

Race History

The Hong Kong Jockey Club introduced a third international race to its December programme in 1994, the 2400m Hong Kong International Vase. Red Bishop, the top-class French-trained galloper, took the inaugural prize - the first of 10 winners so far from that nation, with the latest being the 2014 victor, Flintshire.

The Vase was upped to international Group 2 level for the 1996 renewal won by Luso, who became the first two-time winner when he returned successfully 12 months later. In 1999, in line with the renamed Hong Kong Cup and Hong Kong Mile, and the newly-initiated Hong Kong Sprint, the International Vase was renamed the Hong Kong Vase. A year later it was upgraded to Group 1 status and the Coronation Cup winner Daliapour arrived to take the spoils. Among the winners of this prestigious contest are the outstanding English race mare Ouija Board, English St Leger hero Mastery, popular globe-trotter Red Cadeaux, Dunaden, who in 2011 became the first Melbourne Cup winner to lift the Vase, and Ireland's Highland Reel, the horse that gave his trainer Aidan O'Brien a first Hong Kong success in 2015 before the bay finished his career with a second victory in this race in 2017. Japan has won with Stay Gold and Satono Crown, the latter surging late to deny Highland Reel in the 2016 edition.

LONGINES entered into a partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club ahead of the 2012 LONGINES Hong Kong International Races and the race currently carries a purse of HK\$20 million. It was ranked equal 40th in the World's Top 100 G1 Races in 2017.

Record Dividends

Bet Type	Dividend (HK\$)	Year	Horse (s)	Odds
Win	\$270.50	2004	Phoenix Reach	27
Place	\$130.00	1997	Sunny Lane (3rd)	99
Quinella	\$2,290.50	1999	Borgia (1st)	24
			Bimbola (2nd)	50
Quinella Place	\$1,253.50	1997	Posidonas (2nd)	11
			Sunny Lane (3rd)	99
Tierce	\$32,244.00	1999	Borgia (1st)	24
			Bimbola (2nd)	50
			Sea Wave (3rd)	7.8
Trio	\$4,373.00	1999	Borgia (1st)	24
			Bimbola (2nd)	50
			Sea Wave (3rd)	7.8
First 4	\$13,162.00	2007	Doctor Dino (1st)	8.7
			Quijano (2nd)	9.7
			Bussoni (3rd)	30
			Arch Rebel (4th)	89
Quartet	\$25,900.00	2016	Satono Crown (1st)	20
			Highland Reel (2nd)	1.5F
			One Foot In Heaven (3rd)	19
			Nuovo Record (4th)	9.6