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Al Shaqab duo head nominations at Forfeit stage

Al Shaqab Racing's Al Mourtajez and Mister Ginoux head a total of 46 nominations that stand their ground at the forfeit stage for the £400,000 Group 1 Qatar International Stakes for Purebred Arabians, (formally listed as the Harwood International) the first leg of the inaugural Doha Triple Crown.

Mister Ginoux enhanced his already high reputation by winning the Qatar Derby des Pur-Sang (Gr2 PA) at Chantilly last Sunday, taking his unbeaten run to five for trainer Thomas Fourcy, who also trains top-rated Al Mourtajez.

The former is among a number of International horses that will now have their ratings re-assessed, having run since the original nominations, although all ratings will again be evaluated by the International Federation of Arabian Horse Racing Authorities (IFAHR) after the supplementary stage on 22 July.

Arabian Racing Organisation Racing Manager Amanda Smith said, "I am very pleased with the quality and quantity of horses that have stood their ground in what promises to be a very exciting contest. It will be wonderful to see an Arabian race form part of the 2015 Qatar Goodwood Festival and I look forward to the Supplementary Entry Stage on 22 July."

The Qatar International Stakes which is the UK's richest ever Arabian Race will be run as the seventh of eight races on the fifth and final day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival on Saturday, 1 August.

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Attached and accessed [here](#): Full entries for the Qatar International Stakes

For further information about the Doha Triple Crown:

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About Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club

The Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club was established in 1975. HE Sheikh Mohamed Bin Faleh Al Thani is Chairman of the QREC Board of Directors. Mr Hamad Bin Abdulrahman Al Attiya is the Vice Chairman of the QREC Board of Directors. Mr. Nasser Sherida Al Kaabi is the General Manager of QREC. Located in New Rayyan, Doha, it has the mission of developing Thoroughbred and Purebred Arabian horse racing events, organising Arabian horse shows and providing support to owners and breeders.

Due to its state-of-the-art facilities Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club is one of the most enviable horse training centres in the world. Racing events take place every Wednesday and Thursday from October to May with over 60 race meetings held annually.

Since 2008, Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club has been the official sponsor of Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend, held at Longchamp, Paris during the first weekend of October; an agreement which extends until at least 2022.

About the Doha Triple Crown

The Doha Triple Crown is a major new race series for Purebred Arabians that was announced by the Qatar International Equestrian Committee in February 2015.

The Doha Triple Crown will feature a bonus of USD 1 million for the winner of all three of the world's most prestigious Arabian races, beginning with the inaugural running of the GBP 400,000 Qatar Harwood International Stakes on Saturday, 1 August 2015, the concluding day of the Qatar Goodwood Festival.

The second leg of the Doha Triple Crown is the Euros 1 million Qatar Arabian World Cup at Longchamp on Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe Weekend in early October, with the third and final leg being The H.H The Emir's Sword, Qatar's most valuable race worth QR 3 million providing the finale in February, 2016.