



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31st March, 2005

1. GENERAL

The Company is incorporated in Bermuda as an exempted company with limited liability. The shares of the Company are listed on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Hong Kong Stock Exchange”).

The Company is an investment holding company. The activities of its principal subsidiaries and associates are set out in note 17 and note 19 respectively.

2. POTENTIAL IMPACT ARISING FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In 2004, the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (the “HKICPA”) issued a number of new or revised Hong Kong Accounting Standards (“HKAS”) and Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards (“HKFRSs”) (herein collectively referred to as “new HKFRSs”) which are effective for accounting periods beginning on or after 1st January, 2005, except for HKFRS 3 Business Combinations. The Group has not early adopted these new HKFRSs in the financial statements for the year ended 31st March, 2005.

HKFRS 3 is applicable to business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1st January, 2005. The Group has entered into agreements for business combination for which the agreement date after 1st January, 2005 and has adopted HKFRS 3 for these business combinations. The Group has assessed the amount of goodwill arising from these business combination and has identified an impairment loss of HK\$78,000, being the whole amount of goodwill, and charged to the consolidated income statement.

The Group has considered those new HKFRSs and identified that the following HKFRSs may have a material effect on the results of operations and financial position of the Group are prepared and presented as described below:

HKAS 40 “Investment Property”

HKAS 40 introduces both cost model and fair value model for the measurement of investment property. For fair value model, HKAS 40 requires fair value changes be recognised to the income statement in the year in which they arise. HKAS 40 encourages but not requires retrospective application. Currently, the Group recognises the fair value changes to the investment property revaluation reserve in the year in which they arise, which is required under the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (“SSAP”) 13 “Accounting for Investment Properties”, issued by HKICPA the predecessor of HKAS 40. A surplus arising on revaluation of investment property of approximately HK\$146,554,000 has been recognised in the investment property revaluation reserve during the year ended 31st March, 2005 instead of recognition of fair value changes in the income statement as required under HKAS 40.

The Group has commenced considering the potential impact on the adoption of HKAS 40 but is not yet in a position to determine its impact on its results of operations and financial position.



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2. POTENTIAL IMPACT ARISING FROM THE RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS *(Continued)*

HKFRS 2 Share-based payment

HKFRS 2 “Share-based payment” requires the recognition of equity-settled share-based payments for services from employees at fair value at the date of grant and the recognition of liabilities for cash-settled share-based payments at the current fair value at each balance sheet date. Prior to the adoption of HKFRS 2, the Group did not recognise the financial effect of share-based payments until such payments were settled. The Group has commenced considering the potential impact on the adoption of HKFRS 2 but is not yet in a position to determine its impact on its results and financial position.

In relation to other new HKFRSs, the Group does not expect that their adoption will have a material effect on how the results of operations and financial positions of the Group are prepared and presented.

3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified for the valuation of investment properties and certain of its investments in securities.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below:

Basis of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries made up to 31st March each year.

The results of subsidiaries and associates which were acquired or disposed of during the year are included in the consolidated income statement from the effective date of acquisition or up to the effective date of disposal, as appropriate.

All significant intra-group transactions and balances have been eliminated on consolidation.

Goodwill

Goodwill arising on consolidation represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary or an associate at the date of acquisition.



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Goodwill *(Continued)*

Goodwill arising on acquisition after 1st January, 2001 but prior to 1st January, 2005 is capitalised and amortised on a straight-line basis over its useful economic life. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is included within the carrying amount of the associate. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet.

Goodwill arising on acquisition of subsidiary on or after 1st January, 2005 represents the excess of the cost of acquisition over the Group's interest in the net fair value of the identifiable assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities of the subsidiary recognised of the date of acquisition. Goodwill is initially recognised as an asset at cost and is subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

On disposal of a subsidiary or associate, the attributable amount of unamortised goodwill/goodwill previously eliminated against reserve is included in the determination of the profit or loss on disposal.

Negative goodwill

Negative goodwill represents the excess of the Group's interest in fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a subsidiary or an associate at the date of acquisition over the cost of acquisition. Negative goodwill arising on acquisition after 1st January, 2001 but prior to 1st January, 2005, is presented as deduction from assets and will be released to income based on an analysis of the circumstances from which the balance resulted.

