festivals Committee - Abu Dhabi, ADIHEX returns stronger than ever at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre this October 4th, running for the first time, due to popular demand, not for four, but for five days.

"Since 2003, ADIHEX has drawn more than 1,200,000 visitors. In view of the increasing turnout, and the rising demand from visitors and exhibitors, the period of the exhibition was extended to cover five days, this year. Accordingly, we expect the number of visitors to jump to more than 100,000," announced during the press conference His Excellency Majed Ali Al Mansouri, Chairman of the Higher Organising Committee and Executive Director of EFC.

Spreading over 40,000 square meters, ADIHEX 2016 is home to an astonishing 650 companies from 40 countries! Most of them had been exhibiting at ADIHEX in the past years, but 90 are coming here for the first time. Also, a record 146 participants are from the UAE, representing all that the exhibition promotes - from falcon breeders and horse stables to hunting rifles, camping equipment and heritage art.

"Over the span of 14 years, the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition has succeeded



in strengthening the position of Abu Dhabi as organiser of prestigious regional and international exhibitions. ADIHEX has undoubtedly turned into a magnet for major local, Arab and international companies, in the field of outdoor sports, hunting trips, falconry, the manufacture of hunting weapons and traditional crafts," stated Abdullah Butti Al Qubaisi, Director of ADIHEX.

"ADIHEX is also characterised by a large participation of big companies from the Arab Gulf countries, notably Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar. Throughout the Exhibition, tens of thousands of visitors from the Arab Gulf region stop in the UAE capital of Abu Dhabi to seize upon a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and skills, and also to discover new and modern creations," he also commented.

The largest pavilion at ADIHEX 2016, the Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival, has nearly doubled in space this year, from 2,600 square meters to 4,300 square meters.

"The pavilion of Sheikh Mansoor Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival is considered as one of the biggest and best pavilions at the Exhibition, as far as the design and the number of visitors are considered. As one might expect, the pavilion will hold a variety of exciting activities during the current edition of the exhibition," said Abdullah Butti Al Qubaisi, Director of ADIHEX.

The space is shared by 75 exhibitors from the UAE and the region, but also from as far as Latvia, Poland, Germany, Belgium, UK, the Netherlands, China and Morocco.

"Abu Dhabi is the capital of the world for the Arabian horse and the second home for endurance jockeys," pointed out Lara Sawayah, Executive Director of Sheikh Mansoor bin Zayed Al Nahyan Global Arabian Horse Flat Racing Festival.

The pavilion brings new events to the exhibition arena this year, including a horse auction and workshops for students on history, care and riding of Arabian horses.



The top two bidders of the auction will each be gifted a horse, while workshop students will have the chance of winning semen of Arabian horses, which they will have to grow themselves.

The workshops will run theoretical workshops in the morning during each day of the exhibition and practical ones in the afternoon, when students will have close encounters with the horses.

The pavilion will also award its visitors, who may enter the daily draw that will give away AED 100,000 in cash, as well as gifts such as iPhones and iPads.

As in previous years, a special area at the show is dedicated to firearms, where some of the world's biggest and most artistic manufacturers are returning this year. Among the 36 national and international hunting guns exhibitors are Caracal International Trading, Emirates Falcon Security, Fausti Stefano, MP3 International, Renaissance Firearms and Tapel SRL.

There are strict conditions for purchasing firearms at ADIHEX, which require previous registration with local authorities.

"The organisers have attracted top international companies in the field of hunting equipment, and we have put in place new procedures for purchasing such equipment during ADIHEX 2016," stressed Colonel Hamad Al Tayyar during the press conference.

"After reviewing the 2015 edition of the exhibition, we revised the regulations for purchasing firearms based on the UAE Federal Law number five," he also mentioned.

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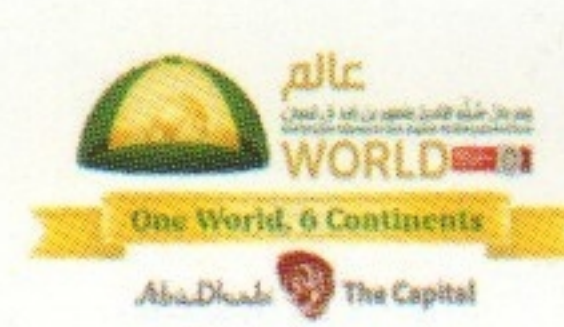
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SUSTAINABLE HUNTING



Among the 74 first comers at ADIHEX this year is Al Marzoum Protected Area for Falconry, in the Western Region of Abu Dhabi Emirate, dedicated to traditional Arab falconry. Only opened in 2015 to promote sustainable hunting through ancient Arab methods, Al Marzoum hunting grounds will reveal to falconers coming here from all over the Gulf region how the hunting methods of their ancestors can be applied in the century of advanced technology to the benefit of wildlife conservation, preservation of culture and enjoyment of falconers.

More than ever, in fact, sustainable hunting has become a major focus at ADIHEX.

"Here in Abu Dhabi, we remain keen on providing platforms so as to highlight the Emirati heritage in an exceptional approach. Subsequently, ADIHEX, a unique exhibition of its kind in the whole region, has been making impressive achievements," said Majid Al Mansouri.

"The Exhibition has succeeded in promoting the use of birds bred in captivity to practise falconry, as a substitute for endangered wild

falcons. ADIHEX has also managed to stimulate the plans and strategies of sustainable hunting, highlight the key role of the UAE in the protection of environment and intensify the different programmes for the breeding of Houbara bustards and falcons," he added.

It was Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan who, two decades ago, introduced sustainable falconry to UAE. Firstly, in the late 1990s he established the Falcon Release Programme, getting people to give away their captured wild falcons, which were rehabilitated and released back into the wild. The programme still continues today, so far around 1800 falcons were released back into the wild.

In 2003, to further boost the population of the endangered wild falcons, Sheikh Zayed established ADIHEX, which he personally opened, trying to convince falconers to switch from wild birds to farm bred ones.



BIG NEWS FOR HOUBARA



The International Fund for Houbara Conservation (IFHC) is joining the 14th Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX) with big news: for the first time in history, the Fund's total annual breeding of Houbara exceeded the global target of 50,000 birds, to reach 53,743 Houbara chicks in 2016.

Thus, the number of Houbara chicks born since the breeding programme began in the emirate in 1996 has reached 285,000. Since 1998, about 200,000 Houbara bustards have been

released into the wild, helping to boost the population of this endangered species.

"This is an important step towards the sustainment of the Houbara population into the wild. Recently, a large number of falconers took part in a survey conducted by the Fund. It appeared that 88 percent of these falconers are fairly aware about the current situation and concerned with the preservation of the Houbara bustards," said Ali Mubarak Al Shamsi, Acting Head of Communication and Public Relations Department at IFHC.

While at ADIHEX, the Fund plans to raise further awareness, particularly among falconers, about the need to protect and help grow the wild population of Houbara, a favourite prey among falconers.

