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LONGINES HONG KONG  
INTERNATIONAL RACES

WHERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST MEET  
TURF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS



DEC 8 | SHA TIN

EVENT STARTS AT 11:30AM

FIRST RACE AT 12:25PM



Racecourse entrants and those who bet must be aged 18 or above. Don't gamble your life away.



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The Hong Kong  
Jockey Club





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# Event Calendar

List of Events starting from December 2nd to  
December 8th, 2024



*December:*

**02** (MON)

**LONGINES  
International Jockeys'  
Championship –  
Jockeys' Allocation  
Result Announcement**

▶ *Jockey Club Box, Sha Tin Racecourse*

Results Announcement that sets the stage for the championship event.

**03** (TUE)

**LONGINES  
International Jockeys'  
Championship – Press  
Conference**

▶ *Tai Kwun*

World renowned riders participating in the LONGINES IJC will attend a media conference at the historic Tai Kwun.



December:

**04** (WED)

## **LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship**

▶ *Happy Valley Racecourse*

12 international and local jockeys go head-to-head at the Happy Valley Racecourse, the LONGINES IJC is a grand racing occasion that you can't miss.

**05** (THU)

## **LONGINES Hong Kong International Races – Barrier Draw**

▶ *Parade Ring, Sha Tin Racecourse*

Draw Ceremony to check out which horses might be able to take advantage of favorable stall allocations.



*December:*

**06** (FRI)

## **LONGINES Hong Kong International Races Gala Dinner**

▶ *Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre*

To welcome the arrival of elite worldwide jockeys and horses in Hong Kong, racing connections and VIP guests to join the Gala Dinner

The LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award will also be held at the same night.

**08** (SUN)

## **LONGINES Hong Kong International Races**

▶ *Sha Tin Racecourse*

This renowned racing event attracts top international horses to compete in the four exhilarating G1 races for world turf championships.





**2024**

# IJC Line-Up

There will be 8 International Jockeys and 4 Jockeys based in Hong Kong, scroll down to see the full list of 12 Jockeys



# Mickael Barzalona

FR

- French Flat Racing Champion Jockey in 2021



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# William Buick

GB

- Two-time British Flat Racing Champion Jockey



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# Hollie Doyle

GB

- Single season record for most winners ridden by a female jockey (172 in 2021)



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\*Information as of 28 November

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# Yuga Kawada

**JPN**

- World All-Star Jockeys Champion in 2019
- JRA Champion Jockey in 2022



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# Colin Keane

**IRE**

- Six-time Irish Champion Jockey



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# Rachel King

**AUS**

- Sydney Champion Apprentice in 2016/2017



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# James McDonald

**NZ**



- Eight-time Sydney Champion Jockey
- Two-time LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award Winner
- Two-time New Zealand Champion Jockey

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# Ryan Moore

**GB**



- Two-time LONGINES IJC winner
- Four-time LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award Winner
- Three-time British Champion Jockey

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# Hugh Bowman

**HK, CHINA**



- Four-time Sydney Champion Jockey
  - LONGINES IJC Winner in 2016
  - LONGINES World's Best Jockey in 2017
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# Vincent Ho

**HK, CHINA**

**Reigning IJC Champion**



- Four-time Tony Cruz Award winner
  - LONGINES IJC Winner in 2023
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# Zac Purton

**HK, CHINA**

**Hong Kong Champion Jockey**



- Three-time LONGINES IJC Winner
  - Seven-time Hong Kong Champion Jockey
  - Hong Kong record for most wins in a season (179 in 2022/23)
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# Karis Teetan

**HK, CHINA**

- South Africa Champion Apprentice in 2008
  - LONGINES IJC Winner in 2019
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# World's best book Hong Kong date to bid for greatness at **LONGINES** International Jockeys' Championship



Another all-star line-up of heavyweights from the global riding ranks will descend on Happy Valley Racecourse to contest this season's LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship (IJC) on 4 December.

It's bound to be another lively atmosphere as 12 of the world's best bid to go "from great to greatest" and clinch the 27th edition of the blue-riband event in front of a full house at the iconic city course.

\*Information as of 28 November



The LONGINES IJC is the most lucrative jockey challenge in world racing, so it's only fitting that it attracts a selection of the finest jockeys ever to take to the saddle.

Britain's Ryan Moore and James McDonald of New Zealand are perpetual rivals at the top of the LONGINES World's Best Jockey rankings and this year is no different. Each returns for their 18th and ninth IJCs, respectively, and will cross swords for the title with HK\$1 million to be shared between the three leading jockeys. The winner will claim HK\$600,000 of the cash bonanza. Moore is looking for a third IJC Championship in Hong Kong, McDonald a maiden one to improve on his two seconds and a third-place finish.

Both are frequent visitors to Hong Kong, but it's McDonald who holds a special place in the hearts of the home crowd, given his blockbusting partnership with reigning Horse of the Year Romantic Warrior, a union set to be renewed at the following weekend's LONGINES Hong Kong International Races in Sha Tin.

Moore and McDonald will be joined by defending IJC champion Vincent Ho. The home-grown jockey claimed a maiden IJC triumph 12

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months ago and has hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks.

Hong Kong champion jockey Zac Purton will also take his place in the field courtesy of his domestic heroics. The seven-time champion jockey will bid to claim a record-setting fourth IJC Championship.



British rider William Buick makes a welcome return to the IJC after three editions away, and the two-time British champion jockey arrives in Hong Kong on the back of a momentous victory aboard Rebel's Romance in the Group 1 Breeder's Cup Turf in Del Mar in November.

Former and current champions of their own domain, Mickael Barzalona of France, Yuga Kawada of Japan, and Irishman Colin Keane, each return for their sixth, fourth and third outings, respectively.

