

Trivia

- 1 2018 marks the 32nd running of the HKIR. A total of 1,300 runners from 17 countries/regions took part in the past 31 editions.
- 2 All four HKIR events were named in the World's Top 100 G1 Races in 2017. Both the Vase and Cup ranked equal 40th, the Sprint in equal 44th and the Mile equal 81st.
- 3 The first ever Hong Kong International Race, the 1988 Hong Kong Invitation Cup carried prize money of HK\$1.47 million, just 5.3% of the Hong Kong Cup's 2018 purse.
- 4 The shortest-priced HKIR victor is SILENT WITNESS, who started at odds of 30/100 for the Sprint in both 2003 and 2004.
- 5 New Zealand's GREY INVADER won the third Cup at odds of 72/1 in December, 1989, the longest price of any winner in HKIR history.
- 6 The HKIR's winning-most trainer Tony Cruz scored his ninth win with TIME WARP in the 2017 Cup. He is also the only trainer to have won a HKIR race as a jockey, too, as he rode COLONIAL CHIEF to victory in the second Invitation Cup in January, 1989.
- 7 John Moore is the only trainer to have won each of the four HKIR races at least once. Having saddled a total of 110 runners since 1988, he has amassed seven wins, nine seconds and 11 thirds.
- 8 John Size became the first trainer to saddle a one-two finish in a HKIR race, with his runners MR STUNNING and D B PIN in the 2017 Sprint.
- 9 Leading the overseas trainers on the HKIR all-time list is Godolphin's Saeed bin Suroor with four wins.
- 10 Japanese trainer Noriyuki Hori is the only overseas trainer to have saddled two winners at the same HKIR. He achieved the unique feat with MAURICE (Cup) and SATONO CROWN (Vase) in 2016.
- 11 With an impressive eight wins on the board, veteran French ace Gerald Mosse has more HKIR victories than any other jockey.
- 12 Zac Purton joined Gerald Mosse and Joao Moreira as the only three jockeys to have won each of the four HKIR events at least once. He achieved that feat when winning the Cup atop TIME WARP in 2017.
- 13 Derek Leung became the second home-grown jockey, following Matthew Chadwick's Cup wins atop CALIFORNIA MEMORY in 2011 and 2012, to win a HKIR race when he steered BEAUTY GENERATION to success in the 2017 Mile.
- 14 Hong Kong runners have won three of the four G1 events at a single HKIR five times, the latest being MR STUNNING (Sprint), BEAUTY GENERATION (Mile) and TIME WARP (Cup) in 2017.
- 15 Hong Kong runners have won 40 HKIR races since FLYING DANCER took the inaugural HK Invitation Cup in January 1988. Some 34 of these wins were achieved after 2002.
- 16 2001 is the only year in which overseas raiders won all four events at the HKIR: Japanese trio STAY GOLD (Vase), EISHIN PRESTON (Mile) and AGNES DIGITAL (Cup), as well as Australian speedster FALVELON (Sprint).
- 17 LORD KANALOA holds the record for the widest winning margin at the HKIR - five lengths in the 2013 Sprint.
- 18 No horse has as many HKIR wins on their record as GOOD BA BA, who won the Hong Kong Mile three times (2007, 2008 & 2009).
- 19 Six three-year-olds have triumphed at the HKIR, yet not one of that age has ever won the Sprint: (HIGHLAND REEL - 2015 Vase; SNOW FAIRY - 2010 Cup; DARYAKANA - 2009 Vase; ALEXANDER GOLDRUN - 2004 Cup; VALLEE ENCHANTEE - 2003 Vase; ADDITIONAL RISK - 1991 Bowl)
- 20 ABLE ONE is the oldest HKIR winner as he turned the clock back as a nine-year-old in the 2011 Mile. Only two eight-year-olds have succeeded at the HKIR - COLLIER HILL in the 2006 Vase and AEROVELOCITY in the 2016 Sprint.
- 21 A total of 10 fillies and mares have won at the HKIR down the years, the latest being SNOW FAIRY in the 2010 Cup.
- 22 France has produced more HKIR winners than any other overseas jurisdictions with a total of 14 victories, 10 of which were achieved in the Hong Kong Vase. Next on the list are UK and Japan with 12 HKIR wins apiece.
- 23 Japan is the only overseas country to have won each of the four HKIR races at least once.