To the extent that the negative goodwill is attributable to losses or expenses anticipated at the date of acquisition, it is released to income in the period in which those losses or expenses arise. The remaining negative goodwill is recognised as income on a straight-line basis over the remaining average useful life of the identifiable acquired depreciable assets. To the extent that such negative goodwill exceeds the aggregate fair value of the acquired identifiable non-monetary assets, it is recognised in income immediately.

Negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of an associate is deducted from the carrying value of that associate. Negative goodwill arising on the acquisition of subsidiaries is presented separately in the balance sheet as a deduction from assets.

Investments in subsidiaries

Investments in subsidiaries are included in the Company's balance sheet at cost less any identified impairment loss.



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Investments in associates

The consolidated income statement includes the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of its associates for the year. In the consolidated balance sheet, interest in associates is stated at the Group's share of the net assets of the associates plus the goodwill/less the negative goodwill in as far as it has not already been written off/amortised/released to income, less any identified impairment loss.

Revenue recognition

Sales of goods are recognised when goods are delivered and title has passed to the customers.

Sales of investments in securities are recognised when the sale contracts become unconditional.

Sales of properties are recognised upon completion of the binding sales agreements or transfer of risk and reward of ownership, whichever is earlier.

Dividend income from investments in securities is recognised when the shareholders' rights to receive payment have been established.

Interest income is accrued on a time basis, by reference to the principal outstanding and at the interest rate applicable.

Rental income, including rental invoiced in advance from properties under operating leases, is recognised on a straight line basis over the period of the respective leases.

Impairment

At each balance sheet date, the Group reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised as an expense immediately.

Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, such that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised as income immediately.



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Investment properties

Investment properties are completed properties which are held for their investment potential, any rental income being negotiated at arm's length.

Investment properties are stated at open market value based on professional valuation at the balance sheet date. Any revaluation increase or decrease arising on the revaluation of investment properties is credited or charged to the investment property revaluation reserve unless the balance on this reserve is insufficient to cover a revaluation decrease, in which case the excess of the revaluation decrease over the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve is charged to the income statement. Where a revaluation decrease has previously been charged to the income statement and a revaluation increase subsequently arises, this increase is credited to the income statement to the extent of the decrease previously charged.

On disposal of an investment property, the balance on the investment property revaluation reserve attributable to the disposed property is transferred to the income statement.

No depreciation or amortisation is provided on investment properties except where the unexpired term, including the renewal period, of the relevant lease is twenty years or less.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss.

The gain or loss arising from disposal or retirement of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and is recognised in the income statement.

Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives and after taking into account their estimated residual value, using the straight line method, at the following rate per annum:

Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	20%
Motor vehicles	20%
Vessel	20%



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Properties held for development

Properties held for development where no decision has yet been taken to re-sell or hold for long term purposes are stated at cost less accumulated impairment losses. No depreciation and amortisation is provided on properties held for development until the construction is completed and the properties are ready for their intended use.

Investments in securities

Investments in securities are recognised on a trade date basis and are initially measured at cost.

Investments other than held-to-maturity debt securities are classified as investment securities and other investments.

Investment securities, which are securities held for an identified long-term strategic purpose, are measured at subsequent reporting dates at cost, as reduced by any impairment loss that is other than temporary.

Other investments are measured at fair value, with unrealised gains and losses included in net profit or loss for the period.

Properties held for sale

Properties held for sale are stated at the lower of cost or net realisable value. Cost comprises all costs of purchase and other direct cost to acquire the properties. Net realisable value is calculated at the actual or estimated selling price less related costs of marketing and selling.

Operating leases

Leases are classified as finance leases when the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the assets concerned to the lessees. All leases other than finance leases are classified as operating leases.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the income statement on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant leases.

Retirement benefit scheme

Payments to Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme are charged as an expense as the fall due.



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3. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(Continued)*

Foreign currencies

Transactions in currencies other than Hong Kong dollars are initially recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing on the dates of the transactions. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in such currencies are re-translated at the rates prevailing on the balance sheet date. Profits and losses arising on exchange are included in net profit or loss for the period.

Taxation

Income tax expense represents the sum of the tax currently payable and deferred tax.

