

## **Black Type Performance of Nil Ashal at the White Turf Meeting in St. Moritz, 16th February 2014**

***In the HH SHEIKH ZAYED BIN SULTAN AL NAHYAN LISTED CUP with prize money of € 35'000 Nil Ashal finished on the third place behind the winner Alibaba Del Sol and second placed Phraseur Kossack***



***Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat) followed by the winner Alibaba Del Sol (Kerbella x A l'Aube Del Sol)***

Seven horses from the Netherlands, Germany and Switzerland were participating in the worldwide only listed race for pure bred Arabians on ice at the frozen lake of St. Moritz, 1'700 meters above sea level.

This third place of Nil Ashal (Nil Bedouin x Nil Abiat by Darike) in a listed race was so far his best performance on that level. The year before, he finished at the 4<sup>th</sup> place in the same race. Trainer Franziska Aeschbacher was very satisfied with Nil Ashal's Performance. After the race, his rider Olivier Placais was convinced that the horse could have been even better on a harder and more frozen track.

The winner Alibaba Del Sol (Kerbella x A l'Aube Del Sol) was one of the favorites. The 7-year old, French bred stallion was already Group II placed and had an IFAHR rating of 113 in 2013. Gazal T (Prince d'Orient x Gracia), a 5-year old stallion with an IFAHR rating of 112 and double Group III winner was another strong horse in the field but didn't feel well on the snow track. A third horse of quality was the second placed stallion Phraseur Kossack (Prince d'Orient x Pengalia), a 7-year old stallion with good results on Group level.