

# Clash of titans, through and through

BMW 寶馬香港打吡大賽  
HONG KONG  
DERBY



Tommy Berry and *Designs On Rome* (top and above) take the Hong Kong Derby by half a length from *Able Friend* (no. 1).  
「威爾頓」在貝湯美胯下(最上圖及上圖)以半個馬位之先壓倒「步步友」(一號)，勝出香港打吡大賽。





BMW convertibles carry the Owner, trainer and jockey of Derby winner *Designs On Rome* on a victory parade.

打吡盟主「威爾頓」的馬主、練馬師和騎師乘坐寶馬開蓬跑車作勝利巡遊。



Movie star Donnie Yen (3rd left), pictured here with his wife as well as Club Chairman T. Brian Stevenson (2nd left) and BMW's Newman Tsang, was this year's Derby Ambassador.

打吡大使及電影紅星甄子丹(左三)與妻子、馬會主席施文信(左二)和寶馬代表曾耀民合照。

## 星級佳駒 激戰連場

Whichever way the races went, John Moore emerged the biggest winner as horses from his stable dominated this year's Group One Four-Year-Old Series. Getting Moore's winning streak off to an impressive start, *Able Friend* recorded a half-length triumph over stablemate *Designs On Rome* to win the first leg, the Hong Kong Classic Mile on 19 January. The star trainer continued to assert his presence by saddling the first three home in the Hong Kong Classic Cup, namely *Designs On Rome*, *Able Friend* and *Secret Sham*. And the same winning duo locked horns again in March, when *Designs On Rome* got the better of *Able Friend* by half a length to win the BMW Hong Kong Derby, the final leg of the Series.

A fitting curtain-raiser to this epic duel was provided by the 2014 Hong Kong International Sale (March), which saw 15 lots, amongst them future Derby hopefuls, going under the hammer for a total of HK\$49.5 million. In addition to the 16 lots passing through the ring in December, the two-date sale this season produced a total of HK\$114.2 million in gross receipts, more than 25% higher than the auction a year earlier, while the average rose by 32% to HK\$3.7 million.

本年度馬季的香港一級賽四歲馬系列，結果成為約翰摩亞馬房賽駒的天下。在一月十九日舉行的首關賽事香港經典一哩賽中，兩匹約翰摩亞馬房旗下的佳駒展開激鬥，最後由「步步友」以半個馬位之先力壓廝侶「威爾頓」摘冠。這位星級練馬師更在第二關賽事香港經典盃憑「威爾頓」、「步步友」和「風花雪月」一舉包辦該賽三甲。「威爾頓」和「步步友」在三月舉行的尾關寶馬香港打吡大賽賽事中再次短兵相接，最終由「威爾頓」以半個馬位之先擊敗「步步友」掄元。

於精彩的寶馬香港打吡大賽舉行前夕，二〇一四年香港國際馬匹拍賣會（三月）為該賽揭開序幕。當日共有十五匹馬推出競投，當中包括或有機會競逐打吡大賽的明日之星，總拍賣價為四千九百五十萬港元。連同於十二月拍賣會所售出的十六匹馬，本年度馬季兩次拍賣會的總拍賣價達一億一千四百二十萬港元，較去年增加逾百分之二十五，平均拍賣價為三百七十萬港元，較去年上升百分之三十二。



*Designs On Rome* also won the Hong Kong Classic Cup.

「威爾頓」勝出香港經典盃。



*Able Friend* took the Hong Kong Classic Mile.

「步步友」勇奪香港經典一哩賽。



An *Exceed And Excel* gelding fetched top price at the two Hong Kong International Sales.

在本年度兩次香港國際馬匹拍賣會中，一匹「盡善盡美」的子嗣創下最高拍賣價。

### Hong Kong International Sale Figures (HK\$M)

香港國際馬匹拍賣會統計數字（百萬港元）

Racing Season 馬季	No. of Horses 拍賣馬匹數目	Gross Receipts 總拍賣價	Average Price 平均拍賣價	Top Price 最高拍賣價
2013/14	31	114.2	3.7	7.5
2012/13	33	91.2	2.8	6.2
2011/12	26	114.4	4.4	9.0
2010/11	20	94.1	4.7	7.5
2009/10	19	70.4	3.7	5.7