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Kawada is a seven-time JRA Award winner in his home country, whose best IJC finish was fifth in 2019. Barzalona currently sits second in the French jockey championship and won his 40th Group 1 race earlier this season atop Tribalist in the Group 1 Prix du Moulin de Longchamp. Keane has dominated the landscape of Irish flat racing for almost half a decade and is on course to claim a fifth straight jockey's title in the jurisdiction this season to add to the one he won in 2017. Any of the trio is well capable of landing a maiden IJC win in December.

The party of eight overseas raiders is rounded out by the returning Rachel King, who claimed a win in her debut IJC ride last season before going on to seal third place overall, and fan favourite Hollie Doyle, who returns to Hong Kong for a fifth IJC in a row. She has enjoyed another stellar year in 2024, adding two more Group 1 victories to her tally after striking up an exciting partnership with British sprint sensation Bradsell.

Australian rider Hugh Bowman and Mauritian Karis Teetan, both representing Hong Kong, will join the field as the highest-ranked local hoops and will join Ho and Purton in







world's leading Group 1 contests. They will compete with the world's very best established riders for a thrilling night of great sport.”

With a 2024 LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship field packed with talent and experience, this year's edition is poised to be one of the most exciting in recent memory. The world's elite jockeys will converge on Happy Valley Racecourse, where fans can look forward to an exhilarating night of breathtaking action and unforgettable moments.





DEC 4

Happy Valley Racecourse

Event Starts at 5:00PM

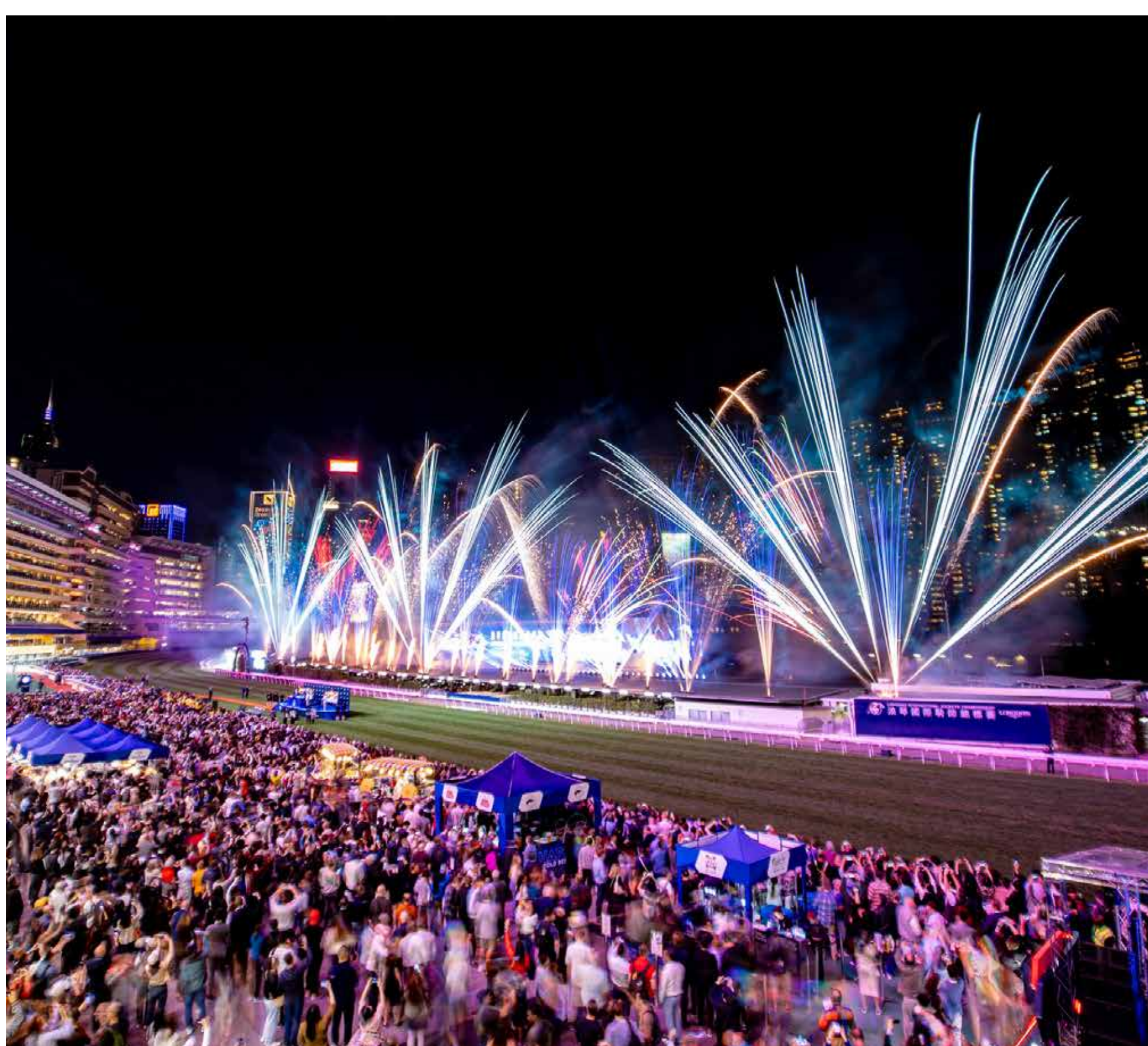
First Race at 6:30PM

The LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship, showcasing the finest riders from around the globe, will take place on 4 December at Happy Valley Racecourse! The jockey with the highest points accumulated throughout the evening will be crowned with the prestigious title. Come out and cheer for our local jockeys as they compete alongside world-class talent. Don't miss out on international cuisines and live performances in between races. See you all there!