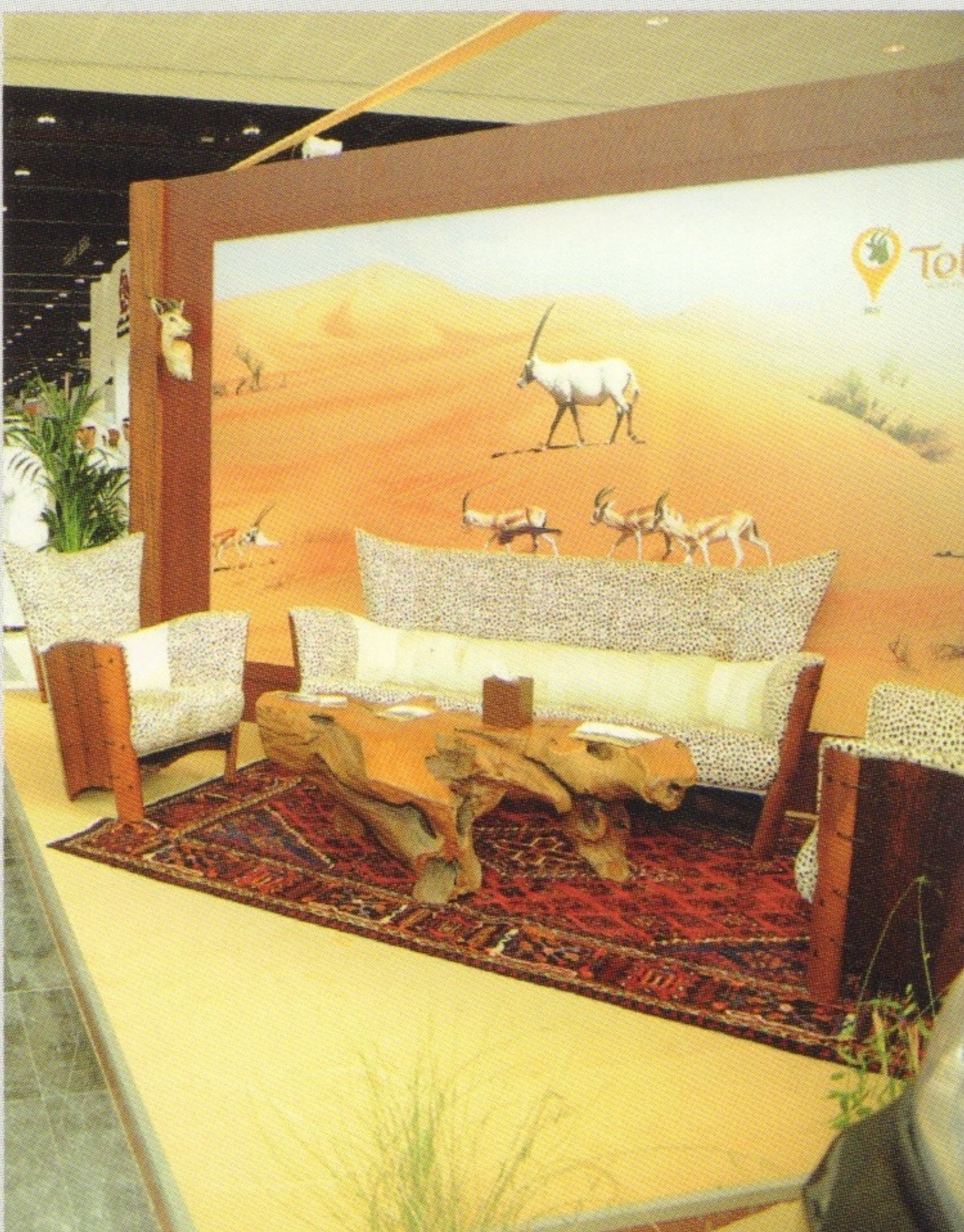
Emirati falconers have long been concerned with sustainable hunting, starting with the late Sheikh Zayed, who established conservation programmes in the country four decades ago.

In 1976 the first International Conference for the Preservation of Falconry took place in Abu Dhabi, which paved the way for

conservation programmes. A year later, the Houbara breeding programme was launched at Ain Zoo and, in 1982, the first Asian Houbara chick hatched in the UAE. The Fund itself was established in 2006.

"After a whole decade of achievements, the Fund is reformulating its strategy on the basis of what has been accomplished between 1976 and 2015. The objective consists in laying new foundations for the sustainment phase that began in 2016 and will last until 2025," added Al Shamsi.

