

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000

	2000	1999
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	468,266	467,549
Operating profit	325,006	339,099
Share of profits of associated companies	146,629	137,806
Profit attributable to shareholders	282,513	267,403
Total assets	4,855,621	4,778,412
Total liabilities	1,956,380	2,120,184
Shareholders' equity	2,899,241	2,658,228
Basic earnings per share	27.23 cents	25.77 cents
Fully diluted earnings per share	26.27 cents	25.49 cents
Dividend per share	4 cents	7 cents
Net asset per share	HK\$2.8	HK\$2.6
Return on shareholders' equity	9.7%	10.1%
Gearing ratio	20.3%	24.8%
Interest coverage	10 times	8 times