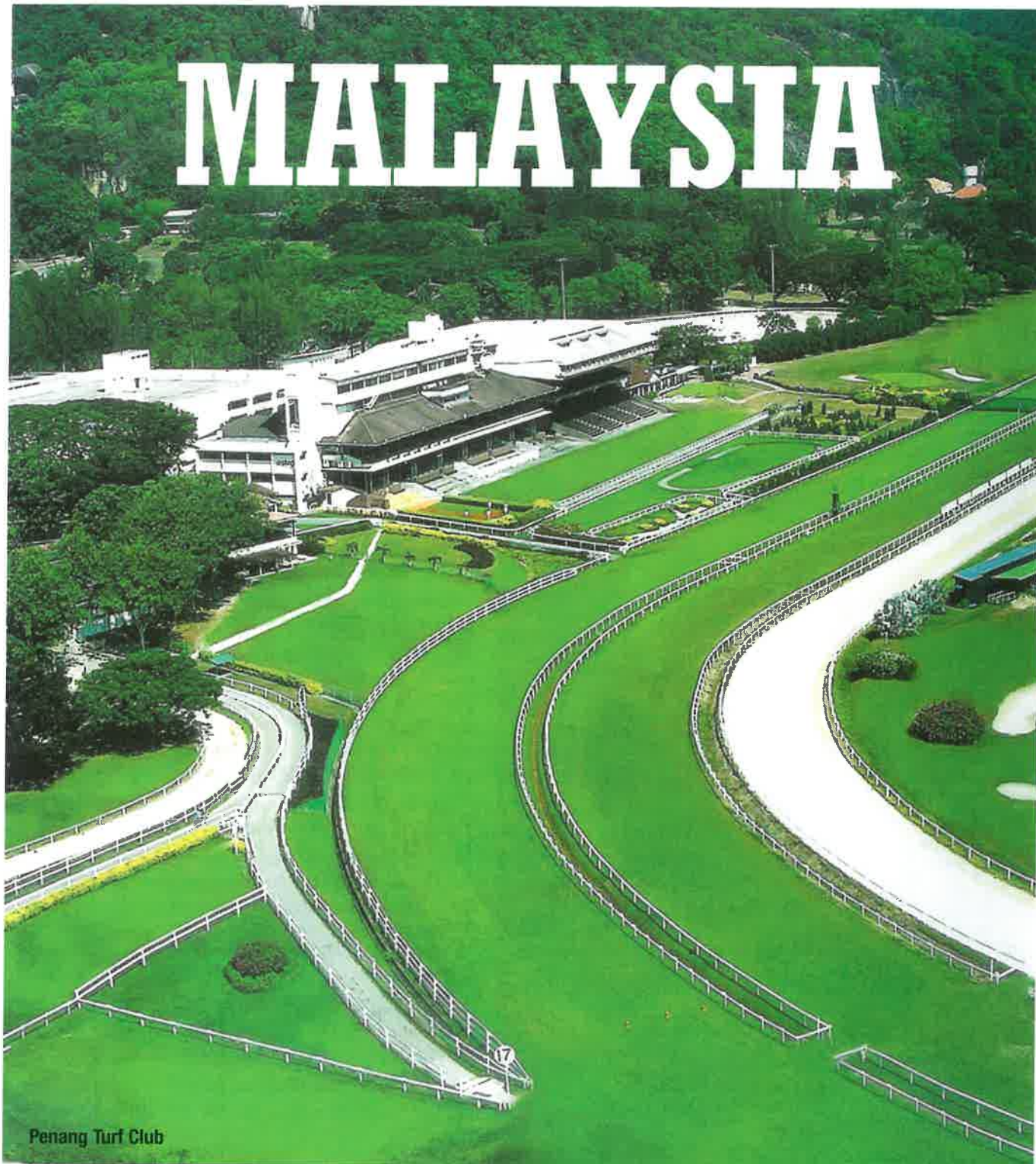


# MALAYSIA



Penang Turf Club

**S**uch is Australia's current top level performance in Malaysia that the question at the end of last season (run on calendar year lines) was: "Will it be Australian bred or Australian bred for Horse of the Year 2007?"

And the winner is: Free Spirit (AUS) by Citidancer from Star Party (Star Pak) won four of his eight starts in 2007 including wins in the Astro Wah Lai Toi Vase and the Coronation Cup. He has won 10 races in total and RM2.7million.