WIN A BULLET WORTH AED 135,000



The High Peak Estate, a hunting tourism company from New Zealand, is coming to ADIHEX with an offer hard to kill! The family owned estate is offering one lucky hunter at ADIHEX the chance to shoot the rarest Stag that can be hunted in New Zealand, if not the world – a Royal White Stag of High Peak Estate!

According to the Estate, this is a prize worth AED 135,000!

Descended from the Danish Royal Herd, the Royal White Stags of High Peak Estate are hunted in "fair chase" conditions. A mythological creature, the white and elusive stag has often been associated with purity. According to Arthurian legends, it has a perennial ability to evade capture, and that the pursuit of the animal represents mankind's spiritual quest.

The white coloured deer is, in fact, a red stag that loses its pigmentation due to leucism, a condition leucism that causes its hair and skin to lose its natural colour.

This is the first time that High Peak Estate offers hunters in the Middle East the opportunity to shoot a Royal White Stag. To get the lucky bullet, at least five hunters must book a High Peak Red Stag Hunt during ADIHEX 2016 by putting down a nominal deposit of AED 5,000. One in the first five to make the booking will win the prize.

The winner must complete the hunting trip during the 2017 hunting season and when the High Peak Estate Royal White Stags are in hard antler (February-July 2017). The hunter will be responsible for all taxidermy and expediting costs associated with the hunt.



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FALCON TALES, GOLDEN ARROWS AND SEA HEROES KEEP VISITORS OF ADIHEX 2016 ENTERTAINED

EARS WIDE OPENED FOR EMIRATES FALCONERS' CLUB'S LESSONS IN FALCONRY

As always at the Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX), Emirates Falconers' Club's (EFC) pavilion is a magnet for visiting falconers. And, where falconers gather, stories unfold.

"The saqer falcon is my favourite falcon. When I was a young boy, my father used to hunt with one, a wild saqer. This is a very strong, very powerful bird. When it goes hunting it doesn't stop until it catches its prey, and it can hunt anything, even gazelle," said Mohammed Al Amri, an Emirati falconer.

"In the old days, there was this tradition that the hunting season would start on the first full moon of October. We would start training the falcons from around mid September, when the weather began cooling off, to be ready for the season," shared Hamed Al Hamli, another falconer.

Organiser of ADIHEX, EFC is not just a place for exchanging news and stories from the falconry world. The pavilion reflects the Club's history of sustainable hunting and preservation of falconry, a landmark of Emirati heritage.

Established in September 2001, the Club, under the chairmanship of Sheikh Hamdan bin Zayed Al Nahyan, became the link between falconry and wildlife protection. It supported all conservation measures in the country, from Houbara bustard protection to switching wild falcons with farm-bred ones to allow the endangered wild population to return from the path of extinction.

To this day, EFC runs regular awareness workshops on sustainable hunting, but also on species of falcons, their life cycle, habitats, migration routes, feeding, training and



healthcare, and the messages reach not only falconers from the UAE, but from all over the Arabian Gulf.

EFC is behind not only ADIHEX, but it also organises the International Festival of Falconry, and it contributed to the establishment of the Middle East Falconry Archive in Abu Dhabi, as well as the Sheikh Zayed Falcon Release Programme, run by the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital, which so far

rehabilitated and released nearly 1800 falcons back into the wild.

During the last International Festival of Falconry in December 2014, EFC announced its latest project, the Mohammed bin Zayed Falconry and Desert Physiognomy School.

Now that the schools is ready to take in students, EFC is finally announcing its opening during ADIHEX 2016.

