

CARACAL PRESENTS



**THE HOUSE OF HEROES**  
*Liwa Pistol*





# ليوا

نسمة ليوا العذبة  
تسوى الدنيا البهية  
إرمالها المكسية  
ديرة أهلها الحمية  
ياما ردعوا من هية  
فأول طلوع إسهيل  
وتشفي قلب العليل  
وحات إمن النخيل  
وأهل السيف الصقيل  
من فوق حجن أو خيل

راشد علي الكندي المرر

Liwa's pure breeze, the first rise is smooth  
It shapes the beautiful world and heals the heart of the poor  
The draped dunes are oases of palm trees,  
pride of its bold people - the people with the shining steel  
How many - before their majesty - get off a camel or a steed!

Rashid Ali al-Kindi al-Marar





## INTRODUCING THE UNIQUE CARACAL LIWA PISTOL: A HOMAGE TO TIMELESS BEAUTY

At the doors of al-Rub' al-Khali, the largest empty desert in the world, a lush oasis of date palms, refreshing waters, and silent forts still narrates an unchanged tale of harmony between men and nature: it's Liwa. This luxuriant oasis, surrounded by millennial sands, stands out as the iconic, timeless beauty witnessing the true Emirati dedication to preserving its environmental wealth and cultural roots. Priding itself on being the "House of Heroes" - i.e., the ancestral home of the most prestigious Emirati families - Liwa's forts embody the commitment of the past tribal groups to protecting their land, while the dramatic contrast between the oasis' blooming and the silent desert provides continuous inspiration to creatives, innovators, literati, confident that progress grows in the wake of tradition.

Embarking with this mission and being proud ambassadors of Emirati excellence in firearms manufacturing worldwide, the Caracal Custom Projects Division is now delighted to introduce a one-of-a-kind compact version of the acclaimed 2011 Pistol, as a homage to Liwa's charm and history. This unique piece merges the highest performance of the weapon, the finest engraved design, and the arts of Arabic calligraphy and poetry.



Masterfully engraved in 24-K Gold and Platinum, while also sophisticatedly embossed and chiselled with three different techniques, the brand-new Liwa Pistol opens a window to Liwa's unforgettable landscapes. This masterwork results from a selected team of creatives' work, including the Master Calligrapher Amjed Rifaie and the Master Engraver Stefano Pedretti.

Be ready to be enchanted by this latest marvel from Caracal at Adihex 2023.

## A WINDOW ON LIWA "HOUSE OF HEROES"

Imagine the sharp silhouette of Al-Meel Fort, built in Liwa during the early decades of the 19th century, standing proudly upon a sea of red and golden sandy waves, while doves fly quietly over the palm trees. Then, try also to imagine the geometric, still smooth, profile of a dune in the blue velvet nights of Liwa, where stars shine magnificently like in no other place.



Now, imagine opening two windows on this beauty and caressing the masterfully engraved designs inspired by it with your hands secured around the Liwa Pistol's grip. Like a secret message, a poem from the contemporary Emirati poet Rashid Ali al-Kindi al-Marar finely decorates the slide in the shape of a calligraphic embroidery, magnifying Liwa's charm, the glory of its tribes, the moving vision of its sunsets. At the end of the pistol slide, the seal "Liwa" is impressed as a loving promise of faithfulness to this place's solemn, living memory.



## THE CARACAL LIWA PISTOL'S INSPIRATION: THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE HAND

خير الكلام أحميته بكير الفكر، وسبكته بمشاعيل النظر، وخلصته من خبث  
الإطناب فبرز بروز الإبريز، مركباً في معنى وجيز  
الجاذب

The best speech is the one that bellows of thought pulsings, moulded by the flame of attention, purified from the imperfection of the verbosity to emerge from the forge as gold, sparkling with meaning and synthesis.

al-Jahiz

It is not easy to create a marvel. It requires talent, care, technique, and tireless work. But, before all of this, it requires a dream. It starts to come true from the first tiny gesture that sketches the possibility of accomplishing it: a drawing or movement resulting from that innate knowledge of the hand following our reckless spirit and its boldness in meeting new challenges.

The millennial Arab tradition and the wisdom left by our glorious ancestors already taught us how culture and progress consist of different ways of participating in producing and distributing artifacts, whether they are material or intellectual. And if, according to the 8th-century genius al-Jahiz, the poet's mastery might be compared to the goldsmith's artistry, why don't we take the challenge to do a reversal comparison and magnificate them both in a unique masterpiece celebrating our heritage?



The hands of our creative team followed this vision. We realized it while being astonished by Liwa's glory and sunsets, listening to the tales of his noble people and shuyukh like Abdallah ibn Abdallah ibn Jadim al-Mazroui. All this seems to be echoed in one verse of Rashid Ali al-Kindi al-Marar's long qasida (poem) dedicated to his birthplace: "Oh Liwa, house of heroes, you were and are still magnificent."

The new compact version of the 2011 Pistol, the flagship of the Emirati brand Caracal, could not bear a more beautiful and sincere dedication to the land of our fathers. We sketched it on Liwa's sand, drew it as marvellous calligraphy on the paper with ink, chiselled it in gold, and carefully made it true for Adihex 2023.

While ensuring a top-tier shooting performance, the customised Liwa Pistol not only enables both collectors and amateurs to live a highly emotional, desert-flavoured shooting experience. It celebrates our ancient roots and values and recreates the symbolic set for creatives' challenges and modern-times heroes' adventures.





