

Financial and Statistical Highlights

	2000	1999	Changes
	<i>HK\$Mil</i>	<i>HK\$Mil</i>	
Operating Results			
Turnover	4,163.8	3,799.3	9.59%
Profit			
Total	186.9	218.2	-14.35%
Profit margin	4.5%	5.7%	-21.05%
Per share (cents)			
– Basic	24.2	28.3	-14.35%
– Diluted	24.2	27.2	-11.03%
Dividends			
Total	54.0	54.0	–
Per share (cents)	7.0	7.0	–
Dividend payout	28.9%	24.7%	17.00%
Net fund flow from operations			
Total	439.7	456.2	-3.62%
Per share (cents)	57.0	59.1	-3.62%
Financial Position at Year End			
Net current assets	1,292.9	1,199.0	7.83%
Total assets	4,570.9	4,597.8	-0.59%
Long-term bank borrowings	868.2	1,011.0	-14.12%
Bank borrowings	1,768.5	1,940.2	-8.85%
Total liabilities	2,376.8	2,530.1	-6.06%
Contingent liabilities	38.9	–	100.00%
Shareholders' funds	2,194.0	2,067.7	6.11%
Net asset value per share (cents)	284.3	268.0	6.11%
Capital expenditure	97.6	97.9	-0.31%
Financial Statistics			
Current ratio	1.93	1.90	
Long-term bank borrowings ratio	0.40	0.49	
Bank borrowings ratio	0.81	0.94	
Gearing ratio	1.10	1.22	
Return before tax on average equity	10.3%	12.6%	
Interest cover	2.57	2.67	

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