

10. RESERVES

	31 March 2001 HK\$'000	30 September 2000 HK\$'000
Investment properties revaluation reserve	1,242,657	1,242,657
Retained profit	33,212	26,413
	<u>1,275,869</u>	<u>1,269,070</u>

Interim Dividend

The Board declares an interim dividend of HK\$0.50 per share (2000: HK\$0.50 per share) for the year ending 30 September 2001. The register of members will be closed from 9 July to 11 July 2001, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares will be registered. Dividend warrants will be posted to shareholders by 17 July 2001.

Chairman's Business Review

The Group's investment properties at Melbourne Plaza at 33 Queen's Road Central and Kimley Commercial Building at 142-146 Queen's Road Central continued to generate steady rental income. 81% of the shops and offices at Melbourne Plaza were let during the period. Rental maintained at comparable levels as that in last period. Stable return is expected for the whole year.

The Group has participated in a property development project in Foshan, China with Wing Shan Group. The property development project has a total site area of 30,500,000 sq. ft. and includes the construction of two golf courses which have been available for use. In respect of construction of ancillary properties, foundation work has been substantially completed. A market research in respect of the property market in Mainland China is being carried out. Construction of properties will continue if the sale of properties is satisfactory.