



Atzeni, Andrea

Age: 26. Andrea Atzeni is a graduate of the British Racing School. He began his career as an apprentice to Newmarket trainer Marco Botti in 2007. His first G1 win was atop Sortilege in the 2012 Premio Lydia Tesio and his first classic win was Kingston Hill's G1 St Leger in 2014. He has 21 G1 wins including the King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes, Dubai Sheema Classic, Coronation Cup and Juddmonte International on Postponed. Three of Atzeni's six G1 wins this year have been achieved on Decorated Knight, in the Jebel Hatta, Tattersalls Gold Cup and Irish Champion Stakes. He was contracted to ride a short stint in Hong Kong in 2014/2015. **Hong Kong career wins (as of 27 November): 3**



Barzalona, Mickael

Age: 26. Mickael Barzalona was born in Avignon, France, a grandson of Corsican trainer Christian Barzalona and nephew of former Flat and Jumps jockey Armand Barzalona. He began his career with France's standout trainer, Andre Fabre, and is now Godolphin's number one rider in France. A precocious sensation, he enjoyed a stunning Dubai Carnival in 2011, at age 19, winning major races for the Godolphin operation, and that momentum took him to a famous English Derby win in June, 2012 aboard Pour Moi. The rider headed to Hong Kong for a short stint in 2011/12, notching one winner from 42 rides. Barzalona won the 2012 G1 Dubai World Cup aboard Monterosso and the latest of his 12 G1 wins came on Talismanic in the 2017 Breeders' Cup Turf. **Hong Kong career wins (as of 27 November): 1**



Benoist, Gregory

Age: 34. Based in France, the Belgian rider has achieved 982 wins in France since he started his career in 1999. Benoist claimed his first Group 1 victory on Ectot in the 2013 Criterium International and he added the following year's Prix Niel on the horse. He notched his first Classic victories in 2014 on Avenir Certain in the G1 Poule d'Essai des Pouliches and G1 Prix de Diane. His eight career G1 wins also include this year's Prix d'Ispahan on Mekhtal. Many of his biggest successes have come in his role as Al Shaqab Racing's retained jockey in France. He rode in Hong Kong on a short term contract in the winter of 2015/16. **Hong Kong career wins (as of 27 November): 5**



Berry, Tommy

Age: 26. Tommy Berry grew up around horses at the Warwick Farm stable of his father Kevin Berry, a former jockey. He began his career in 2007 and was Sydney champion apprentice in 2009/10. His first G1 win came on Epaulette in the 2012 Golden Rose Stakes. Berry became the first HKJC licensed rider to win a G1 on the first day of his contract when successful aboard Military Attack in the 2013 APQEII Cup. He moved to Hong Kong full-time at the start of the 2017/18 season to ride as retained jockey for the John Moore stable. **Honours:** Sydney Champion Apprentice (2009/10). **Notable wins include:** QEII Cup (2013, Military Attack; 2014, Designs On Rome), Hong Kong Derby (2014 Designs On Rome), Hong Kong Gold Cup (2016 Designs On Rome), Chairman's Sprint Prize (2016 Chautauqua), Stewards' Cup (2017 Helene Paragon), Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (2017 Helene Paragon), T. J. Smith Stakes (2015, 2016, 2017 Chautauqua), Singapore Airlines International Cup (2014 & 2015 Dan Excel). **Hong Kong career wins (as of 27 November): 61**



Bertras, Francois-Xavier

Age: 40. Francois-Xavier Bertras has had a long association with Pau trainer Francois Rohaut, for whom he has also ridden winners in the purebred Arabian sphere. Bertras had his first Group race success aboard Rohaut's Baldwina in the 2001 G3 Prix Penelope. His first triumph above that level, and by far his biggest achievement to date, came in March, 2017 when he partnered the Didier Guillemin-trained The Right Man to win the G1 Al Quoz Sprint at Meydan, Dubai. He has notched 41 wins in France this year, taking his overall tally in his homeland to more than 1100. His best season in France was 2009 when he had 74 wins. Hong Kong debut.