The tax currently payable is based on taxable profit for the year. Taxable profit differs from net profit as reported in the income statement because it excludes items of income or expense that are taxable or deductible in other years and it further excludes items that are never taxable or deductible. The Group's liability for current tax is calculated using tax rates that have been enacted or substantively enacted at the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is the tax expected to be payable or recoverable on differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities in the financial statements and the corresponding tax bases used in the computation of taxable profit, and is accounted for using the balance sheet liability method. Deferred tax liabilities are generally recognised for all taxable temporary differences, and deferred tax assets are recognised to the extent that it is probable that taxable profits will be available against which deductible temporary differences can be utilised. Such assets and liabilities are not recognised if the temporary difference arises from goodwill (or negative goodwill) or from the initial recognition (other than in a business combination) of other assets and liabilities in a transaction that affects neither the taxable profit nor the accounting profit.

Deferred tax liabilities are recognised for taxable temporary differences arising on investments in subsidiaries and associates, except where the Group is able to control the reversal of the temporary difference and it is probable that the temporary difference will not reverse in the foreseeable future.

The carrying amount of deferred tax assets is reviewed at each balance sheet date and reduced to the extent that it is no longer probable that sufficient taxable profit will be available to allow all or part of the asset to be recovered.

Deferred tax is calculated at the tax rates that are expected to apply in the period when the liability is settled or the asset is realised. Deferred tax is charged or credited in the income statement, except when it relates to items charged or credited directly to equity, in which case the deferred tax is also dealt with in equity.



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4. TURNOVER

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Provision of estate agency services	—	2,745
Rental income	32,605	18,263
Sales of properties	114,010	21,080
Sales of securities	222,249	373,198
	368,864	415,286

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to results from operations by principal business segment and geographical segment are set out in note 5.

5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION

Business segments

For management purposes, the Group is currently organised into two major operating divisions — property investment and securities investment.

These divisions are the basis on which the Group reports its primary segment information.

Principal activities are as follows:

Property investment	—	Sale and leasing of properties
Securities investment	—	Sale of investments in securities

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5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Business segments *(Continued)*

An analysis of the Group's turnover and contribution to operating results and segmental assets and liabilities by business segments is as follows:

	Property investment HK\$'000	Securities investment HK\$'000	Consolidated HK\$'000
<i>For the year ended 31st March, 2005</i>			
TURNOVER			
External sales	146,615	222,249	368,864
RESULT			
Segment result	26,570	4,767	31,337
Unallocated corporate expenses			(2,070)
Interest income			5,085
Dividend income	—	1,556	1,556
Profit from operations			35,908
Finance costs			(5,361)
Amortisation of goodwill of interest in associates			(359)
Release of negative goodwill of associates			350
Share of results of associates			3,165
Net gain on disposal of interests in subsidiaries			47,228
Net loss on dilution/disposal of interests in associates			(3,587)
Profit before taxation			77,344
Taxation			(5,935)
Profit before minority interests			71,409
Minority interests			363
Net profit for the year			71,772

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5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Business segments *(Continued)*

	Property investment	Securities investment	Others	Consolidated
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
<i>Assets and liabilities as at 31st March, 2005</i>				
ASSETS				
Segment assets	1,169,241	274,324	—	1,443,565
Interest in associates				30,119
Unallocated total assets				40,732
Consolidated total assets				1,514,416
LIABILITIES				
Segment liabilities	2,724	42,793	—	45,517
Bank borrowings	15,000	520,040	—	535,040
Unallocated corporate liabilities				2,053
Consolidated total liabilities				582,610
<i>Other information for the year ended 31st March, 2005</i>				
Capital expenditure				
— Property, plant and equipment	—	—	15,421	15,421
Depreciation	—	—	1,482	1,482
Amortisation of goodwill of interests in associates	—	—	359	359
Release of negative goodwill of associates	—	—	350	350
Unrealised holding loss on investment in securities	—	5,189	—	5,189

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5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Business segments *(Continued)*

	Discontinuing operation	Continuing operations			Consolidated
	Estate agency	Property investment	Securities investment	Others	
	HK\$'000 (Note)	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000 (As restated)
<i>For the year ended 31st March, 2004</i>					
TURNOVER					
External sales	2,745	39,343	373,198	—	415,286
RESULT					
Segment result	2,089	22,206	36,978	—	61,273
Unallocated corporate expenses					(26,942)
Interest income					4,692
Dividend income	—	—	1,251	—	1,251
Profit from operations					40,274
Finance costs					(1,911)
Amortisation of goodwill of interest in associates					(1,646)
Release of negative goodwill of associates					274
Share of results of associates					(9,153)
Net gain on disposal of interest in a subsidiary					6,171
Net gain on disposal of discontinuing operation					5,489
Net loss on dilution/disposal of interests in associates					(3,439)
Profit before taxation					36,059
Taxation					(5,011)
Profit before minority interests					31,048
Minority interests					(405)
Net profit for the year					30,643

