



## SHADWELL STUD TO SPONSOR CARD AT AI AIN



Al Ain Racecourse is pleased to announce that Shadwell Stud, owned by HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, will be sponsoring the entirety of the seven-race card on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Shadwell operation, based in Thetford in the UK, is sponsoring at the course for the second time, but this is the first time they have supported the whole card, on which there are also races allocated to the Emirates University and the Abu Dhabi University. Shadwell Farm, the operation's American stud, lends its name to two races, while Derrinstown Stud, Sheikh Hamdan's venue in Ireland, sponsors the third race.

Speaking at Tuesday's Press Conference, His Excellency Mirza El Sayegh, Director of the Office of HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum, commented: "We are very proud to sponsor at Al Ain. Sheikh Hamdan is keen to do anything he can to promote Arabian racing, both in the Emirates and overseas, for which we have the Dubai International Arabian Races."

Faisal Al Rahmani, Course Director of Al Ain Racecourse, added: "We are very pleased to welcome back HH Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid Al Maktoum's Shadwell Stud as sponsor and partner at Al Ain Racecourse.

"Over the years Shadwell has grown to be one of the most recognized and successful breeders of Thoroughbred and Arabian horses, many of whom race with distinction here at Al Ain. We look forward to welcoming His Excellency Mirza El Sayegh and his team here on Friday, for what we are sure will be a hugely competitive day of racing."

Leading trainer Jean De Roualle, who is based at Al Ain, also gave his support to the alliance, saying: "Thank you very much to Shadwell for their sponsorship of the card, it is a really big thing for Al Ain to have their backing."

The feature race on the card is the AED110,000 Shadwell Stayers Trophy, Round Three of the Al Ain Marathon Series, which takes place over 4100metres.

Since Al Ain Racecourse opened its doors in January 2014, Shadwell's famous blue and white silks have enjoyed huge success there, including winning the featured Al Ain Mile in 2015 with Ghaamer, trained by Al Rashid Al Rayhi, and again in 2016 with the Doug Watson-trained Etijaah.

### Notes for Editors

[About Shadwell Stud](#)

Purchased by HH Sheikh Hamdan in 1984, Shadwell Estate in Norfolk is the UK base for one of the best-respected breeding operations in the world. Part of the estate, Nunnery Stud, is currently home to Shadwell's stallion band, which for 2017 includes the exciting Muhaarar, European Champion Sprinter for 2015.

[www.shadwellstud.com](http://www.shadwellstud.com)

About Al Ain Racecourse

Al Ain Racecourse, one of five flat racetracks in the UAE, opened its doors in January 2014 and is now in its third season of racing. The course, located in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, stages 10 meetings in the 2016-17 season, including the flagship National Day Cup meeting in December.

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