

As we enter into 2025 and the Year of the Snake, it's time for tastemakers and horse racing fans to gear up for two glamorous racedays that celebrate fashion and fortune. Mark your calendar for our Chinese New Year programme, and get ready to usher in a new year of style, success and sumptuous feasts.

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A Toast to a Dapper 2025

Horse racing has a long-standing tradition of elegance and sophistication, transcending the boundaries of sport while seamlessly blending luxury, excitement and a sense of occasion. With two major racedays in January – the Gentlemen’s Raceday on 19 January and Chinese New Year Raceday on 31 January – we have taken a leaf from Ralph Lauren’s lookbook for inspirations on ways to celebrate a new year of world-class racing in all its sartorial splendour.

Gentlemen's Raceday

For racing purists and fashionistas, Gentlemen's Raceday is an occasion where bow ties are a must for gentlemen and bow-themed accessories are encouraged for the ladies. Here's how to style your way to success on this glamorous occasion.



Ralph Lauren's holiday collection is a great source of inspiration for raceday fashion

For men:

Choose the right bow tie: Bow ties are the perfect finishing touch for a tuxedo, but they are not just for black-tie events. Whether aiming for a formal look or showcasing personal style, select a bow tie that complements your suit or blazer. Classic colours like black, grey, and navy, along with subtle patterns like polka dots, checks and

stripes, are timeless and failproof choices. For simplicity, opt for something like Ralph Lauren's pre-tied silk bow tie to achieve the perfect proportions with ease.

Play up the equestrian style: Equestrian elements are central to Ralph Lauren's aesthetics. A pop of equestrian print can add visual interest and brighten up your winter raceday outfit, such as with a pair of tartan-checked straight leg trousers, an eye-catching suit and waistcoat combo or velvet loafers and tartan accessories.



Elements of equestrian style – such as plaid – can establish compelling focal points for your outfit

Draw attention with a double-breasted suit: Tending to be more formal, the double-breasted suit highlights your broad shoulders (and carefully chosen bow tie!) with its peak or shawl lapel. Its narrower waist and

longer fit can accentuate that coveted “V” shape physique. On extra chilly days, style the suit jacket with Ralph Lauren’s Purple Label turtleneck sweater for effortless sophistication, but keep accessories minimal.



Double-breasted suits such as these are a match in heaven with bow ties or a simple turtleneck

For women:

Own the suit and bow tie look: It always makes a statement when ladies play up traditionally masculine styles with confidence. A suit and bow tie look just as chic and sleek on the feminine silhouette. Ladies who want to let their bold and adventurous spirit shine can embrace an androgenous look with a colourful, patterned statement suit, paired with dark feminine makeup for extra impact.



These suits from Ralph Lauren's latest holiday collection can add an air of effortless cool for lady racegoers

Play with bow-themed accessories and bow details: For ladies donning dresses, bow-themed accessories such as chokers, hairpieces, handbags and heels are great for getting into the celebratory spirit. Gowns with bow details, both large and small, add a playful yet elegant flair.



Guests and celebrities showing off their bow-themed outfits in previous Gentlemen's Bow Tie Raceday events

Chinese New Year Raceday

The Chinese New Year Raceday is all about attracting good fortune for the year, so donning lucky red is customary. Here's how you can embrace the festivities while looking stylish as ever.



Red is the colour of luck in Chinese culture, and the feature shade for Chinese New Year Raceday attire

For men:

Usher in good luck with red plaid or tartan prints: The versatile sport jacket bridges the gap between formal and casual attire, making it a staple in most men's wardrobes. Pair it with a red plaid or tartan shirt, or go preppy with a plaid tie. Prefer

a more casual yet eye-catching style? Try pairing a print or patterned jacket with a polo or rugby shirt.



The plaid jacket can be dressed up or down to suit the occasion

Make your double-breasted jacket more versatile: Not only does this dapper blazer show off your athletic build, it can also help you exude confidence in semi-formal occasions when worn relaxed and open. Pair with dark stonewashed jeans for a tasteful yet easygoing 1990s vibe, or accessorise with hints of red for a subtle festive touch.

For women:

Stay warm and stylish with cable-knits: A cable-knit sweater or cardigan can be styled with shirt and trousers, paired with loafers or

heels, to provide both comfort and class. The sweater can also be worn under plaid wool blazers for added warmth.