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# 1 *Opening Pyrotechnics Display*



Kick off the LONGINES IJC with an electrifying pyrotechnics show that will dazzle your senses! Illuminating the racecourse with a burst of vibrant colors this display will not only set the stage for the city's most thrilling sporting event but also leave you eagerly anticipating the night's exhilarating races.

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# 2 *World-Class Elite Jockeys on Parade*



Don't miss the opportunity to get a close look at the twelve top jockeys from around the world, all renowned for their strength and competitiveness, as they gather at the grand opening ceremony to greet fans. Get ready to be wowed by the great passion and fighting spirit of these top-tier racing stars.

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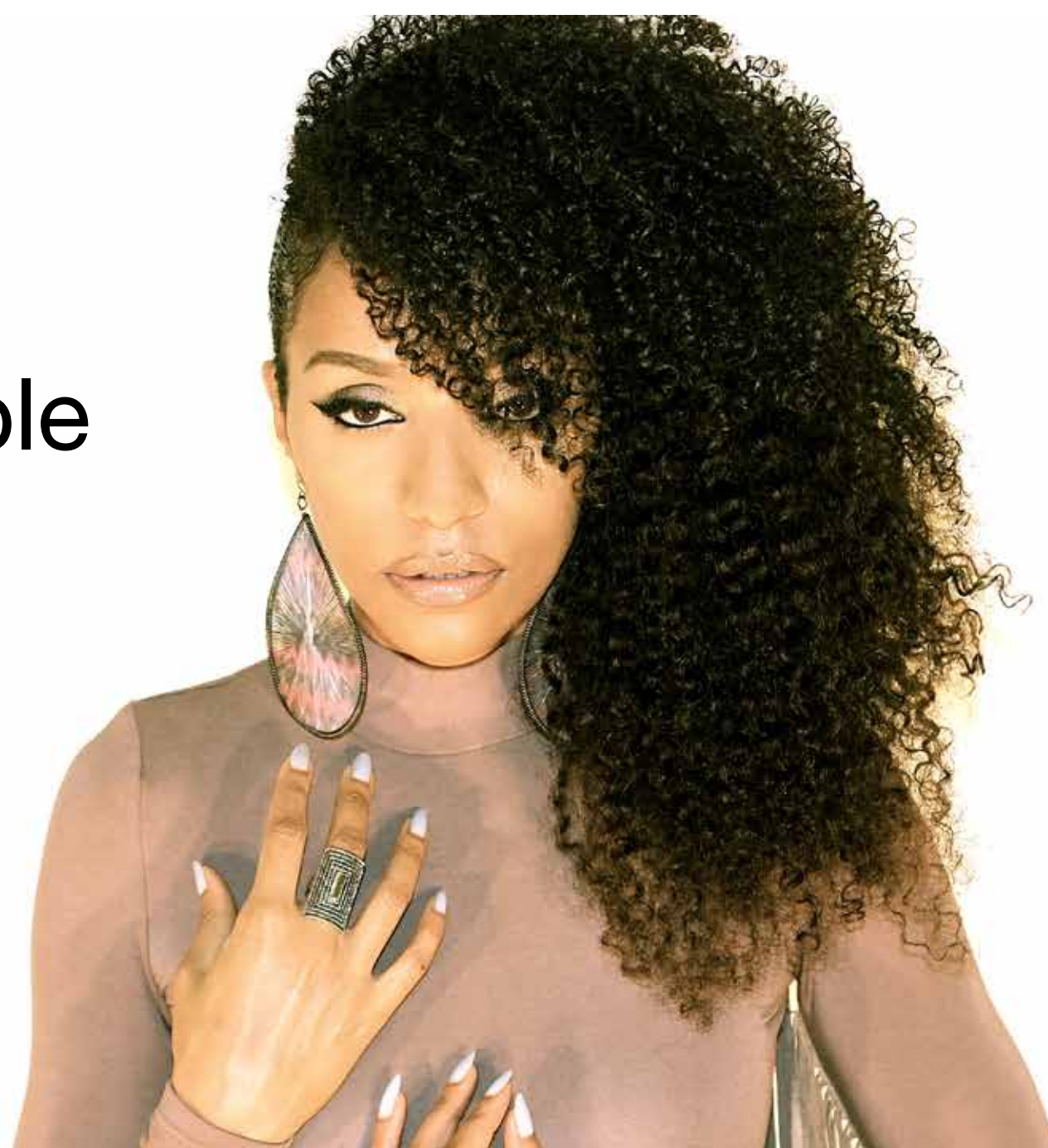
# 3 *Electrifying Lineup of Live Performances*



The event will kick off with

renowned DJ BENNY\*CEE, who will set the stage with dynamic beats, heating up the atmosphere with his DJ skills! Singer-Songwriter Katt Rockell will take the stage in the Beer Garden. Known for her unique musical style and soulful voice, Rockell is

sure to provide an unforgettable night of music.



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# 4 *International Cuisine*



To complement this world-class horse racing event, a variety of global specialty cuisines will be available at the food trucks and food stalls in the Beer Garden of Happy Valley Racecourse, allowing horse racing enthusiasts to enjoy exciting races while savoring cuisines from around the world.

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# 5 *From Great To Greatest*



Twelve elite jockeys will compete for the prestigious title at the LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship on 4 December at Happy Valley Racecourse. Who will you support?

