

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

RESULTS

	Year ended 31st December				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover	<u>1,906,082</u>	<u>2,279,990</u>	<u>2,531,818</u>	<u>2,699,338</u>	<u>4,551,482</u>
Profit before share of results of associates and taxation	119,711	133,515	153,047	166,965	222,470
Share of results of associates	<u>(9,654)</u>	<u>(639)</u>	<u>(3,818)</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>(1,222)</u>
Profit before taxation	110,057	132,876	149,229	167,193	221,248
Taxation	<u>(4,941)</u>	<u>(7,183)</u>	<u>(7,289)</u>	<u>(8,538)</u>	<u>(31,221)</u>
Profit before minority interests	105,116	125,693	141,940	158,655	190,027
Minority interests	<u>604</u>	<u>1,362</u>	<u>(888)</u>	<u>(1,774)</u>	<u>504</u>
Profit for the year	<u>105,720</u>	<u>127,055</u>	<u>141,052</u>	<u>156,881</u>	<u>190,531</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>21.07 cents</u>	<u>24.79 cents</u>	<u>25.40 cents</u>	<u>28.15 cents</u>	<u>34.02 cents</u>

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	At 31st December				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Total assets	804,257	1,080,564	1,188,467	1,382,367	2,909,725
Total liabilities, provisions and minority interests	<u>410,823</u>	<u>531,489</u>	<u>549,685</u>	<u>714,843</u>	<u>2,092,432</u>
Shareholders' funds	<u>393,434</u>	<u>549,075</u>	<u>638,782</u>	<u>667,524</u>	<u>817,293</u>