Ralph Lauren's classic cable-knit styles can be chic yet cosy

Accessorise with auspicious red and gold: If red clothing is too loud for your style, opt for dresses with red or gold accents. Tasteful gold jewellery can elevate your whole outfit. You can also add a touch of red with accessories, bags and shoes.

Now with these words of sartorial wisdom in mind, get ready to ring in a new year of style and success as you dress for the marquee racedays this month.



Racing Forward in Style and Good Fortune

By: Leo Schlink

In the space of just 12 days in January, 2025, Sha Tin will undergo two stunning transformations. Revered internationally as a beacon of Hong Kong's world-class horse racing, Sha Tin will host Gentlemen's Raceday on 19 January, and Chinese New Year Raceday on 31 January.



Jockeys donned bow ties to promote 2023's Gentlemen's Bow Tie Raceday

Coinciding with the running of the Group 1 Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) and the Group 1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) this year, Gentlemen's Raceday is synonymous with style and extravagance – a fusion of excellent racing and fashion.



Victor The Winner (維港智能), ridden by Derek Leung, claimed the 2024 G1 Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m) at Sha Tin

Participants – owners, jockeys, and trainers – enthusiastically embrace the occasion, which also serves as one of the most important events on the Hong Kong racing calendar with the staging of the Centenary Sprint Cup and the Stewards' Cup.



Voyage Bubble (遨遊氣泡), ridden by James McDonald, took the 2024 G1 Stewards' Cup (1600m) at Sha Tin

Victor The Winner and Voyage Bubble won last season's Centenary Sprint Cup and Stewards' Cup respectively – when they were run a week apart – but a change of schedule has delivered a Group 1 blockbuster this season.

On 31 January, Hong Kong racing will celebrate one of the most auspicious days of the year with the Chinese New Year meeting.



Racegoers flocked to Sha Tin Racecourse for 2024's Chinese New Year Raceday

Always a fabulous occasion laced with vibrant colours, excitement and significance, the Chinese New Year meeting will be held on a Friday and features the first leg of the Four-Year-Old Classic Series with the running of the HK\$13 million Hong Kong Classic Mile (1600m).



Ridden by Hugh Bowman, *Helios Express* (驕陽明駒), took the Hong Kong Classic Mile at Sha Tin in February 2024

The race was won last season by John Size-trained Helios Express, who also advanced to victory under Hugh Bowman in the second leg of the Four-Year-Old Series, the Hong Kong Classic Cup (1800m).

As befitting such a portentous fixture, the Chinese New Year meeting will serve as the first step on a potential journey for Hong Kong's Classic class of 2025 to the fame and fortune of the HK\$26 million BMW Hong Kong Derby (2000m) – the race of once-in-a-lifetime glory – on 23 March.



In the Frame

A Promising Start

As we ring in 2025, Sha Tin Racecourse kicks off the New Year with the “Lucky Start 2025” raceday on 1 January, followed by the Chinese New Year Raceday on 31 January. Eager racing enthusiasts hoping for an auspicious year ahead flock to the racecourse to soak up the excitement of the races. The rest of the January calendar also features several major events. Which horses and jockeys have made it into the spotlight

this month? HKJC Racing Specialist Sabrina Ng shares her expert insights with us.

Following a revised schedule, the highly anticipated Gentlemen's Raceday will up the ante on both competition and style on 19 January. On the same day are two other prestigious Group 1 races: Stewards' Cup (1600m), the first leg of the Triple Crown; and Centenary Sprint Cup (1200m), the first leg of the Hong Kong Speed Series. Elite equine athletes from top stables will be competing with the goal to secure an early triumph.



Since his rejoining of the Hong Kong roster, James McDonald's exceptional performance with a string of consecutive victories merits close attention

“The Stewards’ Cup is a 1600-metre international Group 1 race, and *Voyage Bubble* (遨遊氣泡) appears to be the best rated performer among Hong Kong’s top milers. His victory over international contenders at the Hong Kong Mile at the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races has already proven his strength in this distance,” Sabrina remarks. “Barring any surprises, he will continue to be ridden by James McDonald. The 2024 LONGINES World’s Best Jockey is highly regarded and supported by trainers both in Hong Kong and around the world.”



Top miler Voyage Bubble claimed last year’s Stewards’ Cup (1600m), the first leg of the Triple Crown, and is determined to land victory in this year’s event

This month also plays host to several sprint races. In the previous season and earlier this season, elite sprinters such as *Ka Ying Rising* (嘉應高昇), *California Spangle*

(加州星球), and *Lucky Sweynesse* (金鑽貴人) have all captured significant attention with their noteworthy achievements.

