

Income Statement

For the year ended 20th February 2001

	Notes	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Turnover	<i>3(b)</i>	817,140	795,222
Interest income		769,868	746,455
Interest expense	4	(191,777)	(182,750
Net interest income		578,091	563,705
Other operating income	5	68,877	78,650
Operating income		646,968	642,361
Operating expenses	6	(273,092)	(276,157
Operating profit before provisions		373,876	366,204
Charge for bad and doubtful debts	8	(135,019)	(159,184
Operating profit after provisions		238,857	207,020
Gain from disposal of investment securities		3,317	<u>-</u>
Profit before taxation		242,174	207,020
Income tax	9	(32,170)	(27,000
Net profit for the year		210,004	180,020
Dividends	10	(52,346)	(43,780
Profit retained for the year		157,658	136,240
Earnings per share	11	50.15 cents	42.99 cent

There were no recognised gains or losses other than the net profit for the year.