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5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Business segments *(Continued)*

	Discontinuing	Continuing operations			Consolidated
	operation	Property	Securities	Others	
	Estate	investment	investment		
	agency	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
	(Note)				
<i>Assets and liabilities as at</i>					
<i>31st March, 2004</i>					
ASSETS					
Segment assets	—	549,833	285,097	7,110	842,040
Interest in associates	—	—	—	—	63,138
Unallocated total assets					471
Consolidated total assets					905,649
LIABILITIES					
Segment liabilities	—	8,937	729	—	9,666
Bank borrowings	—	139,060	39,998	—	179,058
Unallocated corporate liabilities					3,670
Consolidated total liabilities					192,394
<i>Other information for the year ended 31st March, 2004</i>					
Capital expenditure					
— Property, plant and equipment	67	—	—	234	301
— Investment properties	—	207,453	—	—	207,453
Depreciation	—	—	—	2,166	2,166
Amortisation of goodwill of interests in associates	—	—	—	1,372	1,372
Impairment loss of goodwill arising from acquisition of a subsidiary	—	—	130	—	130
Loss on disposal of investment properties	—	1,449	—	—	1,449
Unrealised holding loss on investment in securities	—	—	3,000	—	3,000



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5. SEGMENTAL INFORMATION *(Continued)*

Business segments *(Continued)*

Note:

On 5th September, 2003, the Group entered into an agreement to dispose of its entire interest in Consecutive Profits Limited and its subsidiaries, which were mainly engaged in the provision of estate agency services. The disposal was completed on 31st January, 2004 and accordingly, the business segment of provision of estate agency services was regarded as discontinuing operation in 2004 and resulted in gain on disposal of discontinuing operation of approximately HK\$5,489,000.

Geographical segments

Turnover, carrying amount of segment assets and capital additions by geographical segment has not been prepared as all the Group's turnover, carrying amount of assets and capital additions were derived from Hong Kong.

6. OTHER OPERATING INCOME

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Interest income	5,085	4,692
Dividend income from investments in listed securities	1,556	1,251
Unrealised holding gain on investment in securities	—	2,250
Revaluation increase of investment properties	—	4,194
Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment	781	—
Gain on disposal of property held for development	—	530
Others	2,219	953
	9,641	13,870



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7. OTHER EXPENSES

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Impairment loss of goodwill arising from acquisition of a subsidiary	78	130
Unrealised holding loss on investment in securities	5,189	3,000
Loss on disposal of investment in securities	448	—
Loss on disposal of investment properties	—	1,449
	5,715	4,579

8. PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit from operations has been arrived at after charging:		
Directors' remuneration (note 9(a)):		
Fees	400	400
Other emoluments	2,385	3,382
Other staff costs	4,191	7,577
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	295	254
Total staff costs	7,271	11,613
Auditors' remuneration		
Current year	530	670
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	1,482	2,166
and after crediting:		
Net rental income in respect of premises after outgoings of HK\$8,815,000 (2004: HK\$3,585,000)	23,790	14,678

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9. DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION

(a) Directors' remuneration

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Fees		
— Executive directors	—	—
— Non-executive director	—	100
— Independent non-executive directors	400	300
	400	400
Other emoluments		
— Executive directors		
Salaries and other benefits	2,014	1,730
Bonus	257	1,550
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	114	102
— Non-executive director	—	—
— Independent non-executive directors	—	—
	2,385	3,382
	2,785	3,782

The number of directors whose remuneration falls within the bands set out below is as follows:

HK\$	2005 Number of directors	2004 Number of directors
Nil to 1,000,000	5	5
1,000,001 to 1,500,000	2	—
2,000,001 to 2,500,000	—	1
	7	6

During the year, no emoluments were paid by the Group to any director as an inducement to join or upon joining the Group or as compensation for loss of office.