Sabrina believes that Ka Ying Rising has been particularly outstanding. “Ka Ying Rising eclipsed *Sacred Kingdom’s* (蓮華生輝) 17-year-old Sha Tin 1200-metre track record in the Group 2 Jockey Club Sprint in November, which was phenomenal! The praise for him has been overwhelming.” This rising star defeated other veteran racers in December’s Group 1 LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint (1200m), and is expected to achieve the same calibre of results in the upcoming Hong Kong Speed Series.”



Ka Ying Rising, with Zac Purton aboard, claimed the BOCHK Private Banking Jockey Club Sprint (1200m), a stunning feat that eclipsed the long-standing track record of Sacred Kingdom

The Chinese New Year Raceday on 31 January (third day of the Lunar New Year) at Sha Tin Racecourse is another meeting not to be missed. A highlight of the day, the Hong Kong Classic Mile (1600m) is the first leg of the Four-Year-Old Classic Series and a great prelude to the BMW Hong Kong Derby. Preparations are ramping up for jockeys and trainers, with several four-year-old emerging stars vying for glory in both the Hong Kong Classic Mile and the Derby.



Taking place on Chinese New Year Raceday, the Hong Kong Classic Mile is the first leg of the Four-Year-Old Classic Series, and all the major stables have upped their preparation

“At this point, champion sprinter Ka Ying Rising is the most promising among the four-year-olds, but whether there will be plans to extend his distance for the 1600- to 2000-metre races in the Classic Series

remains to be seen,” Sabrina explains. “Another strong contender, *Packing Hermod* (包裝天將), is also expected to compete in this series. Among the horses purchased, some have overseas experiences with longer distances, which gives them an edge. I have my eyes on the Tony Cruz-trained *Stunning Peach* (桃花開).” Sabrina also reminds racing fans to direct their attention to the horses ridden by James McDonald among the four-year-old contenders.

In addition to the thrilling local races this month, the Railway Stakes in New Zealand and the Cape Town Met Day in South Africa are also set to be spectacular events. The latter is regarded as one of Cape Town’s most illustrious and sought-after social occasions, making it a must-watch for racing fans.

Racing Calendar

As 2025 begins, the vibrant racecourse welcomes a series of exciting events, including the pivotal first leg races of the Triple Crown, Speed Series and the Four-Year-Old Classic Series, all of which will have significant implications for the future prospects of both the horses and jockeys. Be sure to mark your calendars, and seize good luck for a brilliant new year as you immerse in the thrill of racing.

1 Jan (Wed)



Bauhinia Sprint Trophy (G3)

Chinese Club Challenge Cup (G3)

5 Jan (Sun)



Po Leung Kuk Cup

8 Jan (Wed)



January Cup (G3)

12 Jan (Sun)



The Racing Club Cup

15 Jan (Wed)



Hong Kong Club Challenge Cup

19 Jan (Sun)



Centenary Sprint Cup (G1)
- Hong Kong Speed Series
1st leg

Stewards' Cup (G1) - Triple
Crown 1st leg

22 Jan (Wed)



Happy Valley Race Meeting

25 Jan (Sat)



Simulcast Day -
Railway Stakes (NZ) +
Cape Town Met (SAF)

26 Jan (Sun)



Paris 2024 Paralympic
Games Hong Kong, China
Team Celebration Cup

31 Jan (Fri)



Hong Kong Classic Mile
- 4-Y-O Classic Series

Centenary Vase (G3)

Chinese New Year Cup

HV Happy Valley Racecourse

ST Sha Tin Racecourse

Day Race

Night Race

Simulcast

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Identifying Potential

The Club-sponsored China Horse Industry Association – The Hong Kong Jockey Club Horse Farm Professional Skills Competition for College Students took place successfully in Karamay, Xinjiang, on 11 to 14 October. As part of the Mainland strategy for Equestrian Affairs, the Club not only sponsored the event, but also dispatched a technical team to provide training to the riders and to officiate the competition. In addition, the Club's Racing Talent Training Centre shared valuable career planning insights from within the Club, and engaged

with students and schools on-site to scout for talent in the equine industry – laying the groundwork for future development.



