

Five-Year Financial Review

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Turnover (HK\$m)	2,906	3,311	3,350	3,252	3,490
Profit before taxation (HK\$m)	549	711	469	571	889
Taxation (HK\$m)	76	114	79	79	141
Profit attributable to shareholders (HK\$m)	482	599	403	506	774
Earnings per share (HK\$)	1.15	1.43*	0.96*	1.17*	1.77
Fixed assets (HK\$m)	589	566	656	701	992
Jointly controlled entities (HK\$m)	-	-	124	111	107
Associated companies (HK\$m)	2	5	1	10	16
Investments in securities (HK\$m)	16	9	9	72	48
Loans to investee companies (HK\$m)	33	26	22	24	11
Current assets (HK\$m)	1,812	2,139	1,916	2,670	3,010
Current liabilities (HK\$m)	(937)	(1,144)	(1,016)	(1,147)	(1,406)
	<u>1,515</u>	<u>1,601</u>	<u>1,712</u>	<u>2,441</u>	<u>2,778</u>
Share capital (HK\$m)	21	21	21	22	22
Reserves (HK\$m)	1,353	1,476	1,546	2,280	2,633
Shareholders' funds (HK\$m)	1,374	1,497	1,567	2,302	2,655
Minority interests (HK\$m)	83	61	47	44	45
Long term liabilities (HK\$m)	49	34	86	95	78
Deferred taxation (HK\$m)	9	9	12	-	-
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* The calculation of earnings per share is based on the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue.