

Financial Summary

The following is a summary of the consolidated results of the Group for the periods stated below:

	Year ended	Nine-month	Year ended December 31,		
	March 31, 1997 HK\$'000	period ended December 31, 1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
RESULTS					
Turnover	<u>479,577</u>	<u>413,141</u>	<u>381,806</u>	<u>485,295</u>	<u>922,877</u>
Profit from operations	23,986	65,258	16,586	55,743	146,690
Finance costs	(25,134)	(15,925)	(16,477)	(11,947)	(17,664)
Investment income	455	222	221	139	471
Provision against loan to an associate	-	-	-	-	(4,967)
Share of results of associates	13,003	9,677	7,436	766	1,897
Share of results of a jointly controlled entity	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>307</u>
Profit before taxation	12,310	59,232	7,766	44,701	126,734
Taxation charge (credit)	<u>692</u>	<u>5,936</u>	<u>(2,770)</u>	<u>6,009</u>	<u>20,175</u>
Profit before minority interests	11,618	53,296	10,536	38,692	106,559
Minority interests	<u>(3,719)</u>	<u>(3,181)</u>	<u>(2,303)</u>	<u>(687)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net profit for the year/period	<u>7,899</u>	<u>50,115</u>	<u>8,233</u>	<u>38,005</u>	<u>106,559</u>
	As at March 31, 1997 HK\$'000	As at December 31, 1997 HK\$'000	As at December 31, 1998 HK\$'000	As at December 31, 1999 HK\$'000	As at December 31, 2000 HK\$'000
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
Total assets	644,791	637,528	595,552	705,143	816,484
Total liabilities	(294,613)	(243,065)	(193,807)	(280,970)	(379,444)
Minority interests	<u>(8,656)</u>	<u>(11,838)</u>	<u>(14,141)</u>	<u>(14,827)</u>	<u>(1,290)</u>
Shareholders' funds	<u>341,522</u>	<u>382,625</u>	<u>387,604</u>	<u>409,346</u>	<u>435,750</u>