Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, JP Chief Executive Officer The Hong Kong Jockey Club

Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges has been chief executive officer of The Hong Kong Jockey Club since February 2007.

He joined the Club in 1998 as director of racing and was appointed executive director, racing in 2000, at which time his portfolio was extended to include responsibility for the Property Department. During this period, he played a significant role in uplifting the quality and profile of Hong Kong horse racing to world-class standards.

Prior to joining the Club, Engelbrecht-Bresges spent six years as CEO of the governing body of German horse racing and breeding, whose members include the representatives of racecourses, the Trainers and Jockeys Association and the German Breeders and Owners Association.

In April 2006, Engelbrecht-Bresges was appointed to the Board of the Equestrian Events (Hong Kong) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Co Ltd, the company charged with managing the operations of the 2008 Olympic equestrian events in Hong Kong.

Beyond his duties with the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Engelbrecht-Bresges serves as the vice chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities (IFHA) and as chairman of the Asian Racing Federation (ARF). He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Aachen-Laurensberger Rennverein e.V., the organizer of the World Equestrian Festival, CHIO Aachen.

A graduate of the University of Cologne in Economics, Finance, Statistics, Insurance and Business Administration, he has had a lifelong passion for horseracing and breeding Thoroughbreds. He is also an avid football fan, and played football professionally in Germany before graduation.