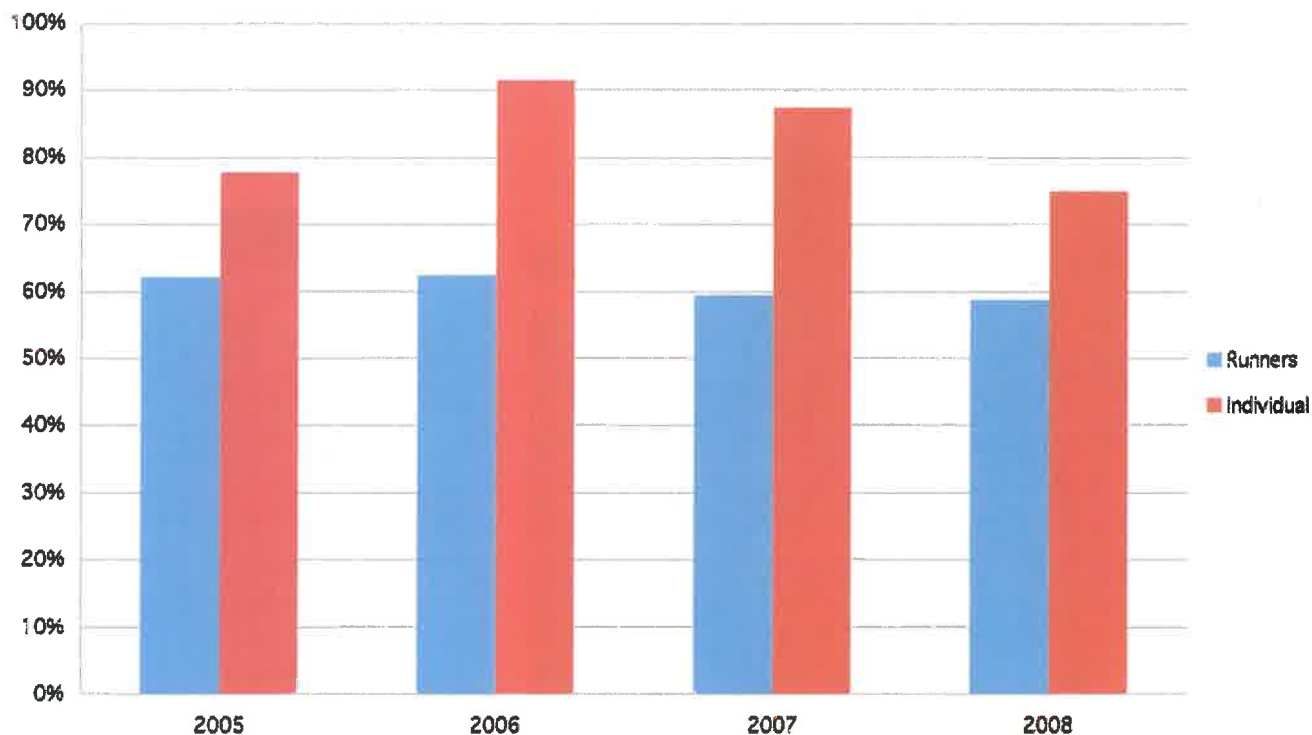
In second placed spot: Fast Flying (AUS) by Distorted Humor from

**"Aust-breds represent 60% of Malaysian runners & in recent years 75-90% of stakes-winners."**

Miss Tatum (Snippets) was winner of the Perak Derby and Piala Emas Sultan Selangor from only 4 starts in 2007/08. In total he has won 9 races in Malaysia and RM1.2 million.

And with performances in recent times like this, it's no wonder

### Aust-bred Runners & Individual Stakes Winners in Malaysia



that the Australian horse is popular with buyers. 'Popular' seems too trivial for a country that is represented by a 60% Australian market share of all runners. Amazingly Aust-bred results in stakes races have been even higher, with our representation among the number of stakes winners ranging from 75% to 92% in recent years.

Adopting the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' policy, owners and trainers of horses in Malaysia keep returning to the Australian well. In terms of why the Australian-bred product stacks up so well, it's a

similar story to that which prevails in Hong Kong and Singapore: the horses are tough, they are sprinter-milers and they cope with the environment.

Australian expat trainer Frank Maynard reveals what attracted him to Malaysia: "Well the lifestyle is great, the hours aren't so tough as home, and the education that my children are getting is amazing." Of course there are the financial rewards, and with a stable that is full all year around, and a strong representation in the major races each season, Maynard is a shining example of an





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### 2008 MALAYSIA TRAINER'S PREMIERSHIP

Trainer	Wins
BT LIM	32
K COETZEE	30
<b>F MAYNARD</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>J MCGILLIVRAY</b>	<b>25</b>
KH NG	22
P ROSLAN	20
<b>MP THWAITES</b>	<b>14</b>
KC TIANG	13
P TENNENT	12
C ROBERT	11
E SEET	10
KF WONG	10
SB TAN	9
JB BROGAN	9
M SUKRI	9

### Winner of 3 or more stakes races in Malaysia

NAME	COUNTRY	# STAKES WINS	BREEDING
Celtic Tiger - Opposing Force (Mal.)	NZ	6	Jetball (AUS) - Della's Choice (NZ) by Sir Tristram (IRE)
Confluence	NZ	6	Paris Opera (AUS) - Tristrams Jewel (NZ) by Sir Tristram (IRE)
<b>Free Spirit*</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Citidancer (IRE) - Star Party (AUS) by Star Pak (AUS)</b>
<b>Golden Ace*</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Desert Prince (IRE) - Soyinca (FR) by Caerleon (USA)</b>
<b>Labu Labu</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Island Morn (AUS) - Tropical Punch (AUS) by Pago Pago (AUS)</b>
<b>Triple Happy*</b>	<b>AUS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Bletchley Park (IRE) - Red Marya (AUS) by Red Anchor (NZ)</b>

\*still racing

Australian who has made it good overseas. In 2007, one of his owners, Gold Plus Stable, won the Malaysian Champion Owner award.