Boudot, Pierre-Charles

Age: 24. Boudot won his second French champion jockey title in 2016 with a European record of 300 wins that season. His father, the late Marc Boudot, was a trainer in central France. He attended the jockeys' school at Govieux before joining the inimitable Andre Fabre as an apprentice. He notched his first win in April, 2009 and his maiden G1 triumph was atop Gallante in the 2014 Grand Prix de Paris. He won the 2014 G1 Prix Rothschild and the following year's G1 Prix Jacques le Marois and G1 Sun Chariot Stakes on Esoterique. Boudot rode in Japan for two months at the end of 2014, based at Ritto with trainer Yasutoshi Ikee. He has more than 1200 career wins and the most recent of his G1 wins came on Bateel in this year's Prix Vermeille.

Honours: 2x France's champion jockey (2015 [tied with Christophe Soumillon] & 2016). **Hong Kong career wins (as of 27 November): 0**



Bowman, Hugh

Age: 37. Hugh Bowman has forged an outstanding career with 75 G1 victories among more than 2,000 wins since his debut ride on Naturalised in 1999. He has been champion jockey in Sydney four times and has been the most prolific G1-winning jockey in Australia for each of the past two seasons. He has a record of 21 wins from 22 rides on the champion mare Winx, notably a hat-trick in the Cox Plate. In Hong Kong, he has won the QEII Cup, Hong Kong Derby, Hong Kong Gold Cup and Champions & Chater Cup with Werther, and the 2017 G1 Chairman's Sprint Prize on Lucky Bubbles. This season he has already notched five top-level wins, most recently the Japan Cup on Grand Cheval. **Honours:** Sydney champion jockey (2008/09, 2011/12, 2014/15, 2016/17); LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award (2017). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 26



Callan, Neil

Age: 39. Irishman Neil Callan finished runner-up in the UK jockeys' championship in 2005 (151 wins) and 2007 (170 wins). After a fruitless start as an apprentice in Ireland with Kevin Prendergast he moved to Britain and forged successful partnerships with trainers Karl Burke, Kevin Ryan and Michael Jarvis. He first rode in Hong Kong on a short contract in the 2010/11 season and has established a reputation as a tough competitor. His first full Hong Kong season, 2014/15, yielded 47 wins and fifth place in the jockeys' premiership and he equalled that tally when finishing third in 2016/17.

Major wins include QEII Cup (2015 Blazing Speed), Champions & Chater Cup (2014 & 2016 Blazing Speed), Hong Kong Classic Mile (2015 Beauty Only), Nunthorpe Stakes (2009 Borderlescott). **Honours:** UK Champion Apprentice (1999). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 194



Chadwick, Matthew

Age: 27. A graduate of Hong Kong's Apprentice Jockeys' School, Matthew Chadwick went to Australia for his apprentice training and rode a four-timer at Lismore Racecourse at age 17. Indentured to the Tony Cruz stable upon his return to Hong Kong, he was champion apprentice in 2008/09. He earned a full jockey's licence in January, 2010. His first Group race winner was Egyptian Ra in the HKG3 National Day Cup (2009). He became the first homegrown rider to win an HKIR contest when clinching the G1 Hong Kong Cup on California Memory in 2011. He rode his first Hong Kong four-timer at Sha Tin on 22 June, 2014. **Honours:** Hong Kong Champion Apprentice (2008/09); Shergar Cup Silver Saddle winner (2012). **HKIR wins (2):** LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2011 & 2012 California Memory) **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 314



Clipperton, Samuel

Age: 23. Sam Clipperton enjoyed G2 successes with the elite Godolphin operation before relocating to Hong Kong for the 2016/17 season. He finished that campaign with 40 wins to place joint-fourth in the premiership. He competed in equestrianism and also some rodeo before discovering horse racing as a teenager. He left school at 15 and joined the stable of eight-time Sydney champion jockey and Hall of Famer Ron Quinton. In 2014 he became the first rider since Bobby El-Issa 20 years earlier to win the Sydney apprentice title twice in succession. He notched a first G1 win in March, 2016 atop Peeping in the Coolmore Classic for Quinton. **Honours:** Two-time Sydney Champion Apprentice (2012/13, 2013/14). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 50