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9. DIRECTORS' AND EMPLOYEES' REMUNERATION *(Continued)*

(b) Employees' remuneration

The five highest paid individuals in the Group included two directors (2004: two directors) of the Company, details of whose remuneration are set out above. The aggregate remuneration of the remaining highest paid individuals, who are employees of the Group, is as follows:

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Salaries and other benefits	2,084	5,339
Retirement benefit scheme contributions	104	79
	<u>2,188</u>	<u>5,418</u>

HK\$	2005 Number of employees	2004 Number of employees
Nil to 1,000,000	2	1
1,000,001 to 1,500,000	1	—
1,500,001 to 2,000,000	—	1
3,500,001 to 4,000,000	—	1
	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>

10. FINANCE COSTS

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Interest on:		
Bank borrowings wholly repayable within five years	115	—
Bank borrowings with instalments repayable over five years	5,246	1,911
	<u>5,361</u>	<u>1,911</u>

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11. TAXATION

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
The charge comprises:		
Hong Kong Profits Tax		
— Current year	4,744	2,201
— Underprovision in prior years	43	98
	4,787	2,299
Deferred tax (note 22)	1,148	2,712
Taxation attributable to the Company and its subsidiaries	5,935	5,011

Hong Kong Profits Tax is calculated at 17.5% (2004: 17.5%) of the estimated assessable profit for the year.

The tax charge for the year can be reconciled to the profit before taxation as per the consolidated income statement as follows:

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Profit before taxation	77,344	36,059
Taxation at Hong Kong Profits Tax rate of 17.5%	13,535	6,310
Tax effect of income not taxable in determining taxable profit	(10,246)	(7,915)
Tax effect of expenses not deductible for tax purposes	3,882	5,147
Tax effect of share of results of associates	(554)	1,602
Underprovision in respect of prior year	43	98
Tax effect of tax losses not recognised	207	969
Utilisation of tax losses previously not recognised	(911)	(1,032)
Increase in opening deferred tax resulting from an increase in applicable tax rate	—	(198)
Others	(21)	30
Tax expense for the year	5,935	5,011



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12. DIVIDENDS

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Proposed final dividend of HK3.5 cents per share (2004: Nil)	<u>16,959</u>	<u>—</u>
	<u>16,959</u>	<u>—</u>

The directors have resolved to recommend the payment of a final dividend of HK\$16,959,000 representing HK3.5 cents per share (2004: Nil) in respect of the year ended 31 March, 2005.

The final dividend proposed after the balance sheet date has not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

13. EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of the basic and diluted earnings per share is based on the following data:

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Earnings for the purpose of calculating basic and diluted earnings per share:		
Net profit for the year	<u>71,772</u>	<u>30,643</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating basic earnings per share (in thousands)	383,517	383,448
Effect of dilutive potential ordinary shares (in thousands):		
Share options	<u>11,273</u>	<u>1,390</u>
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for the purpose of calculating diluted earnings per share (in thousands)	<u>394,790</u>	<u>384,838</u>



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13. EARNINGS PER SHARE *(Continued)*

The adjustment to the comparative basic and diluted earnings per share, arising from the share consolidated shown in note 27, is as follows:

	Basic HK Cents	Diluted HK Cents
Reconciliation of 2004 earnings per share:		
Reported figure before adjustments	2.00	1.99
Adjustments arising from share consolidation shown in note 27	6.00	5.97
Restated	8.00	7.96

14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

	THE GROUP
	HK\$'000
VALUATION	
At 1st April, 2004	482,650
Addition	233,446
Eliminated on disposal of a subsidiary	(44,650)
Revaluation increase	146,554
At 31st March, 2005	818,000

The Group's investment properties were revalued at its open market value at 31st March, 2005 by Skyland Surveyors Co., an independent firm of professional property valuers, on an open market value basis. This valuation gave rise to a revaluation increase of HK\$146,554,000 and the whole revaluation increase was credited to the investment property revaluation lease.

The Group's investment properties are held for rental purpose under operating leases.

The Group's investment properties amounting to approximately HK\$818,000,000 (2004: HK\$482,650,000) have been pledged to secure general banking facilities granted to the Group.

