

financial summary

Results

	Year ended 31st December,				
	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Turnover	4,551,482	6,101,140	9,492,938	13,182,808	16,304,140
Profit before share of results of associates and taxation	216,191	270,055	495,780	769,228	1,087,528
Share of results of associates	(1,221)	(300)	121	(987)	(845)
Profit before taxation	214,970	269,755	495,901	768,241	1,086,683
Taxation	(25,949)	(19,517)	(70,246)	(66,811)	(108,829)
Profit before minority interests	189,021	250,238	425,655	701,430	977,854
Minority interests	504	(3,125)	(12,241)	(27,457)	(40,314)
Profit for the year	189,525	247,113	413,414	673,973	937,540
Basic earnings per share (Note i)	16.92 cents	21.74 cents	33.24 cents	51.56 cents	70.11 cents

Assets and Liabilities

	At 31st December,				
	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2002 HK\$'000	2003 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Total assets	2,992,972	3,807,792	6,423,105	9,646,268	13,903,324
Total liabilities, provisions and minority interests	2,078,976	2,693,087	4,595,168	7,133,384	10,464,658
Shareholders' funds	913,996	1,114,705	1,827,937	2,512,884	3,438,666

Note i: Prior years' amounts have been adjusted for the effect of the share subdivision as described in note 28 to the financial statements.