Crowley, Jim

Age: 39. Crowley was a successful jumps jockey in Britain who switched exclusively to Flat racing in 2006. He was Britain's champion jockey in 2016 and subsequently named as leading rider for owner Hamdan Al Maktoum. Four of his seven G1 wins have been achieved this season, the most recent being Battaash in the Prix de l'Abbaye; he also partnered Ulysses to win the Eclipse Stakes and the Juddmonte International, while Here Comes When took Sussex Stakes glory. His first G1 win was on Lord Shanakill in the Prix Jean Prat in 2009. He set a new British record of most wins in a month, with 46 in September, 2016 en route to his title. **Honours:** British champion jockey (2016). **Hong Kong wins:** 0



Demuro, Mirco

Age: 38. Italy's five-time champion jockey hails from a family of jockeys. In early 2015, he and Christophe Lemaire became the first overseas riders granted full-time licences to ride under the JRA. Of his 37 career G1 wins, 24 have been achieved in Japan: his six this year include a second Sprinters Stakes on Red Falx and the Kikuka Sho in Kiseki. His most famous victory came atop the Japanese raider Victoire Pisa in the 2011 Dubai World Cup. He notched 12 wins during his first short-term Hong Kong contract in the 2013/14 season, including the 2014 Stewards' Cup on Blazing Speed. He has also won the Japanese Derby (2003 Neo Universe, 2015 Duramente), Japan Cup (2008 Screen Hero), Arima Kinen (2010 Victoire Pisa), Tenno Sho Autumn (2012 Eishin Flash) and Takarazuka Kinen (2017 Satono Crown). **Honours:** 5x Italy's Champion Jockey. **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 22



De Sousa, Silvestre

Age: 36. One of 10 children, Brazilian ace Silvestre de Sousa first sat on a horse at age 18 and within two years he was champion apprentice in Sao Paulo. He moved to Europe at age 22 and was employed as a work rider for Dermot Weld. After two years without a ride in public, De Sousa moved to England and teamed with North Yorkshire trainer Dandy Nicholls. His first UK win was Sonic Anthem at Southwell on 1 January, 2006. In 2010 he rode his first century and was retained by Godolphin from 2012 to 2014. De Sousa claimed a second UK champion jockey title this year with 155 wins. He notched an admirable 16 winners in each of his two short winter stints in Hong Kong (2015/16 and 2016/17). Big wins include: Dubai World Cup (2014 African Story), Juddmonte International Stakes (2015 Arabian Queen), Lockinge Stakes (2013 Farhh), Dubai Duty Free (2013 Sajjhaa), Champion Stakes (2013 Farhh). **Honours:** UK Champion Jockey (2015 & 2017). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 32



Doyle, James

Age: 29. James Doyle has emerged in recent seasons as an accomplished big-race jockey with his 21 career G1 wins achieved in the past six seasons. His first G1 came in the 2012 Dubai Duty Free on Cityscape for trainer Roger Charlton. The following year he partnered Charlton's Al Kazeem for G1 wins in the Tattersalls Gold Cup, Prince of Wales's Stakes and Eclipse Stakes. He was first-choice rider for Prince Khalid Abdullah in 2014 and partnered Europe's champion miler Kingman to four G1 wins (Irish 2,000 Guineas, St James's Palace Stakes, Sussex Stakes and Prix Jacques le Marois). He also partnered with Noble Mission, the great Frankel's brother, to win three G1s. Connected to the Godolphin operation since 2014, his four G1s in 2017 including the victories of Ribchester (Prix du Moulin) and Barney Roy (St James's Palace Stakes). **Hong Kong wins:** 0