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Now is your chance to show your support for your favourite jockey

▶ **VOTE NOW!**

## HOW TO ENTER

- 1 **FOLLOW** @hkjcracingsports
- 2 **LIKE** this post and the post featuring your favourite jockey (Navigate to “Story Highlights” and find the relevant posts)
- 3 **LEAVE A COMMENT** under your favourite jockey’s post and express why they are your favourite

In the lead-up to the event, from 25 November, fans can vote for their favourite jockey on The Hong Kong Jockey Club's official social media platforms (Facebook [@HKJC Racing Sports](#) or Instagram [@hkjcracingsports](#)), for a chance to be among 10 winners of a LONGINES HKIR horse plush and a designated cap autographed by the 2024 LONGINES IJC champion. [Terms and conditions](#) apply. For more details, please refer to an announcement to be published on 25 November.

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint



### Ka Ying Rising

**HK, CHINA**

Winner of BOCHK Private Banking Jockey Club Sprint



### Starlust

**GB**

Winner of G1 Breeders' Cup Turf Sprint



### Lugal

**JPN**

Winner of G1 Sprinters Stakes

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Mile



### Voyage Bubble

**HK, CHINA**

Winner of G1 Stewards' Cup



### Soul Rush

**JPN**

Winner of G1 Mile Championship



### Antino

**AUS**

Winner of G1 Toorak Handicap

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Cup



### Romantic Warrior

**HK, CHINA**

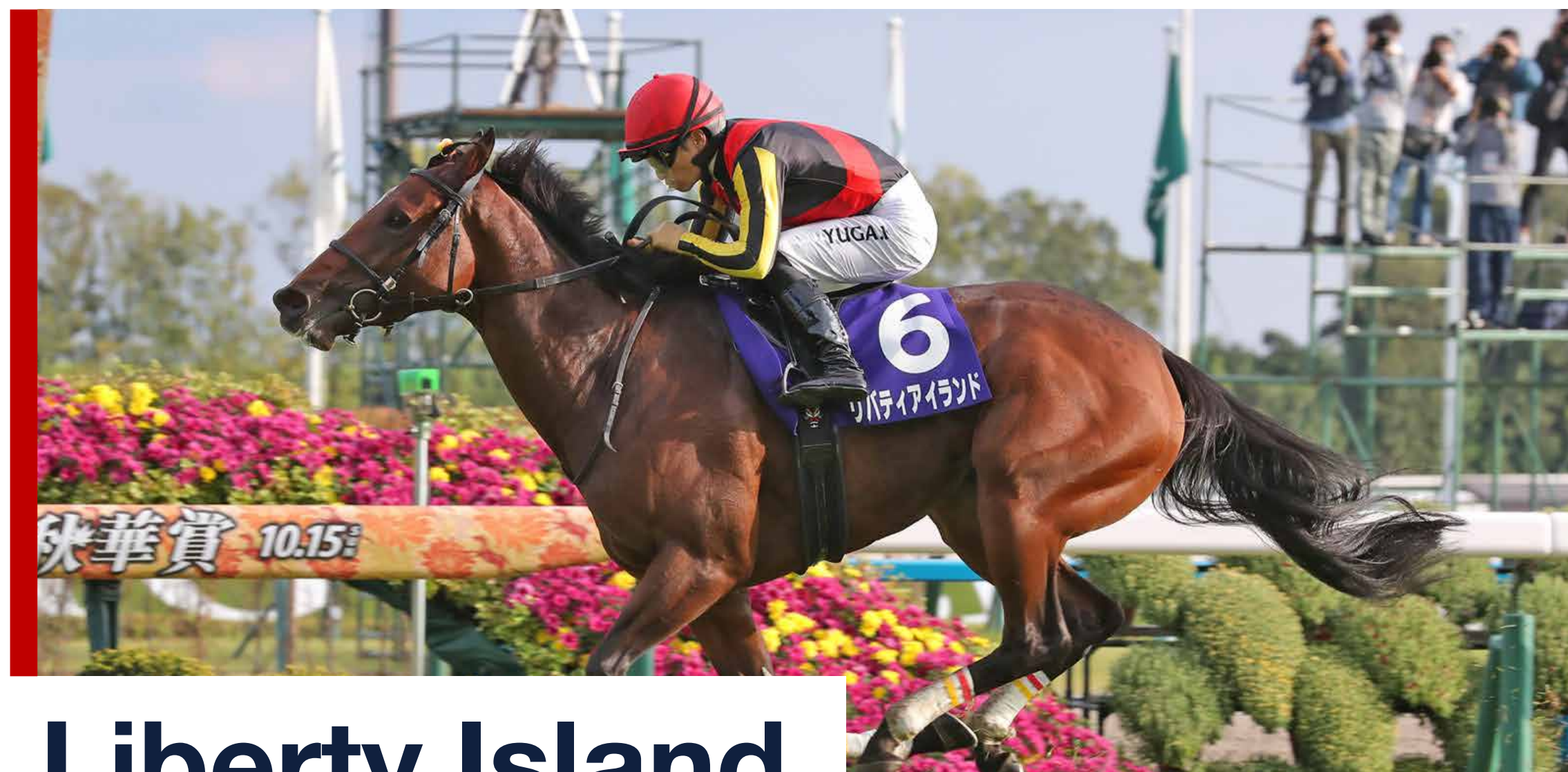
Winner of W.S Cox Plate 2023 and LONGINES Hong Kong Cup 2023



### Spirit Dancer

**GB**

Two-time G2 Bahrain International trophy winner



### Liberty Island

**JPN**

Winner of the Japanese Triple Tiara in 2023 following victories in the G1 Oka Sho, G1 Yushun Himba and G1 Shuka Sho

