## Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

	Note	Unaudited Six months ended 30 June 2003 2002 HK\$'000 HK\$'000	
Turnover	2	18,106,002	14,327,720
Cost of sales		(16,530,713)	(13,036,938)
Gross profit		1,575,289	1,290,782
Other revenues		63,577	59,494
Total margin		1,638,866	1,350,276
Selling expenses		(232,018)	(198,173)
Merchandising expenses		(830,135)	(699,103)
Administrative expenses		(140,419)	(117,765)
Core operating profit		436,294	335,235
Amortisation of goodwill		(10,608)	(2,089)
Provision for investments		(13,402)	_
Operating profit	2 & 3	412,284	333,146
Interest income		20,731	29,583
Interest expenses		(2,685)	(3,812)
Share of profits less losses of			
associated companies		9,206	4,153
Profit before taxation		439,536	363,070
Taxation	4	(33,000)	(25,124)
Profit after taxation		406,536	337,946
Minority interests		7,822	2,207
Profit attributable to shareholders		414,358	340,153
Interim dividend	5	289,001	245,651
Basic earnings per share	6	14.3 HK cents	11.8 HK cents