

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30th June	
	2001	2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover	214,169	231,304
Operating profit	141,208	164,401
Share of profits of associated companies	70,179	76,189
Profit attributable to shareholders	132,462	145,740
Basic earnings per share	12.75 cents	14.05 cents
Fully diluted earnings per share	12.14 cents	13.88 cents
Dividend per share	3.0 cents	3.0 cents
	30th June 2001	31st December 2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Total assets	5,074,838	4,855,621
Total liabilities	2,037,010	1,946,005
Shareholders' equity	3,037,828	2,909,616
Net asset per share	HK\$ 2.9	HK\$ 2.8
Return on shareholders' equity	9%	10%
Gearing ratio	22.7%	20.2%
Interest coverage	9 times	10 times