Members of the Education Professional Committee of the China Horse Industry Association took a group photo with school representatives and member of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress Hanibati Shabukai (front row, sixth right)

This year's competition saw participation from 15 equine-related professional schools across the country, featuring 17 teams and nearly 100 exceptional students and faculty members. This remarkable turnout set a new record for the highest number of participants to date. The event was honoured by the presence of Hanibati Shabukai, a member of the Standing Committee of the 13th National People's Congress, who served as the chief advisor.



Group photo of the China Horse Industry Association - The Hong Kong Jockey Club Horse Farm Professional Skills Competition for College Students

Since its establishment in 2019, the competition has become a key initiative of the China Horse Industry Association, aimed at providing effective guidance and support for university students training in equestrian vocational skills and education. It evaluates the outcomes of equine education, identifies participants' strengths and weaknesses, and contributes to nurturing internationally minded talent while promoting the growth of the equine industry. In addition, the event featured the "School-Enterprise Connection, Immediate Employment" talent selection initiative, which offered students valuable employment opportunities and fostered deeper cooperation between educational institutions and enterprises, effectively bridging students' career development pathways.

Taking place in Xinjiang, a region known for its robust equine industry and rich equestrian culture, the event provided participating students with valuable insights into the local equestrian sector and education. The event not only enhanced their understanding but also contributed to the development of the local equine industry, positively influencing the training of equine professionals across the country.



Bee Chan, the Club's Senior Manager of Equestrian (PRS), conducted practical exams for students

The Club has long been committed to promoting the development of horse racing and equestrian sport, placing a strong emphasis on cultivating talent and vocational skills across various fields. Recognising that the success of the equine industry relies on talent, particularly the training and skill enhancement of young university students,

the Club's support for this vital competition is aligned with the professional talent development goals outlined in the "National Equine Industry Development Plan (2020-2025)." This initiative also exemplifies the renewed cooperation agreement with the China Horse Industry Association that was signed last year.

Photo: Marion Kerno



World-class Lineup for Arts Festival

The 53rd Hong Kong Arts Festival (HKAF) takes place this year in February and March, showcasing more than 1,300 incredible international and local artists in over 125 performances. The Club's Charities Trust has been proudly supporting the festival since its inception, bringing world-class performances to the city while fostering audience appreciation for the arts and nurturing local talent. As a long-term partner of the HKAF, the Club has also been supporting three main pillar programmes under The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series since 2008.

Photo: Julien Benhamou



The Hong Kong Jockey Club Student Matinee Programme will enable students to enjoy *Beethoven Wars: A Battle for Peace*, a manga space opera featuring Beethoven's phenomenal music

This year, the series features the exuberant festival opening concert by the Orchestra of the Teatro Comunale di Bologna under the baton of maestro Donato Renzetti; *La Sylphide* by the Czech National Ballet, one of Central Europe's most important companies; Bizet's *Carmen*, a much-loved opera that captivates audiences with passionate characters and glorious melodies; *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*, as part of the Jockey Club East-meets-West Series; *No reality now*, as part of the Jockey Club InnoArts Series; and *Beethoven Wars: A Battle for Peace* by Insula orchestra and accentus, taking the audience on a symphonic voyage into manga and metaverse enriched by Beethoven's powerful music.



Photo: Brigitte Enguerand

Part of the Jockey Club East-meets-West Series, *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* brings Jules Verne's sci-fi classic to life on a magical stage with the world's first Putonghua adaptation

In addition, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Student Matinee Programme collaborates with schools to enable students to experience some of the world's leading performances and nurture their appreciation of the arts. With support from the Trust, more than 61,000 students have had the opportunity to enjoy specially arranged festival performances and read uniquely designed house programmes with information on the artists, the respective art forms and theatre etiquette.

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Financial Education for Children



Financial Education for Children

Recognising the importance of helping future generations navigate an increasingly complex financial landscape, the Club's Charities Trust has created and funded The Hong Kong Jockey Club Financial Education Programme with an approved donation of over HK\$119 million to provide financial education for upper primary school students.