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14. INVESTMENT PROPERTIES *(Continued)*

The carrying value of the investment properties comprises:

	THE GROUP	
	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Properties held under long-term leases in Hong Kong	818,000	438,000
Properties held under medium-term leases in Hong Kong	—	44,650
	818,000	482,650

15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	Motor vehicles	Vessel	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
THE GROUP COST				
At 1st April, 2004	1,903	1,654	6,000	9,557
Additions	1,624	—	13,797	15,421
Disposal	(1,592)	—	(5,800)	(7,392)
At 31st March, 2005	1,935	1,654	13,997	17,586
DEPRECIATION				
At 1st April, 2004	863	1,654	1,300	3,817
Provided for the year	402	—	1,080	1,482
Eliminated on disposal	(957)	—	(1,836)	(2,793)
At 31st March, 2005	308	1,654	544	2,506
NET BOOK VALUES				
At 31st March, 2005	1,627	—	13,453	15,080
At 31st March, 2004	1,040	—	4,700	5,740



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15. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT *(Continued)*

	Furniture, fixtures and office equipment HK\$'000
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THE COMPANY	
COST	
At 1st April, 2004	1,903
Disposals	<u>(1,592)</u>
At 31st March, 2005	<u>311</u>
DEPRECIATION	
At 1st April, 2004	863
Provided for the year	301
Eliminated on disposals	<u>(957)</u>
At 31st March, 2005	<u>207</u>
NET BOOK VALUES	
At 31st March, 2005	<u>104</u>
At 31st March, 2004	<u>1,040</u>
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16. PROPERTY HELD FOR DEVELOPMENT

The property held for development was situated in the Hong Kong under medium-term land use rights.

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17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Investments in subsidiaries		
Unlisted shares, at cost	82,152	82,252
Receivables due from subsidiaries		
Amounts due from subsidiaries	727,075	904,402
Less: Allowance	(302,851)	(302,851)
	424,224	601,551
Payables due to subsidiaries		
Amounts due to subsidiaries	54,869	222,663

The amounts due from/to subsidiaries are unsecured, non-interest bearing and are repayable on demand.

Particulars of the principal subsidiaries at 31st March, 2005 are as follows:

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ operation	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued share capital held by the Company		Principal activities
			Directly	Indirectly	
			%	%	
Bless Top Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	100	—	Investment holding
Gain Master Assets Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$1	—	100	Investment holding
Infast Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	—	100	Property holding
Island Town Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	—	100	Property holding

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17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES *(Continued)*

Name of subsidiary	Place of incorporation/ operation	Issued and fully paid ordinary share capital	Proportion of nominal value of issued share capital held by the Company		Principal activities
			Directly %	Indirectly %	
Mark Well Investment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$100	—	100	Sale of securities and investment holding
Capital Strategic Investment (B.V.I.) Limited	British Virgin Islands/ Hong Kong	US\$40,000	100	—	Investment holding
Ocean Information System (China) Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	—	100	Investment holding
CSI Investment Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	100	—	Property holding and leasing of property
Sennor Holdings Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$2	—	100	Property holding and leasing of property
Gaintech International Development Limited	Hong Kong	HK\$10,000	—	100	Holding of property held for development



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17. INTERESTS IN SUBSIDIARIES *(Continued)*

None of the subsidiaries had any debt securities subsisting at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

The above table lists the subsidiaries of the Company which, in the opinion of the directors, principally affected the results for the year or formed a substantial portion of the net assets of the Group. To give details of other subsidiaries would, in the opinion of the directors, result in particulars of excessive length.

18. DEPOSIT PAID FOR ACQUISITION OF SUBSIDIARIES

On 15th January, 2005, the Group entered into conditional agreements to acquire 100% interest in Fook Shing Limited (“Fook Shing”) and Yieldson Development Limited (“Yieldson”) for an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$240,000,000 whilst an amount of HK\$35,000,000 were paid as deposit as at 31st March, 2005. Fook Shing and Yieldson are property holding companies and their property is located in Hong Kong. The acquisition was completed in April, 2005. The unaudited assets held by Yieldson and Fook Shing comprising property held for development of approximately HK\$240 million.

