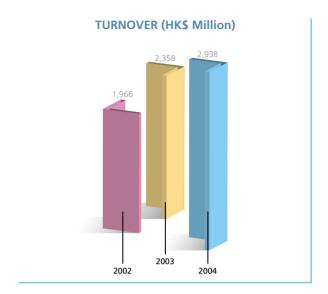
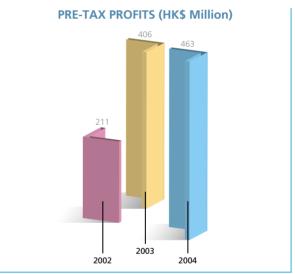
## Financial Highlights



Sales to the PRC and North American customers improved significantly in the year ended 30 June 2004, with overall turnover increasing 25% year on year. Growth stemmed mainly from high-end infrastructure and construction projects, with a new driver materializing in the form of the transportation sector.



As the Group continued to go upscale in the provision of aluminum extrusion solutions, it was able to enjoy stronger value-adding power, leading to a 14% growth in pre-tax earnings.



The Group strives to improve EPS through continued expansion of economies of scale and diversification into premium application sectors.