This pioneering programme is built around three key elements designed to create a lasting impact on students, teachers



Jeff Sze, HKSAR Government Under Secretary for Education (centre); Dr Gabriel Leung, the Club's Executive Director of Charities and Community (third left); Professor John Lee, President and Chair Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at The Education University of Hong Kong (third right); Professor Lee Ka-ye, Executive Vice President for Strategic Initiatives at The University of Chicago (second left); Antony Leung, Chairman and Co-founder of Solomon Learning Group (second right); Theodore Ma, Co-Founder of the CoCoon Foundation (first left); and Kitty Chau, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society (first right) officiate at The Hong Kong Jockey Club Financial Education Programme launch ceremony

and parents. Firstly, it aims to empower participants through an age-appropriate and culturally relevant curriculum. It has been developed with reference to research findings from The University of Chicago Financial Education Initiative and the Hong Kong Financial Competency Framework, created by the Investor and Financial Education Council. It will equip students with core financial capabilities and encourage financially responsible behaviour. Secondly, the programme takes a collaborative and holistic approach to enhance teachers'

skills and empower them to tailor impactful financial education lessons, while offering parents expert advice and practical strategies to model sound financial habits for their children. Lastly, the programme is a unique response to educational needs, integrated into the regular school curriculum. Unique features include inter- and intra-school competitions, parent workshops and public talks.

Co-created by The Education University of Hong Kong, The University of Chicago, the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, CoCoon Foundation and Solomon Learning Group, the programme is expected to benefit some 17,800 students and train 240 teachers from 70 primary schools. In addition, it aims to



Activities such as board game workshops empower parents to conduct meaningful financial discussions with children

engage 1,500 parents through parent-child workshops and talks.

Just so you know...

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust's strategic focuses cover the following priority areas:



Positive Ageing & Elderly Care



Youth Development & Poverty Alleviation



Healthy Community



Talent & Sector Development



Sports & Culture



Sustainability

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World-class Lineup for Arts Festival



Celebrate Good Fortune

Chinese New Year is a time of reunion, where friends and family gather to celebrate auspicious beginnings and exchange heartfelt blessings. Complementing an exciting racing calendar, the Club has prepared plenty of Chinese New Year culinary delights, gifts, hampers, activities and workshops for all our Members and their loved ones to usher in a prosperous Year of the Snake.

Auspicious Culinary Delights

Bountiful Harvest Menu at Moon Koon Restaurant

Chef Patrick Lam has created a series of scrumptious dishes using prized ingredients, such as abalone, fish maw and sea cucumber, for our Members to enjoy.

Date: 1 – 28 January

Venue: Moon Koon Restaurant, Happy Valley Racecourse

The Year of the Snake Specialities at Moon Koon Restaurant

Enjoy auspicious dishes prepared by Chef Patrick Lam to bring in good fortune and Chinese New Year blessings. Highlights include a special Lo Hei with Boston lobster, and pan-fried whole dace fish.

Date: 29 January – 7 February

Venue: Moon Koon Restaurant, Happy Valley Racecourse

Huaiyang Auspicious Dishes at Trio

Experience Chef Yuen's mastery in pairing intricate techniques with innovative concepts to reinterpret traditional dishes in a contemporary way.

Date: 29 January – 11 February

Venue: Trio, Happy Valley New Clubhouse

Chinese New Year Specialities by Chef Paul Tsui at Fortune Room

Chef Paul Tsui brings you an array of auspicious gourmet creations to welcome in a year of joy and abundance.

Date: 29 January – 12 February
Venue: Fortune Room, Happy Valley Old Clubhouse



Chinese New Year Abundant Specialities & Dim Sum at Oi Suen

Tuck into a selection of celebratory dishes and dim sum crafted by Executive Chef Henry Yeung, perfect for sharing with family and friends.

Date: 29 January – 12 February
Venue: Oi Suen, Sha Tin Clubhouse

Chinese New Year Raceday Buffet Lunch at Double Haven

Gather your loved ones for a bountiful buffet experience with live cooking stations and an array of international dishes.

Date: Friday, 31 January

Venue: Double Haven, Sha Tin Clubhouse

Lunar New Year Buffet Lunch at Arena Room

Celebrate the Year of the Snake with an abundant spread of amazing international dishes at this buffet lunch for the whole family.

Date: Friday, 31 January

Venue: Arena Room, Beas River Country Club

View the full Chinese New Year dining programme [here](#).

Chinese New Year Workshops and Events

Chinese New Year Shopping Carnival

Find the perfect Chinese New Year gifts with our handpicked selection of LEVADE products, impressive Club Exclusives, and premium dried seafood.

Date & Time: Friday, 10 January, 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm
(available via order form from 11 – 14 January)

Venue: Double Haven, Sha Tin Clubhouse

CNY Tangerine Style Pastry Making Workshop

Unleash your creativity in this Chinese pastry workshop taught by our experienced in-house chef.

