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European winner guaranteed for QREC UK Arabian Derby

A European winner of the Group 1 Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club UK Arabian Derby is guaranteed following yesterday's supplementary entry stage, when a further four from Belgium, France and the UK were added to the initial ten-runner Anglo-French field for the £50,000 contest at Newmarket Racecourse on Thursday, 25 September.

French trainer Damian De Watrigant's new addition is the lightly raced filly Najlaa, who has never finished out of the frame and makes her first trip to the UK for leading owner and breeder H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum.

Also making his UK debut is the Qatari bred Majd Al Uraiq, trained in Belgium by Leo Braem. Earlier this year the colt laid claim to being one of Qatar's top four-year-olds, with victories in the Qatar Silver Sword and the Sheikh Abdulla Bin Khalifa Al Thani Silver Cup.

UK based trainer Beverley Deutrom, who is seeking her first PA Group win, will have her first runners in the contest after supplementing Karar and Attila De Rouaisse, who both look to have a tough task ahead.

Arabian Racing Organisation Racing Manager Amanda Smith commented, "It is excellent to see a great balance between domestic and overseas entries, and I am delighted that many horses are making their UK debut at this important event."

The race is a valuable first-time addition to Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club's extensive European sponsorship portfolio which is highlighted by next month's Qatar Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe weekend featuring the world's two richest races on turf for Thoroughbreds and Pure Bred Arabians.

Declarations for the race will be made at 11am on Monday, 22 September and will be posted at www.aroracing.co.uk shortly after.

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About Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club

The **Qatar Racing & Equestrian Club** was established in 1975 and operates under the Chairmanship of H.E. Sheikh Mohamed Bin Faleh Al Thani. General Manager and Secretary General of the Board of Directors Sami Jassim Al Boenain is also Chairman of the International Federation of Arabian Horseracing Authorities (IFAHR).

Located in New Rayyan, Doha, it has the mission of developing Thoroughbred and Pure Bred Arabian horse racing events, organising Arabian horse shows and encouraging 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.