Doleuze, Olivier

Age: 45. Olivier Doleuze rode mostly for Crique Head-Maarek in his homeland where he enjoyed Classic wins on Green Tune and Egyptband. He also won the 2001 Singapore Airlines KrisFlyer Sprint (Singapore G1) for the same stable on Iron Mask. He enjoyed his best Hong Kong season in 2006/07 when he rode 67 winners, the highlight being his victory on The Duke in the G1 Hong Kong Mile, a race he won again in 2007 and 2009 on the great Good Ba Ba. He enjoyed a notable year in 2014, guiding Rich Tapestry to wins in Dubai's G3 Mahab Al Shimaal and a historic triumph in the G1 Santa Anita Sprint Championship at Santa Anita, the first victory by a Hong Kong-trained horse on American soil. **Honours:** France's Champion Apprentice. **HKIR wins (3):** Hong Kong Mile (2007 & 2009 Good Ba Ba, 2006 The Duke). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 557



Heffernan, Seamus

Age: 45. Seamie Heffernan worked for Jim Bolger and was crowned joint champion apprentice in 1994 alongside Daragh O'Donoghue, prior to joining Aidan O'Brien in 1996. He has been an important cog in the Ballydoyle machine down the years, filling the understudy role to Mick Kinane, Kieren Fallon, Jamie Spencer, Johnny Murtagh and Ryan Moore. He has partnered some big names to G1 wins, including Minding, Cape Blanco, So You Think, Imagine and Highland Reel. Among his nine European classics are three Irish Derbys. He took his tally to 29 G1 scores with wins this year in the Prix de l'Opera (Rhododendron), Middle Park Stakes (US Navy Flag) and Irish Derby (Capri). He last rode at the HKIR in 2006, partnering Scorpion to seventh in the Vase. **Honours:** Ireland's champion apprentice (1994). **Hong Kong wins:** 0



Ho, Vincent

Age: 27. HKJC Apprentice Jockey School graduate Vincent Ho racked up 44 wins as a young rider in New Zealand under the tutelage of leading trainer Lance O'Sullivan. He made an impressive start to his Hong Kong career with 10 wins in his first season in 2009/10, including a trio of wins he achieved on only his fourth race day in Hong Kong. He sealed the 2010/11 Champion Apprentice title with 39 wins. Ho reached the graduation benchmark on 1 October, 2012, by claiming his 70th win in Hong Kong on board Castle Hero. **Honours:** Hong Kong Champion Apprentice (2010/11); Best Freelance Jockey Award (2014/15) **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 192



Iwata, Yasunari

Age: 43. Yasunari Iwata transition from the regional NAR circuit to the JRA in Japan in 2006. He has already ridden more than 1,300 winners to date, taking his career total wins to over 4,300. He also won the World Super Jockeys Series as a NAR jockey in 2005. He has won all Japanese classic races at least once and has no less than 33 G1/JPNG1 victories, including the Japan Cup three times on Admire Moon (2007), Buena Vista (2011) and Gentildonna (2012). He was the first NAR rider to win a classic when steering Delta Blues to victory in the G1 Kikuka Sho (Japanese St Leger) in 2004, and two years later created history when Delta Blues became the first Japanese horse to win the G1 Melbourne Cup. **Honours:** JRA Champion Jockey (2011 & 2012). **HKIR wins (2):** Hong Kong Sprint (2012 & 2013 Lord Kanaloa). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 2



Levey, Sean

Age: 29. Born in Swaziland, Sean Levey started riding out for Aidan O'Brien at age 13. His father, Mickey, a former apprentice with Ron Smyth in Epsom, moved the family from Africa to Ireland when he took a job at Ballydoyle. Levey had his first pattern race win in October 2008 for O'Brien when Psalm won the G3 Concorde Stakes. His best season in Ireland, 2010, yielded 16 wins. He moved to Britain full-time in 2011, attached first to David O'Meara's stable before moving to the Richard Hannon yard. He is believed to have become the first black jockey to ride in the Derby at Epsom when he partnered Humphrey Bogart to fifth in 2016. Levey has enjoyed his best year yet in 2017 with a career peak 70 wins and three G3 scores, including Danehill Kodiak in the Cumberland Lodge Stakes. Hong Kong debut.