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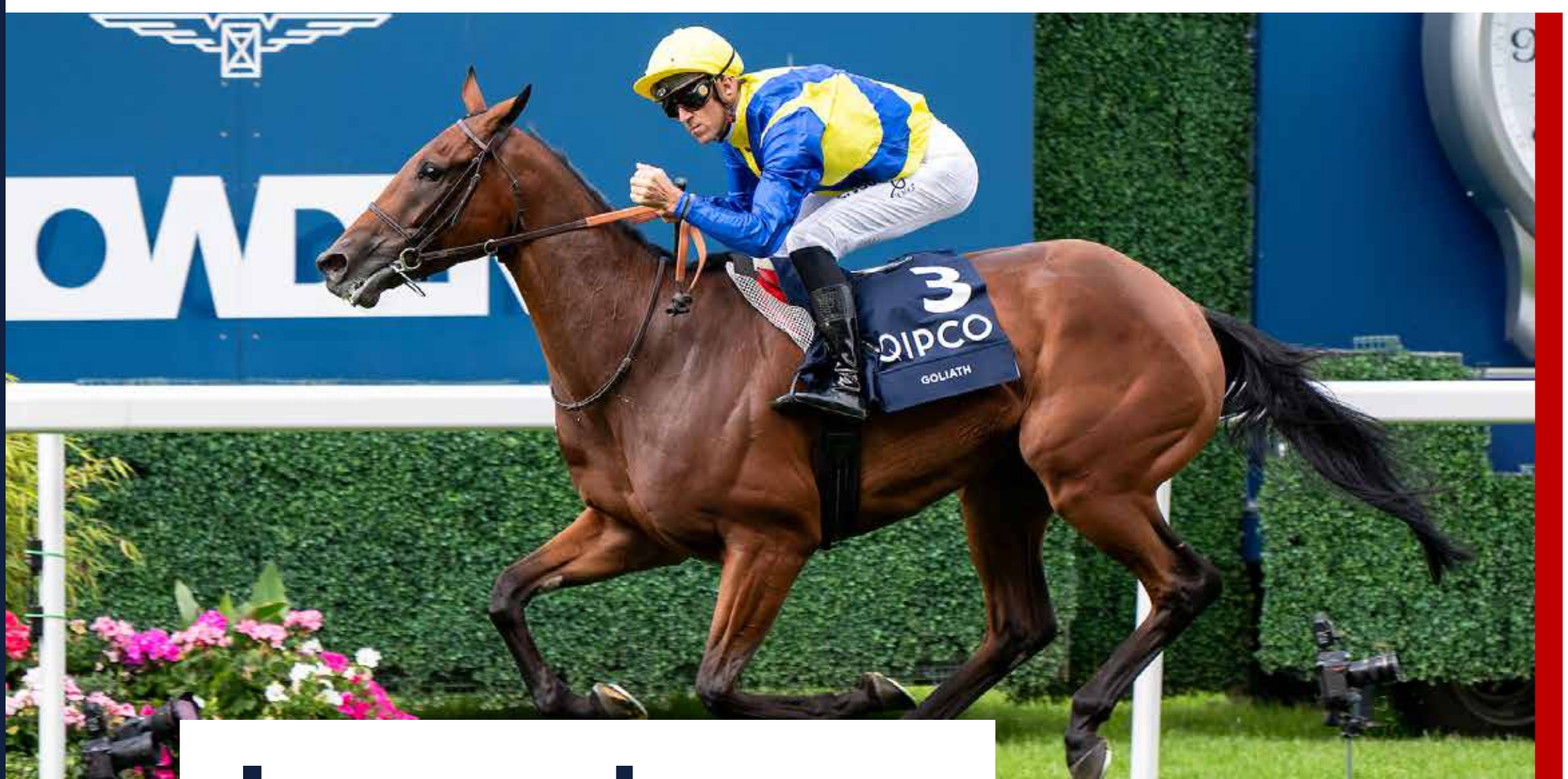
## LONGINES Hong Kong Vase



### Without A Fight

**AUS**

Winner of 2023 G1 Caulfield and 2023 G1 Melbourne cup



### Luxembourg

**IRE**

Irish Champion Stakes 2022, Tattersalls Gold Cup 2023 and Winner of G1 Coronation Cup 2024



### Stellenbosch

**JPN**

Winner of Oka Sho (Japanese 1000 Guineas)

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# 2024 LONGINES Hong Kong International Races attracts stellar cast as racing world shifts focus towards annual showpiece



The 2024 LONGINES Hong Kong International Races (HKIR), set to take place at Sha Tin Racecourse on 8 December, promises to be another spectacular showcase of global horse racing talent.

This year's event has attracted a truly international field, with 28 of the selected runners arriving from overseas and a remarkable 24 individual Group 1 winners set to

\*Information as of 28 November





go to post on a sensational day of action.

With record prize money totalling HK\$126 million, this year's edition is poised to deliver an exhilarating day of action at the Turf World Championships.

The LONGINES HKIR is renowned for drawing top-class runners from around the world, and this year is no exception. Horses from four continents will compete across four elite Group 1 races: the HK\$40 million Group 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m), HK\$36 million Group 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m), HK\$26 million Group 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint (1200m) and HK\$24 million Group 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Vase (2400m). The diversity of the entries, from each of the world's top racing jurisdictions, underscores Hong Kong's status as a premier destination for owners and trainers seeking international acclaim.

An elite register of 53 top-class gallopers from Hong Kong, Japan, Great Britain, Australia, France, Ireland and the United States of America was chosen from the entries.

Andrew Harding, the Executive

\*Information as of 28 November



Director of Racing at The Hong Kong Jockey Club, enthused about the standard of the fields for this year's edition: "We are excited by the quality of selected runners for this year's LONGINES Hong Kong International Races and the presence of so many of the stars is in keeping with our long-held commitment to deliver sporting excellence."

