## Highlights

Group profit for 2004 increased by HK\$101 million, up 50\% to HK\$303 million. Earnings per share grew by $29 \%$ (outperforming target of 20\%) on the weighted average number of $562,685,882$ shares in issue during 2004, after accounting for the issue of 83 million new shares in January 2004.

|  | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 |
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| HK\$'000 | HK '000 | HK \$'000 |  |
| Turnover | $\mathbf{7 7 3 , 4 2 5}$ | 673,812 | 591,157 |
| Profit attributable to shareholders | 303,096 | 201,500 | 155,854 |
| Earnings per share (HK cents) | $53.9^{*}$ | 41.7 | 32.2 |
| Dividend per share (HK cents) | 32 | 28 | 25 |

* Earnings per share (EPS) as at 31 December 2004 reflected the placement of 83 million new shares issued in January 2004.