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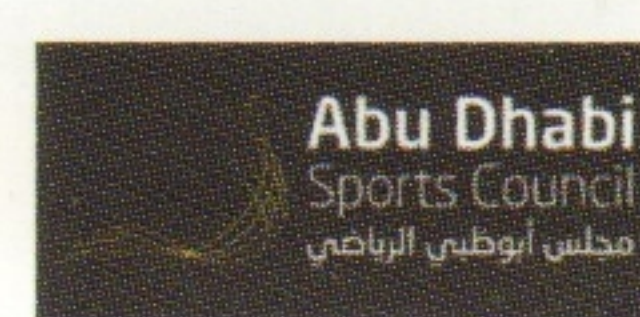
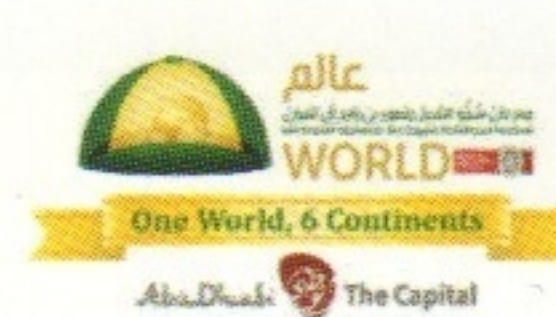
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THE SCHOOL OF FALCONRY

Built to resemble Qasr Al Ain, where His Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of UAE Armed Forces, was born and grew up, the school is located on the grounds of Telal Resort, a beautiful desert area behind Remah, between Abu Dhabi and Al Ain.

The school is opened to both children - as young as seven years old - and adults, of any nationality. There are falconry classes, usually run during weekends or holidays not to interfere with school or work hours, for four different levels, from beginner to expert.

Surrounding the school building, there are over 80 square kilometres hunting grounds to train and practice falconry, as the curriculum includes not only theory, but also practical learning. The school also benefits from the nearby facilities of Telal's five star hotel, restaurants and market.



The curriculum for all training programmes include a teaching manual covering all aspects of falconry, theoretical courses, practical training at the school and at the camp.

The teaching covers subjects such as history of falconry,

Arabian Falconry, Ethics and Principles of Arabian Falconry, as well as Laws and Legislations Governing the Falconry Sport.

One of the courses, opened to both children and adults, is dedicated to the desert physiognomy, which will

ultimately teach students to cope and survive in the desert environment, and develop a sense of respect for the nature.

The school is already accepting registrations and classes are expected to start before the end of the year.



AL MARZOOM: THE HUNTING DESERT OF THE PAST



Long time ago, before cars and guns entered the waiving sands of Abu Dhabi's deserts, Emirati men used to spend their winter days deep among the dunes with their camels and falcons, practicing what they loved most - falconry!

Unlike other parts of the world, falconry was not just a sport, but a way of life, a means for feeding the family and to sort out issues with fellow tribe members or sheikhs, over the long camping nights under the stars.

The need for falconry may no longer be here today, but the passion has remained the same. So deeply embedded into the Arab men's blood falconry is, that even in these modern days, falconry is not just a sport, but the roots to the Bedouin heritage, a

cultural identity, a means of keeping in touch with the forefathers.

For this reason falconry, in its traditional form, has returned to the deserts of Abu Dhabi. Al Marzoum Hunting Reserve is participating for the first time at ADIHEX 2016 to tell falconers from all over the UAE, the region and beyond, coming to the exhibition, what the Reserve is all about.

"We are here to promote the first resort dedicated to traditional falconry, opened to anyone who enjoys falcon hunting. The Resort promotes sustainable hunting, using traditional methods. No cars are allowed inside and no guns. We have strict rules and a safe environment for hunting, which takes place in the mornings

and afternoons, under the supervision of well trained, highly experienced falconers," said Obaid Khalfan Al Mazrouei, Director of Heritage Competitions at the Cultural Programmes and Heritage Festivals Committee - Abu Dhabi, which established the Reserve.

Set among the 933 square kilometres Al Marzoum nature reserve in the Western Region of Abu Dhabi Emirate, the hunting grounds spread across 200 square kilometres.

The Reserve had a soft opening in December last year and it became fast popular with falconers from all over the Gulf. Initially, 80 Houbara bustards were released here - all farm-bred since it is illegal in the UAE to kill the wild birds, which are endangered

- and visiting falconers were only allowed to hunt for one in the AED 5,000 price per person. To catch an additional Houbara, an extra AED 2,750 was required.