Hong Kong's reigning Horse of the Year, Romantic Warrior, leads the local defence. Danny Shum's six-year-old – an eight-time Group 1 winner who successfully raided the Group 1 W.S. Cox Plate (2040m) and Group 1 Yasuda Kinen (1600m) in Australia and Japan, respectively, last season – is aiming to become the first horse to win three LONGINES Hong Kong Cups after victories in 2022 and 2023.

Another local star aiming to build on a strong start to the season is Voyage Bubble, who finished runner-up to the great Golden Sixty in last year's LONGINES Hong Kong Mile. The Ricky Yiu-trained gelding took out the Group 1 Stewards' Cup last season and lines up as Hong Kong's leading hope in the Mile this time around.

Thrilling talent Ka Ying Rising will aim to prove that he belongs in

\*Information as of 28 November



Group 1 company when he tackles the Sprint ahead of a planned assault on the Four-Year-Old Classic Series later in the season. Galaxy Patch will also be flying the flag for the hosts when he lines up in the LONGINES Hong Kong Mile.

“With the selection of 56 elite horses the stage is now set for the 2024 LONGINES Hong Kong International Races and an exhilarating afternoon of sporting action,” Harding said. “We look forward to once again welcoming the titans of world racing to our beautiful city.”

International superstars Liberty Island, Tastiera, Without a Fight, Antino, Jantar Mantar, Starlust, Luxembourg, Lugal and Lazzat are among the headline entries from overseas.

British-trained Starlust, fresh off a Group 1 Breeders’ Cup Turf Sprint win, will contest the LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint. Trainer Ralph Beckett and jockey Rossa Ryan, who also combined to win the Group 1 Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe in October, are aiming for another international victory.

Irish master trainer Aidan O’Brien will saddle four runners at the meeting, and his contingent will be



headed by Luxembourg, this season's Group 1 Coronation Cup winner, who goes in the LONGINES Hong Kong Vase.

In addition to Romantic Warrior's pursuit of history, fans will be eager to see if the Hong Kong contingent can go one better than the trio of LONGINES Hong Kong International Races triumphs it enjoyed at last season's Sha Tin showpiece. However, it is a group of formidable international challengers that stands in its way this time around.

Anticipation is building and come 8 December, the eyes of the racing world will be trained on Sha Tin Racecourse as it hosts what is sure to be another memorable chapter in the storied history of Hong Kong racing.





## DEC 8

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**Sha Tin Racecourse**  
**Event Starts at 11:30AM**  
**First Race at 12:25PM**

When the World's Greatest Meet. Korean pop sensation RAIN will make a surprise appearance, taking the stage at Sha Tin Racecourse for the first time to perform some of his hit songs. The highlight of the city's racing calendar with an astounding attendance that brought over 73,000 racing fans from all around the world in 2023, the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races, will unfold on 8 December at Sha Tin Racecourse. Join us to experience Rain's unforgettable performance and show your support for the home team!

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# 1 *Opening Performance By Celebrity*

