

**The UAE President Cup- HYDRA Properties (4yrs old only)
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They didn't hang around in this competitive renewal of the Group 1 Arabian Derby with the principals ensuring there was a good pace from the start and, as the field powered into the final two furlongs, it soon became apparent that the favourite Nashwan Al Khalidiah and Simmbad were going the best as they quickened the pace and went for home. Inside the final furlong Olivier Peslier, who had travelled to the UK just for this race, pulled away on the Saudi Arabian bred **Nashwan Al Khalidiah** (Tiwaiq x Rayyan (Bengali D'Albret)), owned by Prince Khalid Bin Sultan Al Saud. He showed an excellent turn of foot inside the final half furlong to go clear by two lengths at the line for trainer Monsieur Jean-Francois Bernard landing this race for the second year running for the same owner. A brave run from the winner's stablemate Simmbad earned him second place. Also owned by Prince Khalid Bin Sultan Al Saud, he had every chance inside the final furlong but couldn't match the finishing power of the winner. That said he was ten lengths clear of the field at the line and Prince Khalid looks to have two superb colts for the future. The Georgina Ward trained Mu'Azzaz ran a superb race on his UK debut for owner HH Sheikh Mohammed Al Thani, running in such competitive company he acquitted himself well and fought hard in the final furlong to hold off HH Sheikh Hamdan's Al Mannsoub.