

	Year ended 31st December,				2001 HK\$'000
	1997 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	
RESULTS					
Turnover	3,556,846	3,557,772	3,300,590	2,960,521	3,199,418
Profit from operations	768,473	1,267,751	1,016,380	1,164,655	1,090,164
Finance costs	(145,672)	(188,288)	(178,590)	(135,560)	(93,771)
Gain on disposal of interests in subsidiaries, associates and jointly controlled entities	725	—	105,765	17,348	154,360
Share of results of jointly controlled entities	197,031	156,472	145,618	225,649	266,846
Share of profits of associates	28,740	35,811	40,638	42,475	72,370
Profit from ordinary activities before taxation	849,297	1,271,746	1,129,811	1,314,567	1,489,969
Taxation	(82,301)	(67,991)	(43,259)	(80,300)	(108,854)
Profit before minority interests	766,996	1,203,755	1,086,552	1,234,267	1,381,115
Minority interests	(18,631)	(49,957)	(75,300)	(99,598)	(178,581)
Profit for the year	748,365	1,153,798	1,011,252	1,134,669	1,202,534
Earnings per share — basic	HK\$0.94	HK\$1.37	HK\$1.14	HK\$1.27	HK\$1.34
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES					
Total assets	13,117,064	14,907,441	14,980,454	14,494,442	14,836,205
Total liabilities	(3,516,023)	(3,801,773)	(3,000,295)	(2,454,138)	(1,915,488)
Minority interests	(268,693)	(332,084)	(369,407)	(401,062)	(482,309)
Shareholders' funds	9,332,348	10,773,584	11,610,752	11,639,242	12,438,408
Shareholders' equity per share	HK\$11.15	HK\$12.22	HK\$13.10	HK\$12.96	HK\$13.85