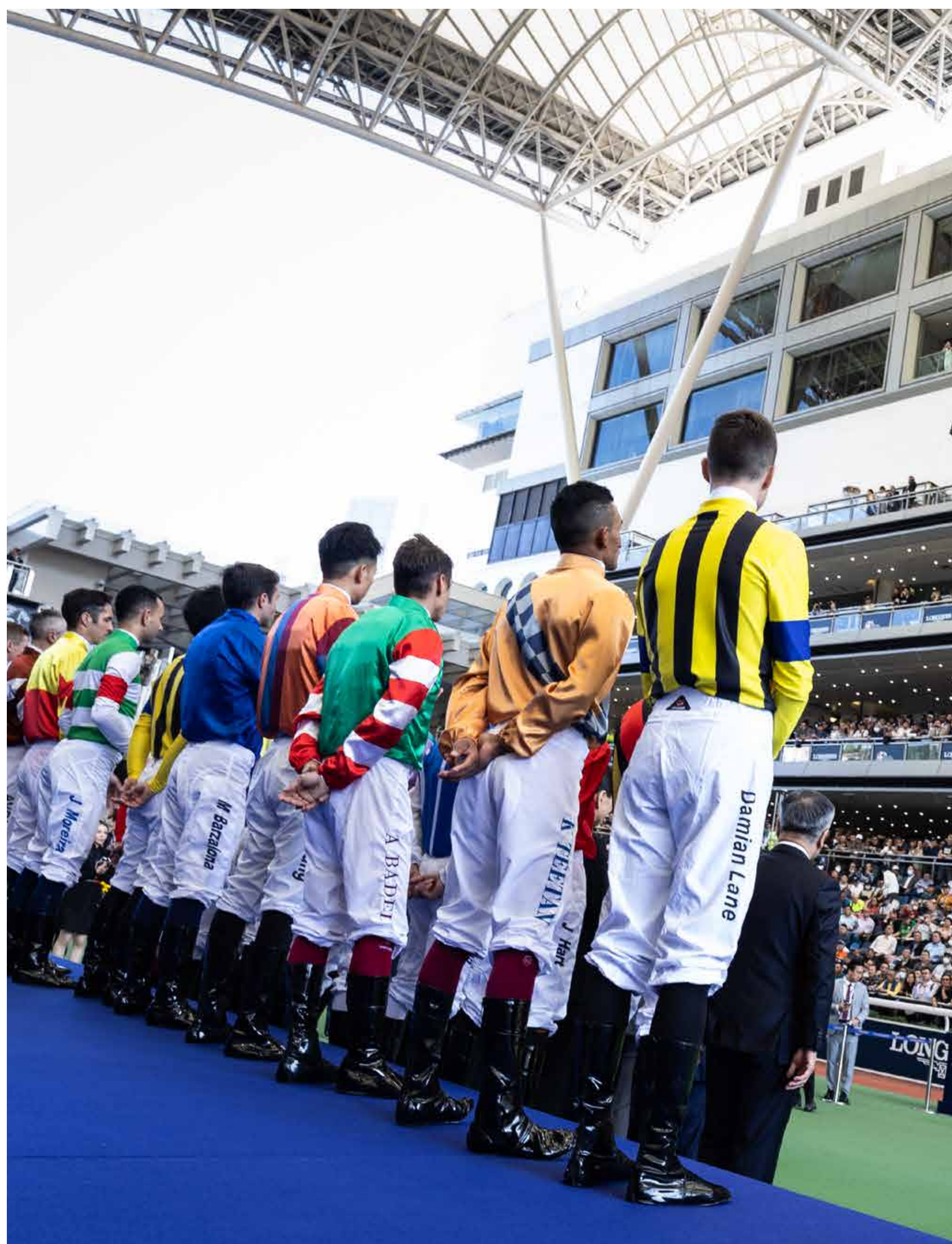


Experience pre-race excitement with a mesmerising opening performance at Parade Ring by RAIN, known as the “Asian Dance King”, RAIN is a renowned K-pop star and was named one of Time magazine’s top 100 most influential people. His performance will set the stage alive, adding an electrifying ambiance before the event starts.

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# 2 Jockey Parade Opening Ceremony



After Race 2, the top participating jockeys will gather for the Opening Ceremony to meet the racegoers and join the singing of the national anthem. Come to witness the world's best compete, and cheer them on as they battle to win the four major races!

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# 3 *Themed Stage Performance*



Exciting races will be held on the track, Featuring a concert by Zpecial underneath “Mezza One”. They will perform in between races, adding to the festive atmosphere of the event.

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# 4 Savor Unique Cuisines From Around The World



No great party can be without great food! A delightful selection of speciality food from various countries will be on offer, including Sausage Roll from Australia, Baked Escargot Pie with Mashed Potato & Cheese from France and Crab & Sakura Shrimp Croquettes from Japan – all designed to satisfy every palate.

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# 5 *When The World's Greatest Meet*



The LONGINES Hong Kong International Races bring together elite horses from around the world, competing for a total prize pool of HK\$126 million across four prestigious G1 races. This thrilling event is always eagerly anticipated. Let's cheer for our local champions and witness the crowning of four new world turf kings!

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Cup

(G1 – 2000m),  
total prize  
money of  
HK\$40 million

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Mile

(G1 – 1600m),  
total prize  
money of  
HK\$36 million

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint

(G1 – 1200m),  
total prize  
money of  
HK\$26 million

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## LONGINES Hong Kong Vase

(G1 – 2400m),  
total prize  
money of  
HK\$24 million

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# 6

## *“STRC Delights” Quiz For Prizes*



Participate in the game by entering Sha Tin Racecourse. Open the “Classic 3-in-1” app and enter the game page in the “Discover” section. The first 4 participants to submit the correct answer by 5pm, in accordance with the instructions, will win a designated horse plush autographed by RAIN. The next 500 eligible participants will receive a designated champion horse plush. Seize the opportunity now!^

^For more details, please refer to the "[Sha Tin Racecourse Delights](#)" website.

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# 7 *Futuristic Closing Pyrotechnic Show at trackside*



After the event, stay on for the grand pyrotechnics show and enjoy a spectacular visual feast! This vibrant show will illuminate the night sky over Sha Tin Racecourse, synchronised with party music to create a breathtaking atmosphere that will perfectly conclude the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races.

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# Gift for Racegoers

All Sha Tin and  
Happy Valley Racecourse  
entrants will receive a  
designated HKIR Cap<sup>^</sup> before  
3:30 pm, or while stocks last,  
whichever occurs first.



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INTERNATIONAL RACES  
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Dec 8 Sha Tin  
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# LONGINES

## Title Partner Of The LONGINES Hong Kong International Races

LONGINES is proud to be the Title Partner and Official Timekeeper of the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races week, including the LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship. This year's event is the perfect opportunity for LONGINES to highlight a chronograph model from the Conquest collection. A blend of boldness, timelessness and sporty elegance, this timepiece with a sunray champagne dial is powered by an exclusive LONGINES self-winding mechanical movement equipped with a silicon balance spring and new components made of non-magnetic material, making it the ultimate everyday watch.

**LONGINES**





# LONGINES and the Equestrian World

LONGINES and the equestrian world have enjoyed a long history of close ties with their relentless passion and shared values. Tradition, Elegance, Performance and the quest for exploits: an unwavering commitment that dates back to the nineteenth century, only a few years after the inception of the company's factory in the Swiss village of Saint-Imier. Today, this passion is more alive than ever, with the brand's presence in major equestrian events around the world - this time LONGINES shows its firm dedication to the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races.





