

LONGINES Hong Kong International Races rank in World Top 50

Hong Kong's **four LONGINES International Races and the Champions Mile** are ranked among the **world's top 50 Group/Grade 1** races according to the first-ever official report released by the **International Federation of Horseracing Authorities**.

The **G1 Hong Kong Cup** comes in at **25** in the top 50 list, which rates international Group/Grade 1 races by calculating the average World Thoroughbred Ranking (WTR) ratings of the first four placed horses in each race over the previous three calendar years. For jurisdictions with a season that does not follow a calendar year, such as Hong Kong, the WTR ratings achieved during the corresponding seasons are used.

"There is no single race meeting in the world with more Group 1 races on the World's Top 50 list than the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races," said Mr William A. Nader, the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Executive Director of Racing. *"All four races have made the list, which illustrates the great depth and quality of this race meeting as judged by world standards for excellence."*

Hong Kong's December showpiece, known as the **Turf World Championships**, is among the world's premier racing occasions, a fact backed by the IFHA top 50 list, which sees the G1 LONGINES **Hong Kong Sprint rank 32nd**, equal to the Prix de la Foret at Longchamp's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe meeting; the LONGINES **Hong Kong Mile comes in at 34**, just ahead of Australia's Cox Plate and the English Derby; and the LONGINES **Hong Kong Vase is 45th** on the list.

The **Champions Mile**, which this year takes place on Sunday 5 May, is one of six international G1 races staged at Sha Tin Racecourse during the year and is the fifth Hong Kong race to make the top 50, ranking equal **42nd** with the Arlington Million and the C.F. Orr Stakes.

The LONGINES Hong Kong Cup achieves a combined average rating of 120.08 for the 2009, 2010 and 2011 renewals. The LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint has a rating of 119.25, the LONGINES Hong Kong Mile 119.04 and the LONGINES Hong Kong Vase 118.17, while the Champions Mile has an average of 118.25.

Ascot's Champion Stakes (125.42) took the number one spot. The 2012 renewal of the 10-furlong contest achieved an average rating of 129.75 thanks to the world's two highest rated horses filling the first places as the 140-rated Frankel defeated Cirrus Des Aigles.

THE FOLLOWING TWO PAGES illustrate the World's **Top 50 Group/Grade 1 Races** from the IFHA.

THE WORLD'S TOP 50 GROUP/GRADE ONE RACES

RACE	Distance	Cat	Track & Country	3yo	2010	2011	2012	2010 - 2012	2010	2011	2012
					2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	09/10- 11/12	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12
1	Champion	G1 2000	T I ASCOT GB		121.00	125.50	129.75	125.42	Twice Over (GB)-125	Cirrus Des Aigles (FR) - 128	Frankel (GB) - 140
2	Breeders' Cup Mile	G1 1600	T M VARIOUS USA		123.25	122.00	126.25	123.83	Goldikova (IRE)-125	Court Vision (USA) - 121	Wise Dan (USA) - 129
3=	Arc de Triomphe	G1 2400	T L LONGCHAMP FR		125.25	126.25	119.75	123.75	Workforce (GB)-128	Danedream (GER) - 128	Solemia (IRE) - 122
3=	Jacques Le Marois	G1 1600	T M DEAUVILLE FR		125.00	122.00	124.25	123.75	Makfi (GB)-128	Immortal Verse (IRE) - 121	Excelebration (IRE) - 130
5	Breeders' Cup Classic	G1 2000	D I VARIOUS USA		126.00	122.25	122.00	123.42	Blame (USA)-129	Drosselmeyer (USA) - 124	Fort Larned (USA) - 125
6	Queen Elizabeth II	G1 1600	T M ASCOT GB		121.25	125.75	123.00	123.33	Poet's Voice (GB)-122	Frankel (GB) - 136	Excelebration (IRE) - 130
7	King George VI & Queen Elizabeth	G1 2400	T L ASCOT GB		123.75	120.75	124.75	123.08	Harbinger (GB)-135	Nathaniel (IRE) - 126	Danedream (GER) - 124
8	Sussex	G1 1600	T M GOODWOOD GB		122.25	125.00	121.00	122.75	Canford Cliffs (IRE)-127	Frankel (GB) - 136	Frankel (GB) - 140
9	Queen Anne	G1 1600	T M ASCOT GB		120.50	123.25	124.25	122.67	Goldikova (IRE)-125	Canford Cliffs (IRE) - 127	Frankel (GB) - 140
10	Japan Cup	G1 2400	T L TOKYO JPN		121.00	120.75	124.25	122.00	Rose Kingdom (JPN)-120	Buena Vista (JPN) - 120	Gentildonna (JPN) - 122
11	Prince of Wales's	G1 2000	T I ASCOT GB		120.50	122.50	122.75	121.92	Byword (GB)-124	Rewilding (GB) - 127	So You Think (NZ) - 126
12=	Irish Champion	G1 2000	T I LEOPARDSTOWN IRE		123.50	119.50	122.50	121.83	Cape Blanco (IRE)-126	So You Think (NZ) - 126	Snow Fairy (IRE) - 124
12=	International	G1 2080	T I YORK GB		123.00	115.75	126.75	121.83	Rip Van Winkle (IRE)-126	Twice Over (GB) - 125	Frankel (GB) - 140
12=	Ispahan	G1 1850	T M LONGCHAMP FR		122.25	120.25	123.00	121.83	Goldikova (IRE)-125	Goldikova (IRE) - 124	Golden Lilac (IRE) - 118
15	Dubai World Cup	G1 2000	A I MEYDAN UAE		120.25	121.50	123.25	121.67	Gloria de Campeao (BRZ)-120	Victoire Pisa (JPN) - 122	Monterosso (GB) - 126
16	Eclipse	G1 2010	T I SANDOWN GB		118.75	122.75	123.25	121.58	Twice Over (GB)-125	So You Think (NZ) - 126	Nathaniel (GB) - 126
17	Takarazuka Kinen	G1 2200	T L HANSHIN JPN		122.50	120.50	121.25	121.42	Nakayama Festa (JPN)-127	Earnestly (JPN) - 121	Orfevre (JPN) - 127
18	Breeders' Cup Turf	G1 2400	T L VARIOUS USA		119.50	122.00	122.25	121.25	Dangerous Midge (USA)-121	St Nicholas Abbey (IRE) - 124	Little Mike (USA) - 123
19	Arima Kinen	G1 2500	T L NAKAYAMA JPN		121.25	120.25	121.75	121.08	Victoire Pisa (JPN)-121	Orfevre (JPN) - 123	Gold Ship (JPN) - 124
20	Tenno Sho (Autumn)	G1 2000	T I TOKYO JPN		119.50	121.75	121.25	120.83	Buena Vista (JPN)-121	Tosen Jordan (JPN) - 122	Eishin Flash (JPN) - 121
21	VRC Lightning S	G1 1000	T S FLEMINGTON AUS		117.25	120.50	124.25	120.67	Nicconi (AUS)-117	Black Caviar (AUS) - 132	Black Caviar (AUS) - 130
22	Dubai Sheema Classic	G1 2400	T L MEYDAN UAE		121.50	117.25	122.50	120.42	Dar Re Mi (GB)-118	Rewilding (GB) - 127	Cirrus Des Aigles (FR) - 131
23=	Ganay	G1 2100	T I LONGCHAMP FR		114.50	124.00	122.00	120.17	Cutlass Bay (UAE)-117	Planteur (FR) - 122	Cirrus Des Aigles (FR) - 131
23=	Lockinge	G1 1600	T M NEWBURY GB		115.00	120.75	124.75	120.17	Paco Boy (IRE)-124	Canford Cliffs (IRE) - 127	Frankel (GB) - 140
25	Hong Kong Cup	G1 2000	T I SHA TIN HK		120.50	120.25	119.50	120.08	Vision D'Etat (FR)-123	Snow Fairy (IRE)-120	California Memory (USA) - 120
26	St James's Palace	G1 1600	T M ASCOT GB	3yo	121.50	123.75	114.75	120.00	Canford Cliffs (IRE)-127	Frankel (GB) - 136	Most Improved (IRE) - 116
27	Saint-Cloud	G1 2400	T L SAINT-CLOUD FR		116.75	121.00	121.75	119.83	Plumania (GB)-116	Sarafina (FR) - 121	Meandre (FR) - 122
28=	Moulin	G1 1600	T M LONGCHAMP FR		120.50	120.00	118.75	119.75	Fuisse (FR)-120	Excelebration (IRE) - 126	Moonlight Cloud (GB) - 121
28=	Whitney H	G1 1800	D M SARATOGA USA		123.50	116.00	119.75	119.75	Blame (USA)-129	Tizway (USA) - 123	Fort Larned (USA) - 125
30	Jockey Club Gold Cup	G1 2000	D I BELMONT USA		121.00	118.25	119.75	119.67	Haynesfield (USA)-121	Flat Out (USA) - 119	Flat Out (USA) - 119
31	Kentucky Derby	G1 2000	D I CHURCHILL USA	3yo	117.25	118.50	122.50	119.42	Super Saver (USA)-120	Animal Kingdom (USA) - 121	I'll Have Another (USA) - 125
32=	Foret	G1 1400	T M LONGCHAMP FR		123.75	120.00	114.00	119.25	Goldikova (IRE)-125	Dream Ahead (USA) - 126	Gordon Lord Byron (IRE) - 118
32=	Hong Kong Sprint	G1 1200	T S SHA TIN HK		119.00	121.25	117.50	119.25	Sacred Kingdom (AUS)-122	JJ The Jet Plane (SAF)-122	Lucky Nine (IRE) - 118
34	Hong Kong Mile	G1 1600	T M SHA TIN HK		119.25	117.88	120.00	119.04	Good Ba Ba (USA)-121	Beauty Flash (NZ)-118	Able One (NZ) - 119
35	W S Cox Plate	G1 2040	T I MOONEE VALLEY AUS		117.75	121.00	118.25	119.00	So You Think (NZ)-122	So You Think (NZ)-126	Pinker Pinker (AUS) - 116
36	Derby	G1 2400	T L EPSOM GB	3yo	119.75	119.50	117.25	118.83	Workforce (GB)-128	Pour Moi (IRE) - 122	Camelot (GB) - 124
37	VRC S (Patinack Farm Classic)	G1 1200	T S FLEMINGTON AUS		117.50	119.25	119.50	118.75	All Silent (AUS)-119	Black Caviar (AUS) - 132	Black Caviar (AUS) - 130
38=	Grosser Preis von Baden	G1 2400	T L BADEN BADEN GER		115.75	118.75	121.50	118.67	Night Music (GER)-117	Danedream (GER) - 128	Danedream (GER) - 124

