

Overview

Turnover for the period decreased by \$25 million to \$118.9 million, a decrease of 17.4% due to lower room rates. Since operating expenses had been maintained at the same level as the previous period, this decrease in turnover was reflected in profit before tax which amounted to \$13.3 million compared to the previous year's \$41.1 million. Net profit attributable to shareholders decreased 55.5% to \$12.5 million.

Hotel Operations

All our hotels continued to exceed the industry average occupancy level of 79%, but at the expense of room rates which was reduced by 16%. Occupancy rate at Grand Plaza Hotel was 86%, at Grand Tower Hotel 87% and at The Wesley 94%.

Occupancy level at our Grand Plaza Apartments for the period under review was 92%.

Finance

During the period, the Group's debt-free position remained unchanged. At 31 December 2001, its net cash balance amounted to \$119 million against net cash balance of \$116.3 million at 30 June 2001.

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