Date & Time: Monday, 27 January, 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Venue: 6/F Function Rooms, Sha Tin Clubhouse



Chinese New Year Carnival

Soak up the joyful atmosphere with the entire family at this exciting Carnival, where games, workshops and delicious food and drinks await. Be sure to get a photo with our adorable Mini Ponies!

Date & Time: Friday, 31 January, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Venue: The Lawn, Beas River Country Club

Pony Riding Camp

Meet new friends and ponies at this fun-filled riding camp! Kids will learn basic riding and stable management skills while enjoying other leisure activities.

Date: Tuesday – Thursday, 4 – 6 February

Venue: Beas River Country Club & Beas River Equestrian Centre



Welcome Good Fortune Together with the Club's Abundant Offerings



Share your warm blessings with friends, family, colleagues, and business partners with our curated selection of Chinese New Year goodies.

Chinese New Year celebrations are not complete without savouring delectable sweet and savoury puddings. Discover our four styles of puddings this year – and pair with our homemade X.O. sauce for an impressive gourmet gift.

For auspicious feasting, our Pots of Fortune are carefully prepared with premium ingredients such as Australian abalone, premium dried oysters and whole conpoy. Three



kinds are available, including a vegetarian option, catering to different needs.

Toss up a good fortune and celebrate togetherness with a delicious Lo Hei, featuring Boston lobster and South African abalone, enjoyed in the comfort of your own home.

Explore our two sumptuous Chinese New Year hampers, filled to the brim with impressive Club Exclusives, homemade sauces, fine wines and tea, gourmet delights, and more.

View the full collection and place your order [here](#).

Exclusive Chinese New Year Gifts at LEVADE

Usher in a year of prosperity with a special festive selection of gifts at LEVADE. Discover the Year of the Snake 999.9 gold commemorative medallion that symbolises good luck and protection; the beautifully designed red packet sets; the timelessly elegant candy box with horse motif; colourful embroidered velvet pouches; and other auspicious gifts. For a limited time, enjoy special offers and extra gifts with your purchase in-store.



Discover more from LEVADE [here](#).

A Call for Celebration



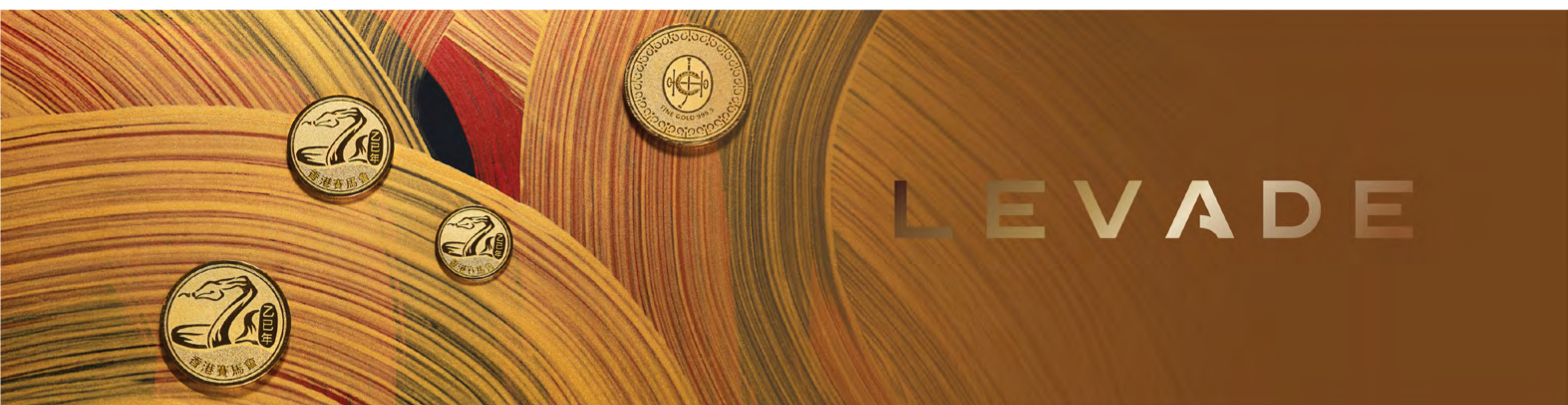
Planning for special Chinese New Year celebrations? From corporate events to family gatherings, Beijing Clubhouse’s annual celebration packages with tailored, exclusive services can help you create cherished memories for the new year.

