



Pins Crowned Champion Hong Kong Sire

Waikato Stud's superb **G1** sire **PINS** was crowned **Hong Kong's Champion Sire** for the 2010/2011 season last night.



Shadowing the 2007/08 & 2008/09 accomplishments of associate sire **O'Reilly**, **Pins** picked up the honour with a Hong Kong achievement of 9 winners and progeny earnings of over HK\$31 million.

Notably spearheading this 9 strong squadron was Pat and Jane Lowry's homebred champion **Ambitious Dragon** (*pictured left*) – a triple **G1** winning son of **Pins** who successfully took out the ultimate honour last night as **Hong Kong's Horse of the Year**.

Selected by Bruce Perry in New Zealand, **Ambitious Dragon** has been a revelation in Hong Kong this term. Feature wins for the star galloper include the **G1 QEII Cup**, the **HK-1 Hong Kong Derby** and the **HK-1 Classic Cup**.

Beginning the season with a rating of 57 for trainer Tony Millard, **Ambitious Dragon** left rivals to it in 7 races – a record equalling count, that would see him finish the season with a rating of 125.

This feat duly saw him claim the title of **Most Improved Horse** and with the aforementioned wins in mind, also ensured owner Johnson Lam collected the honours for **Champion Middle Distance Horse** and for **Hong Kong's Most Popular Horse**.

Interestingly, **Ambitious Dragon** was not the only son of **Pins** who shone on the night.

Smart Giant – a **Pins** half-brother to our multiple G1 winner **Daffodil**, played his part too by bringing up win number **73** for John Moore, effectively sealing for him the title of **Hong Kong's Champion Trainer** of 2010/11.

Pins – the Stats

9 G1 Winners.
41 Stakes Winners.
10 Stakes Winners this season.
67.2% winners-to-runners.
7.5% stakes winner-to-runners.
\$121,000 Premier Yearling Sale Average
\$11 million plus progeny global earnings this season.
\$40,000 Stud Fee

Pins – the Stars

9 G1 Winners...

1. Ambitious Dragon
2. El Segundo
3. Katie Lee
4. Legs
5. Porotene Gem
6. Econsul
7. Waikato
8. Red Glory
9. Lim's Prestige

10 Stakes Winners this term...

1. Ambitious Dragon
2. Katie Lee
3. Antonio Lombardo
4. Icepin
5. Legsman
6. Lucha Libra
7. Almodovar
8. Bespoke
9. Undisclosed
10. Our Nautique

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