

Race History

The Champions Mile is the only one of Hong Kong's 12 Group 1 contests to have been established after the turn of the millennium. That first edition came in 2001 and carried a purse of HK\$4.6 million. The race was established initially as a HKG1 contest, designed as a finale for Hong Kong's star milers, and it was the Brian Kan-trained Red Pepper that scored under Eric Legrix.

International runners were first welcomed in 2005 when the prize money rose to HK\$8 million. In a classic clash of the titans, Bullish Luck edged his great stablemate Silent Witness. That result ended the latter's unbeaten streak that had stretched through 17 races. Bullish Luck became the first two-time winner when he followed-up in 2006.

The Champions Mile attained international G1 status in 2007 and Able One took the spoils. The John Moore-trained galloper triumphed again in 2010, by which time the race was worth HK\$12 million (increased in 2009). Moore rattled off an unbroken streak of four wins as Xtension took the next two renewals for the trainer and Dan Excel battled to victory in 2013. Able Friend's 2015 triumph, when the prize fund rose to HK\$14 million, gave Moore, the race's winning-most trainer, a sixth success.

Moore's winning run was punctuated in 2014 when South Africa's Variety Club, trained by Mike de Kock, became the first overseas raider to win the Champions Mile. He was subsequently joined in 2016 by Japanese galloper Maurice, who added the Champions Mile to a stellar year in Hong Kong that included wins in the 2015 LONGINES Hong Kong Mile (1600m) and the 2016 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m). Other notable winners down the years include Good Ba Ba (2008) and Electronic Unicorn (2003), while Contentment saluted last year.

The Champions Mile ranked equal 65th in the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities' 2017 World's Top 100 G1 Races.

Record Dividends

Bet Type	Dividend (HK\$)	Year	Horse (s)	Odds
Win	\$651.00	2009	Sight Winner	65
Place	\$92.00	2013	Helene Spirit (2nd)	75
Quinella	\$2,105.00	2009	Sight Winner (1st)	65
			Egyptian Ra (2nd)	6
Quinella Place	\$1,070.00	2009	Sight Winner (1st)	65
			Dao Dao (3rd)	27
Tierce	\$103,889.00	2009	Sight Winner (1st)	65
			Egyptian Ra (2nd)	6
			Dao Dao (3rd)	27
Trio	\$8,812.00	2009	Sight Winner (1st)	65
			Egyptian Ra (2nd)	6
			Dao Dao (3rd)	27
First 4	\$6,799.00	2009	Sight Winner (1st)	65
			Egyptian Ra (2nd)	6
			Dao Dao (3rd)	27
			Good Ba Ba (4th)	3
Quartet	\$24,505.00	2017	Contentment (1st)	26
			Beauty Only (2nd)	3.4
			Helene Paragon (3rd)	8.9
			Circuit Land (4th)	32