The price included an overnight stay in one of the tents fitted with private bathrooms and even air-conditioning, as well as dinner.

"Until March, when we closed for the summer, we had 420 falconers visiting Al Marzoum and 420 Houbara released by the National Avian Research Centre. We had great feedback from visitors and this season we are expecting even more people to come," said Al Mazrouei.

This year Al Marzoum Hunting Reserve will open on November 15 and it will add gazelles on the hunting menu.



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GEMS OF ADIHEX 2016: FROM FALCONS' DOCTOR APPOINTMENT TO PURDEY'S DOUBLE BARREL RIFLE AND BOSNIA'S SPA RESORT FOR HUNTERS

WHO'S FLYING THE COOP OF FALCON CENTRE

Several dozen falcons sit quietly on the wooden rails of Falcon Centre's pavilion at Abu Dhabi International Hunting and Equestrian Exhibition (ADIHEX). Every once in a while one of them starts screaming, as if in protest.

"It's a Peregrin/Gyr falcon. Sometimes they don't like it when you put the hood on. They have quite a personality," said Sultan Al Falasi, a falconer working with the Dubai-based Falcon Centre.

Placing the special leather hood on the falcon's head is necessary, though, especially in an environment like ADIHEX, where there are thousands of visitors daily, as it keeps the bird calm and relaxed.

Only when there is a serious enquiry about buying a falcon the hood comes off for a better look at the bird and this seems to happen fairly often.

A regular participant at ADIHEX, the Falcon Centre is one of the oldest falcon breeders in the UAE, established in 1987.

"We have two breeding farms, one in Germany and one in Spain. We chose these locations because of the weather. The weather in the UAE is too hot for falcon farms," said Al Falasi.

The Centre has managed to produce over 400 falcons, both pure breed like Gyr or Peregrine and hybrid like Gyr/Peregrine. According to Al Falasi, these two species, Gyr and Gyr/Peregrine, are the most popular with falconers here. They are large birds, capable of catching even a gazelle.

In the old days, when Arabs used to hunt



with wild falcons, the Saqer was favoured above all falcons, as it is a friendly bird, quite easy to train and it can also go without food for one, even two days without losing much weight. The Saqer was so admired in fact, that it became the national symbol on the country's emblem.

For years now, trapping or importing wild falcons in UAE is illegal, hence the farm-bred falcons have become a growing industry. It is not easy, though, as the falcon chicks have to be kept for three years on the farms before they grow enough to be able to reproduce. Only at this adulthood stage they will be ready to fly the coop.

At ADIHEX, the Falcon Centre sells its birds from anything between AED 10,000 and AED 100,000.

"The females are usually more expensive, as they are bigger than the males, so they can catch bigger prey. The colour and the species also make a difference in price. The pure Gyr, for example, is the most expensive falcon," explained Al Falasi.

Just like the wild falcons, these farm-bred birds can chase a prey up to two kilometres high up in the sky. The human eye can barely spot them, yet they can see a tiny mouse from up there! When reaching their prey, they use a method of encircling it, pushing it down towards the ground.

Falconers, though, don't usually train their birds for high altitude chase, as most of the prey they desire, such as rabbits or Houbara, are mostly on the ground.