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38=	St Leger	G1 2920	T E DONCASTER GB	3yo	119.25	119.25	117.50	118.67	Arctic Cosmos (USA)-120	Masked Marvel (GB) - 121	Encke (USA) - 120
40=	2000 Guineas	G1 1600	T M NEWMARKET GB	3yo	123.75	114.50	117.50	118.58	Makfi (GB)-128	Frankel (GB) - 136	Camelot (GB) - 124
40=	Pacific Classic	G1 2000	A I DEL MAR USA		116.00	120.25	119.50	118.58	Richard's Kid (USA)-119	Acclamation (USA) - 123	Dullahan (USA) - 123
42=	Champions Mile	G1 1600	T M SHA TIN HK		117.50	117.50	119.75	118.25	Able One (NZ)-119	Xtension (IRE) - 118	Xtension (IRE) - 120
42=	Arlington Million	G1 2000	T I ARLINGTON USA		118.50	119.25	117.00	118.25	Debussy (IRE)-120	Cape Blanco (IRE) - 122	Little Mike (USA) - 123
42=	C.F. Orr S	G1 1400	T M CAULFIELD AUS		118.00	116.50	120.25	118.25	Maldivian (AUS)-118	Typhoon Tracy (AUS)-118	Black Caviar (AUS) - 130
45	Hong Kong Vase	G1 2400	T L SHA TIN HK		119.25	118.50	116.75	118.17	Daryakana (FR)-117	Mastery (GB)-120	Dunaden (FR) - 118
46=	Coronation Cup	G1 2400	T L EPSOM GB		119.75	119.00	115.50	118.08	Fame And Glory (GB)-124	St Nicholas Abbey (IRE) - 124	St Nicholas Abbey (IRE) - 124
46=	Paris	G1 2400	T L LONGCHAMP FR	3yo	117.75	120.75	115.75	118.08	Behkabad (FR)-122	Meandre (FR) - 122	Imperial Monarch (IRE) - 117
46=	VRC Newmarket H'cap	G1 1200	T S FLEMINGTON AUS		115.50	120.50	118.25	118.08	Wanted (AUS)-117	Black Caviar (AUS) - 132	Hay List (AUS) - 125
49=	Preakness	G1 1900	D I PIMLICO USA	3yo	117.00	119.00	118.00	118.00	Lookin At Lucky (USA)-124	Shackleford (USA) - 121	I'll Have Another (USA) - 125
49=	All Aged S	G1 1400	T M RANDWICK AUS		117.25	118.25	118.50	118.00	Hot Danish (AUS)-116	Hay List (AUS) - 122	Atlantic Jewel (AUS) - 122

Surface Indicators

Turf
Dirt
Artificial

Distance Categories

S	5f - 6.5f	: 1000m - 1300m
S (CAN/USA)	5f - 7.99f	: 1000m - 1599m
M	6.51f - 9.49f	: 1301m - 1899m
M (CAN/USA)	8f - 9.49f	: 1600m - 1899m
I	9.5f - 10.5f	: 1900m - 2100m
L	10.51f - 13.5f	: 2101m - 2700m
E	13.51f+	: 2701m+