Leung, Derek

Age: 29. A product of Hong Kong's Apprentice Jockeys' School, Derek Leung cut his teeth in New Zealand under trainer Lance O'Sullivan. He was assigned as apprentice jockey to Paul O'Sullivan's stable upon his return to Hong Kong. Leung reached the graduation benchmark after his 70th win on board Star Of Fame on 1 June, 2011. He reached a personal best total of 33 wins in the 2015/16 season and received the 2016/17 Tony Cruz Award as the leading home-grown rider (25 wins), despite twice being side-lined with injuries during the campaign. This season he has partnered with Beauty Generation for a pair of Group race wins. **Honours:** Asian Young Guns Challenge winner (2010); Tony Cruz Award winner (2017). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 235



Moreira, Joao

Age: 34. Brazilian Joao Moreira notched more than 1000 wins in South America. He relocated to Singapore in 2009 and dominated the Singapore circuit for four years. He moved to Hong Kong in October, 2013 and has been champion jockey the past three seasons with record-breaking win totals (145, 168 and 170). He is currently leading this season's premiership. **Honours:** Three-time Hong Kong Champion Jockey (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17); LONGINES IJC winner (2012); Japan's World All-Star Jockeys winner (2015), four-time Singapore Champion Jockey (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); two-time Brazilian Eclipse Award winner (2006/07, 2007/08); fastest 100 in a Hong Kong season (22 February, 2017); Hong Kong record for most wins in a season (170 in 2016/17); most wins in a Hong Kong race day (eight: 5 March, 2017); Singapore record for most wins in a season (206 in 2012); eight wins from eight rides at Kranji (6 September, 2013); eight wins in a day at Cidade Jardim (March, 2006). **HKIR wins (4):** LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (2014 Able Friend), LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2014 Designs On Rome), LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint (2015 Peniaphobia), LONGINES Hong Kong Vase (2016 Satono Crown). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 618



Moore, Ryan

Age: 34. Ryan Moore is the outstanding international rider of recent years and was the first recipient of the LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award as a result of 15 G1 wins in 2014. He won that accolade again in 2016. Moore hails from a racing family. His first win came for his trainer father, Gary Moore, on Mersey Beat over hurdles at Towcester in May, 2000. He soon switched to Flat racing and his first professional win came on Marwell's Kiss at Lingfield in January, 2002. He notched a first G1 aboard Notnowcato in the 2006 Juddmonte International Stakes at York and he has since taken his G1-winning tally to 109 in 10 different countries, with 20 of those coming in 2017 alone. Moore has won most of the worlds' foremost races including the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, English Derby, Japan Cup, Breeders' Cup Turf and Melbourne Cup. **Honours:** UK Champion Jockey (2006, 2008, 2009); UK Champion Apprentice (2003); International Jockeys' Championship winner (2009 [shared] & 2010); LONGINES World's Best Jockey Award winner (2014 & 2016). **HKIR wins (3):** LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2016 Maurice), LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (2015 Maurice), LONGINES Hong Kong Vase (2015 Highland Reel). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 28



Mosse, Gerald

Age: 50. Frenchman Gerald Mosse's distinguished career began in 1983 and in his early days he was associated with Patrick Biancone and Francois Boutin. He partnered Boutin's sensational juvenile, Arazi, through the summer of 1992. Mosse has ridden more than 50 G1 wins in Europe and no less than 65 G1 winners all told, and he was the Aga Khan's principal rider from 1993 to 2001. His career highlight remains his Arc triumph on Saumarez in 1990 although in 2010 he became the first French rider to win the Melbourne Cup, on Americain. He has also won all the French classics and all classic races among his impressive haul in Hong Kong. He is the all-time winning-most jockey at the Hong Kong International Races. **HKIR wins (8):** Hong Kong Cup (1991 River Verdon, 1999 Jim And Tonic), Hong Kong Mile (1998 Jim And Tonic, 2011 Beauty Flash), Hong Kong Sprint (2002 All Thrills Too, 2007 Sacred Kingdom), Hong Kong Vase (2009 Daryakana, 2012 Red Cadeaux). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 659