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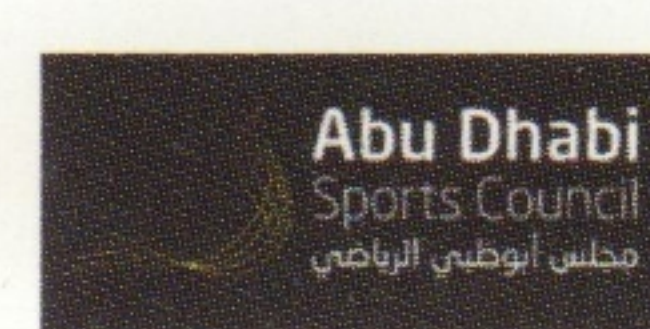
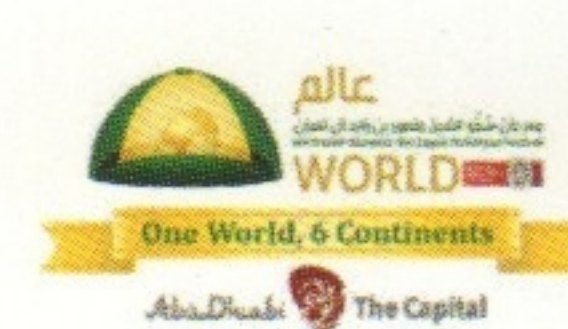
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IN THE WAITING ROOM OF FALCON HOSPITAL



The waiting room of Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital (ADFH) is nearly full with falcons awaiting their health check up before taking to the sky for their first hunting trip. Fully equipped with all necessary tools and medicine, the check up room within ADFH's stand at ADIHEX is the first place falcons come to as soon as they are purchased from the breeders exhibiting at the show.

"Falconers want to make sure the birds they are buying from breeders are healthy, so they always bring them to us for a check up. In case there is a problem, if it is something small, the falconers still buy the falcon; we just give them the medicine for the quick treatment. If the problem is big, we give them a full medical report, which we can print write here at ADIHEX, and

they go back to the breeder to either return or exchange the falcon. The breeders too are happy to take the falcon back, as they do not want to damage their reputation for selling an unfit bird, so it's a win-win situation for everyone," said Dr. Margit Muller, Executive Director of ADFH.

The hospital has been doing these health checks for years at ADIHEX and nowadays falconers from all over the Arabian Gulf are coming to purchase their falcons specifically at the exhibition, in order to take advantage of ADFH's service.

The process only takes about 15 to 20 minutes and it involves an endoscopy and also checking the birds for parasites.

"We look for conditions such as lung fungus or liver issues,

which are common in falcons," pointed out Dr. Muller.

Mostly, the birds are fine and fit for training for the hunting season that is about to start.

For nearly half a decade, ADFH is also running the official shelter for cats and dogs in the emirate and it has become tradition now to showcase some of them at ADIHEX.

The shelter presently has around 100 cats and 50 dogs up for adoption and between 10 to 15 of them come daily to the exhibition.

"In the first day of ADIHEX we had five cats and five dogs adopted. We don't just give them away to anyone who asks to take one. We talk to people, trying to make sure the pets get a good home for life," said Dr. Muller.

Bringing the rescued cats and dogs to ADIHEX is not just about boosting adoption, it is also about raising awareness. Unlike pets sold in pet shops, which are often mistreated and barely given minimum care, ADFH's cats and dogs are all vaccinated, microchipped and treated for any diseases. The shelter even goes as far as doing basic training for dogs and placing a number of cats and dogs together in order to socialise them, ready to join families with a few different pets.

"Pets are becoming increasingly popular with Emiratis. A few years ago, we had mostly expats adopting cats and dogs; now we have about half Emiratis and half expats," pointed out Dr. Muller.

FALCONRY REMAINS IN LIMELIGHT AFTER ADIHEX

As ADIHEX is about to drop its show curtain for the year, falconers prepare to discuss the latest news, worries and plans concerning their centuries old practice. The Emirates Falconers' Club, organiser of ADIHEX, is co-organising on Sunday, October 9th, a falconry conference together with the International Association for Falconry and Conservation for Birds of Prey (IAF).

The conference - Falconry in the Middle East and North

Africa - Going Forward with the UNESCO Inscription to Preserve the Ancient Ideals and to Find Solutions to Modern Problems - will tackle such issues as preserving falconry as world cultural heritage, combating illegal trade and the welfare of falcons, or the role of IAF in preserving falconry.

