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TRACKSIDE LIVE FROM HONG KONG

Trackside crosses live to Hong Kong this Sunday for one of the world's most prestigious racing events, the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong International Races 2007.

Four Group 1 races and a collective HK\$62 million (approx NZ\$10.3 million) in stakes, has attracted some of the biggest names in world racing, including 2007 Australian Horse of the Year, Miss Andretti.

New Zealand Racing Board Racing Manager, Michael Dore, said "there will be plenty of Australasian interest in this event with five time Group 1 winner Miss Andretti challenging defending titleholder Absolute Champion, as well as the current Hong Kong sensation Sacred Kingdom, for a world crown in the 1200m Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint."

"This year, for the first time, Kiwi punters placing win, place and quinella bets on Hong Kong racing will bet into the commingled SuperTAB pool. The SuperTAB win pool is expected to more than double that of the New Zealand TAB win pool for last year's event," said Mr Dore.

Television coverage will commence at 5.25pm with live crosses from Trackside presenter and race commentator, George Simon. The first of the big races will kick off at 7pm with the 1200m Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Sprint, followed by the 2400m Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Vase at 7.40pm, the Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Mile at 8.50pm and the 2000m Cathay Pacific Hong Kong Cup at 9.30pm. Trackside coverage will conclude at 10.50pm.

Totalisator betting, commingled with Tabcorp, will be available through the New Zealand Racing Board's Internet, Touch Tone and Skybet channels. Customers can place bets through TAB retail outlets or Phonebet during normal business hours.

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About New Zealand Racing Board wagering channels

The New Zealand Racing Board provides you with a number of different ways to place a bet. With options such as TAB outlets, Internet, Skybet, Touch Tone, Phonebet and at the racetrack, it has never been easier.

- Internet: www.tab.co.nz
- Touch Tone: Freephone 0800 10 20 33

- Phonebet: Freephone 0800 10 20 30
- Skybet: Trackside & Sky Sport 1,2 & 3