The “Annual Celebrations – Feast Embark” package is available from now until 28 February 2025. Prices start at RMB 5,880 per table (minimum 10 persons with two tables required). Contact (86 10) 5911 8888 for enquiries.

More from Lifestyle



A Thing of Beauty





A Thing of Beauty

La Belle Époque – an era that blossomed with creativity, elegance, and a zest for life – is the theme of Centurion Restaurant’s most sumptuous dining experience at Sha Tin Clubhouse yet. As we honour the Club’s 140th anniversary, Chef Eyck Zimmer brings back the spirit of timeless elegance in modern dining with a new rendition of La Belle Époque, first launched in 2023.

A toast to “the beautiful era,” the newest chapter of the eight-course wine pairing feast honours the Club’s long-held

celebration of life, camaraderie and indulgence – serving as a reminder that the “true essence of luxury lies in the joy of togetherness” and creating lasting memories, as Chef Eyck says.



Chef Eyck is greatly influenced by the splendour of antique silverware for the newest edition of La Belle Époque

Crafted with love and utmost attention to detail, each dish tells a story steeped in history. “A significant source of my inspiration comes from silverware,” he says, with many of the antique silverware pieces used in this experience acquired during his own travels.

Guests are welcomed with an amuse bouche of Sea Urchin & Egg Sabayon. Fresh sea urchin is topped with a creamy, seasoned scrambled egg foam and Oscietra caviar. Exquisitely presented in an antique silver egg cup, the three-ingredient dish perfectly exemplifies the idea that less is more.



Chef Eyck and his team personally prepare the impressive Pigeon à la Presse dish tableside

Enticing your senses with its rich, earthy and sweet aromas, the Pigeon à la Presse is undoubtedly the pièce de résistance, where the stunning vintage duck press extracts the roasting juices and flavours from the pigeon to create the sauce. It is a “multi-sensory experience filled with flames, aromas, and captivating visuals” prepared right in front of guests for an interactive apex of the meal.

Another show-stopper, Chef Eyck’s signature Blue Lobster “Wellington” is a twist on the classic beef Wellington, featuring sweet, succulent Atlantic blue lobster wrapped in a lobster mousse, black trumpet mushrooms and savoy cabbage, all encased in golden-brown, flaky puff pastry.



Left: The indulgent Sea Urchin & Egg Sabayon kicks off the feast in a spectacular way; Right: The star of the Pigeon à la Presse dish is its luxurious sauce cooked tableside from extracted jus and marrow

To end on a stunning note, the Sweet Fabergé Egg, inspired by the famous St. Petersburg House of Fabergé and its jewel-studded collectibles showcasing different gems each season, features a pink “egg” of raspberry, white peach, and ivory chocolate ganache infused with lime. “Creating this



Like the House of Fabergé’s creations that showcase different jewels each season, Chef Eyck’s inspired dessert will also “evolve in appearance and flavour”



The Petit Fours are a spectacular way to end the meal, showcasing a festive spirit embracing the new year

dish was akin to fashion design,” says Chef Eyck, “I played with textures and colours to give it a new twist.” Beautifully presented with intricate sugar decorations and white peach sorbet, this dessert is a treat for all the senses.

Perfect for gorgeous celebrations, the La Belle Époque fine dining experience is set to make for an unforgettable evening of

exquisite food and service, and a delight for Members who enjoy the finer things in life.

The dinner menu is available from now until 28 June 2025, from Thursdays to Saturdays (except racedays). Guests can also opt for wine pairings, expertly curated by our sommelier to enhance the gastronomic experience. Be sure to make your reservation by phone at least two days in advance.

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Celebrate Good Fortune



The Clash of Champions

The excitement of the 2024/25 racing season reaches new heights as some of the most highly anticipated, world-class meetings take place at Hong Kong's racecourses. The star-studded Group 1 LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship (IJC) at Happy Valley Racecourse brought together the world's best jockeys for a spectacular night of racing, while the LONGINES Hong Kong International Races (HKIR) at Sha Tin Racecourse featured four prestigious Group 1 contests with a record prize pool of

HK\$126 million. The Bank of China (Hong Kong) Race Day and Chevalier Cup at Sha Tin Racecourse also delighted racing fans with fierce competition.