IAF is dedicated to the preservation of the ancient art of falconry, a hunting tradition defined as "taking quarry in its natural state and

habitat by means of trained birds of prey". Preserving falconry involves maintaining not only the traditional culture that builds practical skills of empathy with animals, but also the conservation of raptors and their prey through preservation of natural habitats. Therefore, the Association encourages falconry within the context of sustainable use of wildlife.

IAF also promote welfare and veterinary research on birds of prey and, where appropriate,

domestic breeding of raptors for falconry, including such species as Peregrine falcons, Goshawks, Saker and Gyr falcons, and all other species of raptors in whatever part of the world they may be used for falconry and hunting.

Furthermore, IAF is involved in international work to eradicate the illegal trade of wildlife, and is a member of the UNEP/CMS International Task Force on Illegal Killing of Birds in the Mediterranean.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

09:30 - 10:00am	Registration	
10:00 - 10:10am	Welcome and Introduction	IAF Vice-President MENA, H.E. Majed Al-Mansouri
10:10 - 10:30am	Keynote speech - A Strategy for Falconry in the MENA Region.	
10:30 - 10:50am	The Role of IAF, what it can and cannot do - an explanation of IAF's work	IAF Executive Officer, Gary Timbrell
10:50 - 11:10am	Coffee Break	
11:10 - 11:30am	The Role of the International Conventions and their Importance to Falconry - CITES, CMS, CBD	IAF President, Dr. Adrian Lombard
11:30 - 11:50pm	The Flagship Projects of the Saker Global Action Plan	Professor Robert Kenward
11:50 - 12:10pm	Questions	
12:10 - 12:30pm	Preserving the Cultural Heritage - the role of the UNESCO Intangible Heritage	Frits Kleyn, Cultural Officer of IAF
12:30 - 01:50 pm	Lunch break	
01:50 - 02:10pm	Current Status of Falcon Populations in Saudi Arabia	Albara M. Binothman
02:10 - 02:20pm	Questions	
02.20 - 03.20pm	National problems and suggestions for solving them, Combatting Illegal Trade, Welfare	Discussion led by H.E. Majed Al Mansouri
03.20 - 03:50pm	The 2017 Festival - Future conferences and workshops	Discussion led by Exec Officer IAF

THE SKY OPENS FOR LADIES' ONLY FALCONRY



Not that they couldn't do it in the past, but women are about to get their own special falconry training programme. During ADIHEX 2016, the Abu Dhabi Falconers' Club's (ADFC) pavilion sports a "Ladies Section", where news - and registration - of the new programme are offered.

Starting from this November, girls and women of any age and nationality are welcomed to try their hand at falconry. The training will last for 15 days and spread across till January 2017.

"The Club will supply all

the materials for both the theoretical and practical classes, even the falcons, if the ladies don't have one. No experience with falcons is needed. Even ladies who never held a falcon may apply, as well as the more experienced ones, as we offer different level training," said Angelique Engels, a trainer with ADFC.

If participants want to bring their own falcons, they may do so, but the birds need a health certificate (disease-free certificate) issued by the Abu Dhabi Falcon Hospital.

The classes include handling a falcon, how to care for it, how to feed it and how to train it. All courses, both practical and theoretical, take place at the ADFC's premises and they are run by female trainers.

"Following the training we will organise falconry competitions for our participating ladies, but we also hope this will encourage them to take part in the bigger annual competitions of falconry, such as the one in Al Dhafra festival," mentioned Angelique.

To keep the good news

flowing, ADFC is offering the ladies training programme for free during the first year, which means that as soon as they sign up, they get one year free membership with the club, making use not only of the training, but also the services and facilities of the club for an entire year.

ADFC will also set up a special majlis for female falconers only at its headquarters in Al Falah, Abu Dhabi, a place where they can exchange experiences, ideas and stories of their falconry adventures, just as the men do in their own majlis at the club.