Murphy, Oisin

Age: 22. Oisin Murphy is Qatar Racing's retained rider in Europe. The Killarney native is a graduate of the Irish pony racing circuit. Schooled in riding by his uncle, the Cheltenham Gold Cup-winning jockey Jim Culloty, Murphy worked summer holidays for trainers Tommy Stack and Aidan O'Brien. He was apprenticed to Andrew Balding in October, 2012 and had his first race ride in May 2013 when already 18. He ended his first season (2013) with 41 wins, including a four-timer on Ayr Gold Cup day that featured the historic sprint handicap itself. Murphy impressed in winter stints in Australia and the UAE before riding on short contract in Hong Kong in winter 2016/17, which brought four wins. His G1 breakthrough came in October, 2017 on Acclaim in the Prix de la Foret and two weeks later he took the G1 E P Taylor Stakes on Blond Me. **Honours:** UK Champion Apprentice (2014). **Hong Kong career wins (as of November 27):** 4



O'Brien, Donnacha

Age: 19. Donnacha O'Brien is a blueblood in every sense of the word as the son of top Irish trainer Aidan and brother to former champion rider and now Melbourne Cup-winning handler Joseph. His riding career began in 2014 and his first win came at Dundalk that September on Quartz, trained by his father. A month later, he took out the Irish Cesarewitch on El Salvador. His first Group race win was on Order Of St George in the G3 Irish St Leger Trial in 2016. He won his first G1 that same year on Intricately in the Moyglare Stud Stakes and followed up in the same race in 2017 on Happily. He has 130 career wins, with 61 this year placing him third in Ireland's jockey standings. **Honours:** Ireland's champion apprentice (2016). **Hong Kong wins:** 0



Pasquier, Stephane

Age: 39. Stephane Pasquier was apprenticed to Robert Collet, winning on his second ride for the trainer at Amiens in September, 1995. He became second jockey to the Wildenstein family in July 2004 and won his first G1 in those silks atop Westerner in the Prix Royal-Oak that October. He was appointed Wildenstein first jockey in 2005. In 2007 he was contracted to ride for Khalid Abdullah and won his first French champion jockey title. He also partnered the outstanding Manduro (owned by Baron von Ullmann) to a sequence of five major wins in 2007 that included the Prix d'Ispahan, Prince of Wales's Stakes and Prix Jacques le Marois. In 2010 he became the retained rider for the Niarchos Family and in recent seasons he has enjoyed G1 successes in those silks atop Maxios (2013 Prix d'Ispahan and Prix du Moulin), Karakontie (2013 Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere, 2014 Poule d'Essai des Poulains and Breeders' Cup Mile), and Erupt (2015 Grand Prix de Paris, 2016 Canadian International). His 26 G1 wins include this season's Prix de Diane on Senga, as well as Rail Link's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in 2006 and the 2016 Prix Maurice de Gheest on Signs Of Blessing. **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 1



Peslier, Olivier

Age 44: Four times France's champion jockey (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000), Olivier Peslier is among the world's best jockeys of the past 25 years, with a host of major wins around the globe, more than 100 at G1 level. He has won the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe four times (1996 Helissio, 1997 Peintre Celebre, 1998 Sagamix, 2012, Solemia) and he has also won the Japan Cup twice (2001 Jungle Pocket, 2004 Zenno Rob Roy). He is associated with the great Goldikova, whom he partnered to 14 G1 wins including three G1 Breeders' Cup Miles, as well as champions such as Peintre Celebre, Zenno Rob Roy, Banks Hill and Cirrus Des Aigles. 2013 brought a second G1 Prix du Jockey Club win, thanks to Intello, 16 years after his first on Peintre Celebre. In May, 2017 he won a third Poule d'Essai des Poulaches on Precieuse. **Honours:** 4x France's champion jockey. **HKIR wins (6):** Hong Kong Mile (1999 Docksider, 2005 Hat Trick), Hong Kong Vase (1995 Patripal, 1999 Borgia, 2007 & 2008 Doctor Dino), Hong Kong Cup (2009 Vision D'Etat). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 12



