

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.

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 globetrotter Red Cadeaux, Dunaden, who in 2011 became the first Melbourne Cup winner to lift the Vase, local heroes Indigenous and Exultant, 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 also won the Vase three times with Stay Gold (2001), Satono Crown (2016), and the impressive Glory Vase under Hong Kong-based jockey Joao Moreira last year.

LONGINES entered into a partnership with the Hong Kong Jockey Club ahead of the 2012 LONGINES Hong Kong International Races. The race's prize money was increased to HK\$20 million in 2018. The LONGINES Hong Kong Vase ranked equal 13th, the highest of the four HKIR events, in the World's Top 100 G1 Races last year.

Record Dividends

Bet Type	Dividend (HK\$)	Year	Horse (s)	Win 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	\$55,143.00	2018	Exultant (1st)	5.5
			Lys Gracieux (2nd)	6
			Eziyra (3rd)	37
			Eagle Way (4th)	10