With 60 horses in work, and more lenient employment laws compared to Australia, Maynard can afford to employ 48 staff and this means the horses have a quality lifestyle too. Like the other Asian racing countries, all the feed is imported, and Maynard says he sees the feed representatives more often here than he ever saw them in Australia. It's a guaranteed market for feed, as no-one can grow their own, and the competition to use different products is fierce. And it's Australian feed that most trainers use.

As an Australian who was brought up around horses, Maynard feels he has an instinctual advantage to training racehorses. The quality of racing is high, and the quality of bloodstock that is imported reflects this. When Maynard was training in Perth, he was purchasing yearlings in the \$10,000 bracket, but now his Malaysian owners can easily afford \$200,000 for a trials winner.

Malaysian racing is spread between three clubs: Selangor Turf

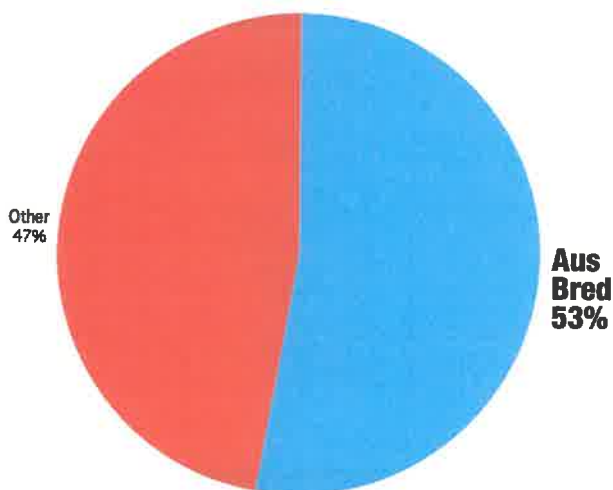
Club in Kuala Lumpur; the Penang Turf Club and the Perak Turf Club. They are administered, along with the Singapore Turf Club, by the Malayan Racing Administration. Racing is based on a northern hemisphere calendar (1 Jan-31 Dec) and is held all year around. There is a race meeting at one of the three clubs on nearly every Saturday and Sunday.

The oldest club, the Penang Turf Club was founded in 1864 and is the venue for the Astro Wah Lai Toi Sprint Trophy. The climate in Malaysia is hot and tropical, with heavy rainfalls throughout the year and constant temperatures in the mid 30s during the day.

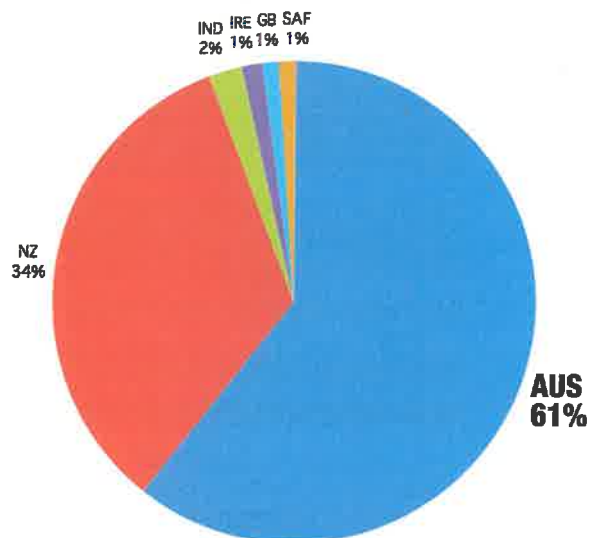
The Selangor Turf Club is based in Kuala Lumpur and the club was founded in 1896. In 1992 the club relocated from Jalan Ampang to Sungei Besi, with the old premises becoming the site of the famous KLCC Twin Towers.

The newest club, The Perak Turf Club commenced in 1926 in Jalan Tambun. In 1971, the club built a new stand that can accommodate up to 15,000 fans.

### Representation of runners in Malaysia 1996-2007




### Winners of all stakes races in Malaysia 1998-2008



Magic Millions holds the annual National Premier Sale for Malaysian bred stock and sponsors a Magic Millions race where all graduates (including locally bred horses who have been through the NPS) are eligible. This race is to be held on 7 September 2008 and will have a prize purse of RM350,000. Magic Millions plans to increase this stake to RM1,000,000 in 2009.

Winner of the MRA Champion Trainer Award on 13 occasions,

Datuk Tah Choon Beng has been very influential for Malaysians buying in Australia, says MM managing director David Chester. It is the work of people like this, who have achieved an outstanding market presence for Australia, whose impressive results speak for themselves in Malaysia. To dominate both market share and outperform the population average has consolidated the Australian-bred equine athlete's future in no uncertain terms. 

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