Prebble, Brett

Age: 40. Brett Prebble left Australia for Hong Kong in 2002 with two Melbourne Premierships to his name. He collected a first major win at Sha Tin aboard Precision in the 2003 Champions & Chater Cup. He has since partnered to victory Hong Kong stars such as Bullish Luck, Sacred Kingdom, Cape Of Good Hope and Lucky Nine. His past tussles with Douglas Whyte for the Jockeys' Premiership are legendary. He was runner-up six times to his rival: his 2009/10 battle with Whyte was epic as he lost out by one with the final score being 100-99. He set a then Hong Kong record of most wins in a day with his six-timer at Happy Valley on 20 June, 2010, which stood until Joao Moreira rode eight on 5 March, 2017. His career highlight is Green Moon's win in the 2012 Melbourne Cup. **Honours:** Melbourne Champion Jockey (1999/2000 & 2000/2001); Melbourne Champion Apprentice. **HKIR wins (3):** Hong Kong Sprint (2006 Absolute Champion, 2009 Sacred Kingdom, 2011 Lucky Nine) **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 795



Purton, Zac

Age: 34. Zac Purton ended Douglas Whyte's 13-season dominance to win the Hong Kong jockeys' championship in 2013/14 (112 wins). He raced to what was then the fastest 50 in Hong Kong history that season and became the second rider, after Whyte, to notch 100 wins in a season. He started his career in Brisbane and was an apprentice sensation, winning the premiership there in 2003, and then moved on to Sydney where he was twice second in the premiership. Purton moved to Hong Kong in September, 2007. His major wins include the King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot in 2012 on Little Bridge. He notched his highest Hong Kong tally of 107 wins in 2016/17. **Honours:** Hong Kong Champion Jockey (2013/14); Brisbane Champion Jockey (2003 - when still an apprentice); World Super Jockeys Series (Japan) winner (2012). **HKIR wins (5):** Hong Kong Mile (2012 Ambitious Dragon, 2016 Beauty Only), Hong Kong Sprint (2014 & 2016 Aerovelocitey), Hong Kong Vase (2013 Dominant). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 749



Rawiller, Nash

Age: 43. Nash Rawiller is a three-time champion in Sydney and well-established in the top echelon of Australian jockeys with well over 2,000 wins to his credit, including more than 50 G1 victories. Rawiller's brother, Brad, is a jockey and their sister, Stacey, is a former jockey, while another brother, Todd, is a trainer - their father, Keith, was a jump jockey. Rawiller started his career in Victoria and early success at the elite level came on Elvstroem in the Caulfield Cup and Dubai Duty Free. He moved to Sydney in 2007 to team up with trainer Gai Waterhouse and was associated with the champion race mare More Joyous and outstanding colt Pierro. Rawiller moved to Hong Kong in September 2014 and notched a first local Group race win in the 2015 Prince Jewellery & Watch Premier Cup on Secret Sham. **Honours:** Sydney Champion Jockey (2009/10, 2010/11, 2012/13). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 112



Rispoli, Umberto

Age: 29. Italian jockey Umberto Rispoli commenced his apprenticeship in 2005 and graduated to the senior ranks in 2010. He is a two-time Champion Jockey in Italy. In winning his first Italian title, in 2009, he rode 245 winners and so smashed the longstanding previous record of 229. Rispoli, who has also ridden in Japan, notched six wins in his first Hong Kong season in 2011/12, crowned by G1 QEII Cup success on the Japanese galloper Rulership. After moving to trainer Mikel Delzangles in France, he took a further G1 atop Molly Malone in the Prix du Cadran. Rispoli has since returned to Hong Kong on short-term licences. He broke a leg three meetings into his 2016/17 winter contract but was back in action within two and a half months and ended the term with 15 wins.

Honours: Italian Champion Jockey (2009 & 2010).

Hong Kong wins (as of November 27): 72



Schofield, Chad

Age: 23. Chad Schofield spent four years (2002-2006) of his youth living in Hong Kong where his father, the South African jockey Glyn Schofield, was contracted to ride. His family relocated to Australia and Schofield commenced his own riding career in Sydney in the 2010/11 season. He moved to Melbourne in 2012 to ride for the powerful David Hayes stable. His first Group 1 win was a major, the 2013 Cox Plate on Shamus Award. He and his father made history in 2014 as the first father and son to compete against each other in the Melbourne Cup and at Sha Tin on 14 February, 2016 they became the first in Hong Kong to ride against each other. **Honours:** Sydney Champion Apprentice (2011/12); Melbourne Champion Apprentice (2012/13). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 75



