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 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$′000	2002 HK\$'000
Turnover	773,425	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.