## THE BRAND-NEW CARACAL LIWA PISTOL: HOW TO CREATE A UNIQUE JEWEL

It took months to devise the thoughtful design of this masterpiece at Caracal under the guidance of a team of experts and creatives. The fine arms expert and gunmaker Mr. Nicola Bandini, Prof. Chiara Fontana, Philologist specialized in Arabic Language and Literature, the worldwide renowned Master Calligrapher Amjed Rifaie, whose work decorates important buildings such as the FAO-United Nations in Rome (Italy), and the Master Engraver Stefano Pedretti, who has been delivering engraved weapons to Royal Families in Europe, as well as high ranking collectors worldwide.

The two Arab windows on the grip are entirely plated in 24-K Yellow-Gold and dug just 2mm into the aerospace alloy grip. This made both the gun realization and the engraving process highly challenging. Namely, three techniques – i.e., manual burin engraving, chiselling, and gold shadowing - are deployed to ensure an incredibly realistic result.

While the Yellow-Gold envelops the day landscape's background, the Red-Gold recreates the nuanced dunes, alternating to Platinum.

In the quiet night picture, a Yellow-Gold desert reflects the light of a precious Platinum hilal (crescent moon) and stars. The blue background is made of 24-K Yellow-Gold treated with the "Charcoal Blue" technique - an ancient weapon manufacturing method employed for royal gun collections.

A magnificent 24-K Yellow-Gold engraved calligraphic design of Rashid Ali al-Kindi al-Marar's qasida (poem) dedicated to Liwa perfectly embraces the whole barrel according to a personalized mixture of Diwani and Wissam calligraphic styles created by Master Rifaie, while the Wissam logo "Caracal" and the pure Diwani seal "Liwa," respectively on the slide's front and back, confer a diagonal equilibrium to the whole design. All these details, including the poem's keen choice, make this artwork not only a unique dedication to Liwa: they also make it as a eulogy to the most representative arts in Arabic culture and tradition, like poetry, fine calligraphy, and engraving. No doubt, this is a one-of-a-kind jewel that will be the most wanted of worldwide collectors and amateurs.

After two exciting engraving experiences with Caracal, I was asked to participate in this new adventure: the Liwa project. Yes, I immediately understood that it was about doing something unique. It was enough for me to see the images of this fantastic oasis to immerse myself in the initiative. Suggestions were many: the red sand, the sunsets, the stars, the moon, the colours, and the poetic verses masterfully calligraphed by Amjed. Thanks to our super team, we have created something special. The result is here, and it can be seen: only when everyone participates passionately you nail it!

The Liwa Pistol Artwork was an extraordinary experience that made me discover this unique place's valuable tradition and rich history. Calligraphy is an act of love. It's also about gaining extraordinary awareness from what a place like Liwa might stir in its people's hearts in terms of belonging. Each word I calligraphed is true evidence of my admiration for Liwa's people and heritage.



## THE CARACAL LIWA PISTOL: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

The unique Compact Edition of the Caracal 2011 Liwa Pistol has been designed and built without compromise: all the parts are made strictly from solid metal billets, without casting or simplified manufacturing, as per large serial products on the world markets.

The Slide and Under Frame are machined from solid billets of high tensile steel 39NiCrMo4, while the Grip is machined from a single billet of Aerospace Alloy AL7075 "Ergal."

The Barrel, chambered for the caliber 9x19 Luger, is also

made from a solid bar of 36NiCrMo3 steel and fully coated with Titanium Nitrite, the same wear-impervious material used to coat milling plaques.

All steel components have been vacuum heat treated to respect the best tolerances and dimensional properties. At the same time, the light alloy parts are Hard Anodized for ever-lasting use and conservation over decades.

It has to be noted that this pistol comes as the first example of a 2011 sporting 4-inch barrel ever developed globally.



## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

<b>Pistol Type</b>	Short Recoil, Colt modified lock system
<b>Caliber</b>	9x19 Luger
<b>Magazine</b>	17 Rounds
<b>Barrel Length</b>	4 Inches
<b>Overall Length</b>	190mm
<b>Overall Height</b>	152mm
<b>Overall Thickness</b>	42mm
<b>Total Weight (unloaded)</b>	1150grs

**Notes:** All pistols are CIP Proofed with Serial Number Certificate. 24-K Yellow-Gold, Red-Gold and Platinum inlay and Gold plated parts. The Pistol comes with a wooden Presentation Case.





**CARACAL'S CUSTOM PROJECTS DIVISION EXPANDS ITS HORIZONS: DISCOVER THE LIWA PISTOL AT ADIHEX 2023**

At Caracal, we foster bold ideas and ambitious projects, always remaining faithful to our values and traditions and engaging in a far-reaching vision of gun-making. While continuously improving our already well-renowned expertise in small arms production for Law Enforcement, Security, and Military Forces, today, Caracal Custom Projects Division boldly continues to expand the new brand chapter it opened into the history of fine arms production within the Arab World with the making of the engraved 50th Anniversary Series in 2021 and the Spirit of the Emirates pistol in 2022.

In the wake of the pistol's success at Adihex 2022, where the media acclaimed its unique features, the Spirit of the Emirates was given to H.H. the President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan and the King of Malesia, Sultan of Pahang, Abdullah Ri'atuddin al-Mustafa Billah Shah. Now, with its unmatched 24-K Gold and Platinum engraved original artwork, the brand-new Caracal Liwa Pistol blends shooting perfection with the charm of an iconic Emirati place's evocation. These elements make this piece an authentic museum exhibition work.





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