Schofield, Glyn

Age: 50. Glyn Schofield was born in the UK and raised in South Africa. Previously a leading apprentice in Durban, he rode in Hong Kong for four seasons between 2002/03 and 2005/06. During that spell he accumulated a total of 151 wins including River Dancer in the 2004 QEII Cup and Natural Blitz in the 2005 Hong Kong Sprint. Schofield went back to South Africa in the summer of 2006 and emigrated to Australia in early 2008. Schofield has developed a close partnership with Chris Waller in recent seasons with his G1 Flight Stakes win on Alizee being the pick of 31 wins so far this term. **HKIR wins (1):** Hong Kong Sprint (2005 Natural Blitz).

Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November): 152



Take, Yutaka

Age: 48. Yutaka Take is the son of famed jockey Kunihiro Take and is a living legend in Japan, with over 4000 wins at home and overseas. He has no less than 106 career G1 wins and in winning the G3 Sirius Stakes in October, 2015 he became the first rider to win 300 JRA Graded races in Japan. In December, 2002, he became the first jockey to ride eight winners in a day in Japan. He became the first Japanese jockey to win a G1 race in Europe when Ski Paradise captured the 1994 Prix du Moulin. In 2000 he spent time riding in the US and in 2001 he was based with trainer John Hammond in France. His long list of big race wins in Japan includes four G1 Japan Cups with Special Week (1999), Deep Impact (2006), Rose Kingdom (2010) and Kitan Black (2016). His overseas achievements include the 1998 Prix Maurice de Gheest (Seeking The Pearl), the 2000 July Cup (Agnes World), the Hong Kong Vase and the Dubai Sheema Classic on Stay Gold (2001), the 2001 Prix de l'Abbaye (Imperial Beauty) and the 2007 Dubai Duty Free (Admire Moon). **Honours:** 16x JRA Champion Jockey. **HKIR wins (2):** Hong Kong Vase (2001 Stay Gold), Hong Kong Cup (2015 A Shin Hikari). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 4



Teetan, Karis

Age: 27. Mauritian rider Karis Teetan arrived in Hong Kong in August, 2013. After entering the South African Jockey Academy at the age of 14 Teetan went on to be crowned Champion South African Apprentice in 2008. He graduated in 2009 with 147 wins to his credit. Teetan passed the 100-win mark in every season as a senior jockey in South Africa. He has recorded five Group 1 wins, with his inaugural success at the top level being in his native Mauritius on 24 November, 2008, aboard Halo Hunter. Teetan notched an impressive 50 wins in his first Hong Kong season and has partnered to victory two of Hong Kong's all-time heroes, Able Friend and Designs On Rome. **Honours:** South African Champion Apprentice (2008). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 189



Whyte, Douglas

Age: 46. Douglas Whyte was born in Durban, South Africa, hence his nickname "The Durban Demon". He was champion jockey in Hong Kong for 13 consecutive seasons, losing his title to Zac Purton in 2013/14. Whyte first sat on a horse at age two and developed his skills riding in the countryside with his late father, himself a former jockey. A South African Jockey Academy graduate, in 1996 he rode weekends in Singapore and Malaysia and undertook a short contract in Hong Kong at the start of the 1996/97 season. He returned for the 1997/98 season and made Hong Kong his home. He is the only jockey ever to reach 1,000 wins in Hong Kong, and his tally of 114 wins in 2005/06 stood as a record until Joao Moreira surpassed it in 2014/15. He holds the records for overall career wins (more than 1768) in Hong Kong and most career prize money won (over HK\$1.5 billion). **Honours:** Hong Kong Champion Jockey (13 consecutive seasons from 2000/01 to 2012/13); LONGINES IJC winner (2002, 2007, 2008); World Super Jockeys Series (Japan) winner (2004). **HKIR wins (3):** LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2013 Akeed Mofeed), LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (2013 Glorious Days), Hong Kong Vase (1998 Indigenus). **Hong Kong wins (as of 27 November):** 1,768