*The LONGINES International
Jockeys' Championship &
LONGINES Hong Kong
International Races*

The LONGINES IJC set off another successful evening of world-class racing on 4 December 2024 at Happy Valley Racecourse, with France's Mickael Barzalona snagging the coveted IJC title. On 8 December 2024, the city's annual international racing extravaganza wowed a packed Sha Tin Racecourse once again for the LONGINES HKIR – topping off a heart-stopping month of spectacular racing with four thrilling Group 1 races.

LONGINES International Jockeys' Championship



First row from left: Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Club CEO; The Hon Michael Wong Wai-lun, Deputy Financial Secretary of the Government of the HKSAR; Michael Lee, Club Chairman; Matthias Breschan, LONGINES CEO; and Cecilia Kwok, LONGINES Hong Kong and Macau Vice President at the IJC opening ceremony, accompanied by the 12 participating jockeys



Mickael Barzalona, winner of the LONGINES IJC, lifts the trophy at the presentation ceremony



France representative Mickael Barzalona wins the fourth leg of the LONGINES IJC aboard *Aurora Lady* (晨曦儷人)



LONGINES CEO Matthias Breschan (front right) presents a model from the Conquest collection to Mickael Barzalona (front left), winner of the LONGINES IJC

LONGINES Hong Kong International Races



First row from left: Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Club CEO; The Hon Martin Liao, Club Deputy Chairman; Michael Lee, Club Chairman; Matthias Breschan, LONGINES CEO; and Cecilia Kwok, LONGINES Hong Kong and Macau Vice President greet racing fans in the Parade Ring with officiating guests and jockeys to raise the curtain on the LONGINES HKIR



Matthias Breschan (front right) presents models from the LONGINES Conquest collection to the Owner representative of Hong Kong Vase-winning *Giavellotto* (遠飛標槍) (front left)



The Hon Martin Liao (front right) presents the LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint trophy to *Ka Ying Rising* (嘉應高昇)'s Owner representative of the Ka Ying Syndicate (front left)



Matthias Breschan (front right) presents models from the Conquest collection to the Hong Kong Mile-winning Owner representative of *Voyage Bubble* (遨遊氣泡) (front left)



Romantic Warrior (浪漫勇士) wins the G1 LONGINES Hong Kong Cup (2000m) at Sha Tin Racecourse for trainer Danny Shum and jockey James McDonald



The Hon Cheuk Wing-hing (front right), Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration of the Government of the HKSAR, presents the LONGINES Hong Kong Cup trophy to Romantic Warrior's Owner Peter Lau (front left)

Bank of China (Hong Kong) Race Day

Bank of China (Hong Kong) and The Hong Kong Jockey Club presented three Bank of China (Hong Kong) Race Day Group 2 features on 17 November 2024 at Sha Tin Racecourse, showcasing a lineup of elite horses, trainers and jockeys vying for victory with prizemoney of HK\$5.35 million per race.



2024 Bank of China (Hong Kong) Race Day
Opening Ceremony



The David Hayes-trained Ka Ying Rising, with Zac Purton aboard, takes the G2 BOCHK Private Banking Jockey Club Sprint (1200m)



Group photo at the BOCHK Private Banking Jockey Club Sprint presentation ceremony



The Ricky Yiu-trained Voyage Bubble, with James McDonald aboard, takes the G2 BOCHK Private Wealth Jockey Club Mile (1600m)



Group photo at the BOCHK Private Wealth Jockey Club Mile presentation ceremony



Romantic Warrior, ridden by James McDonald and trained by Danny Shum, wins the G2 BOCHK Jockey Club Cup (2000m)



Group photo at the BOCHK Jockey Club Cup presentation ceremony

Chevalier Cup

Held on 24 November 2024 at Sha Tin Racecourse, the HK\$3.12 million Class 2 Chevalier Cup Handicap (1600m) was the feature contest of the day.



The Francis Lui-trained *Patch Of Theta* (手機錶霸), ridden by Derek Leung, takes the Class 2 Chevalier Cup Handicap (1600m)



Kuok Hoi-sang (right), Chairman and Managing Director of Chevalier International Holdings Limited, presents the Chevalier Cup trophy and replica trophy to Patch Of Theta's Owner Angela Yeung Kit Ming (left)



Group photo at the Chevalier Cup presentation ceremony



Before the race, Lily Chow (right), Executive Director of Chevalier International Holdings Limited, presents a prize, a commemorative crystal stand and a cash coupon of HK\$2,000 from the Chevalier Group, to the Stables Assistant responsible for *Karma* (話你知), the Best Turned Out Horse in the Chevalier Cup