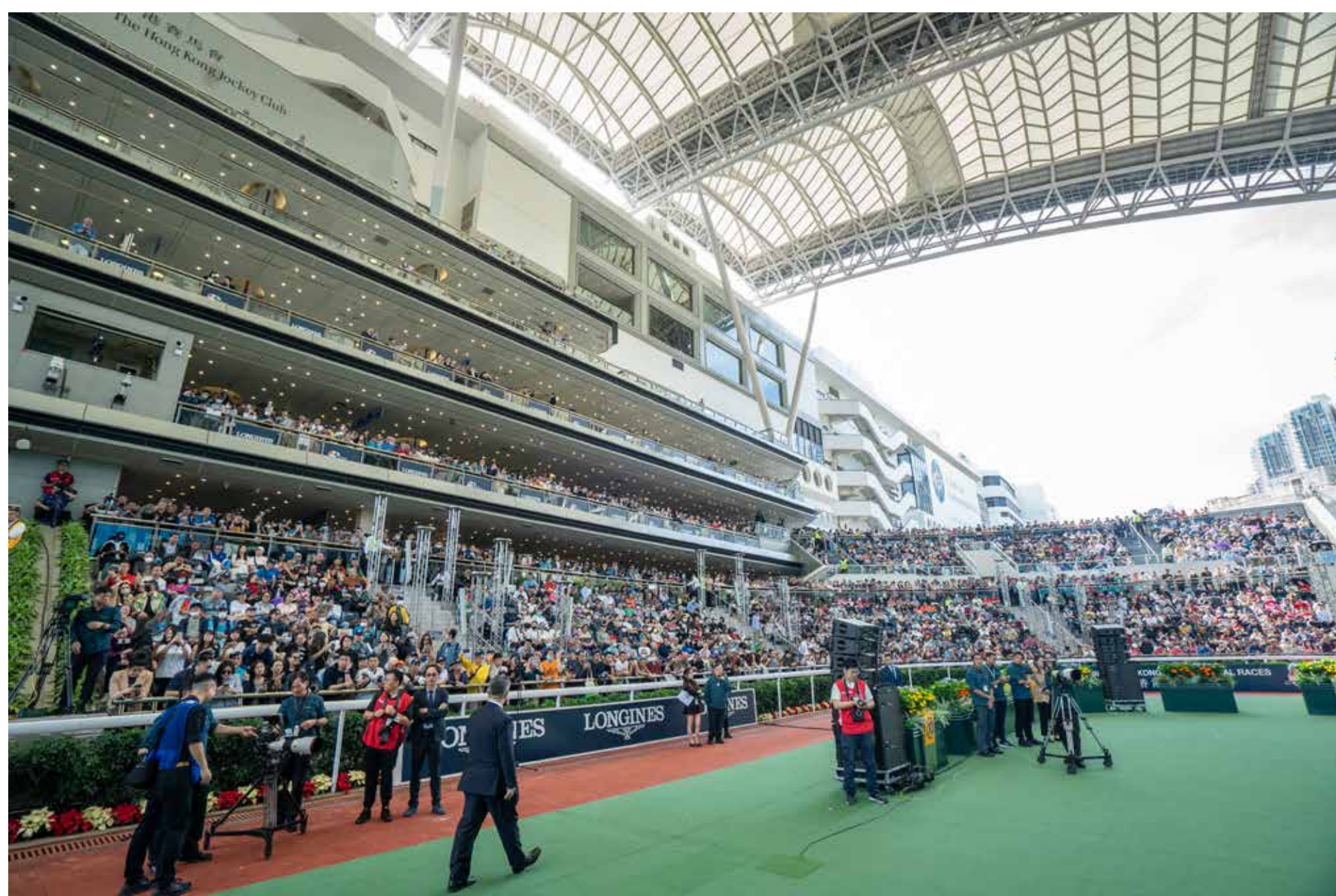


In 1878, LONGINES developed a famous chronograph movement, fitted in a case engraved with a jockey and his mount.

LONGINES' passion for the equestrian world dates back to 1869, when the brand created its first equestrian pocket watch found to date. Not long after, in 1878, LONGINES developed a famous chronograph movement, fitted in a case engraved with a jockey and his mount. Seen on the American racetracks since the late nineteenth century, this type of timepieces proved extremely popular among jockeys and horse-lovers, as it enabled its user to time performances to the second. Designed in the workshops of the factory in Saint-Imier, these first creations marked the beginning of LONGINES' very early involvement in the equestrian world.



The name of LONGINES thus very quickly became associated with sports timekeeping. While the brand was constantly pushing the boundaries of precision, its involvement in the equestrian world progressively intensified. In 1912, a further step was taken when LONGINES concluded its first official partnership with a show jumping event in Lisbon, Portugal, marking the beginning of a long and fruitful relationship with the discipline.



Throughout the years, countless equestrian competitions enjoyed the qualities and reliability of the chronograph calibres and automated instruments that LONGINES had developed to time sports performances. As a result of its legitimacy and expertise,



LONGINES' involvement in equestrian sports today includes flat racing, show jumping, dressage and eventing disciplines.



Today, LONGINES' engagement with the equestrian world has been further enhanced by its dedicated support for major equestrian institutions such as the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) and the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA).





**LONGINES presents  
the Official Watch of  
the 2024 LONGINES  
International  
Jockeys'  
Championship and  
the LONGINES  
Hong Kong  
International Races  
- a model from the  
CONQUEST  
collection**

**LONGINES**  




At the 2024 LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship and the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races, the Swiss watch brand Longines is proud to present a unique watch from its Conquest collection. This 42 mm chronograph version with a sunray champagne dial is powered by an exclusive LONGINES self-winding mechanical movement. Known for its sporty elegance and robustness for everyday use, the Conquest collection celebrates its 70th anniversary this year.

Elegance isn't reserved for special occasions. The ultimate every day watch, Conquest says it loud and clear. An evocation of daring and of creative spirit, the collection was the first LONGINES watch line to have its name protected, in 1954, by the Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property (IPI). Over time, the Conquest line has evolved in terms of design and technology, while remaining true to its original spirit, a blend of boldness, timelessness and sporty elegance.

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mechanical movement equipped with a silicon balance-spring and new components made of non-magnetic material. Presented in a 42 mm steel case water-resistant up to 10 bar (100 m). it features a snailed champagne sunray dial with rhodium-plated hands, applied rhodium-plated hour markers and Super-LumiNova® treatment at 3, 6, 9 and 12 o'clock. The sub-second dial and the counters are in the same black colour as the ceramic tachymetric bezel for added contrast. The watch comes with a stainless steel bracelet.

This Conquest model is also available with a choice of dial colours and matching rubber straps.





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