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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES

	THE GROUP	
	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Interests in associates		
Share of net assets	28,394	20,176
Goodwill		
At 1st April	7,690	53,349
Arising from acquisition of associates	—	26
Less: Amortisation	(359)	(1,646)
Released upon dilution/disposal of interest in associates	(446)	(44,039)
At 31st March	6,885	7,690
Negative goodwill		
At 1st April	(4,925)	—
Arising from acquisition of associates	(3,535)	(5,199)
Released to the income statement	350	274
At 31st March	(8,110)	(4,925)
	27,169	22,941
Amounts due from associates	2,950	40,197
	30,119	63,138
Market value of listed shares of associates	16,337	13,043

In July 2004, the Group acquired a further approximately 4.59% interest in Capital Estate Limited ("Capital Estate", a company incorporated in Hong Kong whose shares were listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange), for an aggregate cash consideration of approximately HK\$4,700,000. The Group's interest in Capital Estate increased from 21.71% to 26.3% and further diluted from 26.3% to 21.13% following the allotment and issue of new shares by Capital Estate.



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19. INTERESTS IN ASSOCIATES *(Continued)*

The Group disposed of its wholly-owned subsidiary, namely Linkpower Worldwide Inc. ("Linkpower") for a consideration of approximately HK\$107,600,000. The major assets of Linkpower is 45% interest in Concord Way Limited, which is engaged in business in Hong Kong.

The goodwill arising on acquisition of associates is amortised over 20 years.

The negative goodwill is released to the income statement over the useful life of the depreciable assets of that associates.

Particulars of the principal associates at 31st March, 2005 are as follows:

Name of associate	Place of incorporation	Place of operation	Proportion of nominal value of issued share capital held indirectly by the Company	Principal activities
Capital Estate Limited*	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	21.13%	Property investment, securities trading, estate agency and related investment
Orient Centre Limited	Hong Kong	Hong Kong	25%	Property investment

* The shares of the associate are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

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20. INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Other investments				
Equity securities:				
Listed	44,332	48,655	—	—
Unlisted	5,005	6,505	—	—
	49,337	55,160	—	—
Debt securities				
Listed	80,708	48,764	—	—
Unlisted	8,253	42,360	—	3,933
	88,961	91,124	—	3,933
Club debenture	6,860	1,450	5,200	—
Total and reported as:				
Listed				
Hong Kong	44,332	48,655	—	—
Elsewhere	80,708	48,764	—	—
Unlisted	20,118	50,315	5,200	3,933
	145,158	147,734	5,200	3,933
Classified under				
Current	128,407	111,484	5,200	3,933
Non-current	16,751	36,250	—	—
	145,158	147,734	5,200	3,933
Market value of listed securities	125,040	97,419	—	—

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21. DEPOSITS PAID FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

During the year ended 31st March, 2004, the Group entered into an agreement to acquire a motor yacht and a deposit of HK\$2,596,000 had been paid by the Group as at 31st March, 2004. The acquisition was completed during the year ended 31st March, 2005.

22. DEFERRED TAXATION

The following are the major deferred tax liabilities (assets) recognised and movements during the current and prior accounting periods:

THE GROUP

	Accelerated tax depreciation	Tax losses	Total
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
At 1st April, 2003	—	(2,109)	(2,109)
Effect of a change in tax rate	—	(198)	(198)
Charge to the consolidated income statement	878	2,032	2,910
At 31st March, 2004	878	(275)	603
Charge to the consolidated income statement	1,482	(334)	1,148
At 31st March, 2005	<u>2,360</u>	<u>(609)</u>	<u>1,751</u>

As at 31st March, 2005, the Group had unused tax losses of approximately HK\$6,798,000 (2004: HK\$9,267,000) available for offset against future profits. No deferred tax assets had been recognised in respect of the unused tax losses in respect of HK\$3,314,000 (2004: HK\$7,695,000) due to unpredictability of future profits streams.

THE COMPANY

	Tax losses
	HK\$'000
At 1st April, 2003	(576)
Charge to the income statement	301
At 31st March, 2004	(275)
Credit to the income statement	(484)
At 31st March, 2005	<u>(759)</u>

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23. GOODWILL

	THE GROUP
	HK\$'000
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COST	
At 1st April, 2004	9,107
Arising on acquisition of a subsidiary	78
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At 31st March, 2005	9,185
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AMORTISATION AND IMPAIRMENT	
At 1st April, 2004	9,107
Impairment loss recognised	78
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At 31st March, 2005	9,185
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NET BOOK VALUES	
At 31st March, 2005	—
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At 31st March, 2004	—
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24. TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES

The Group allows its trade customers with a credit period normally ranging from 30 days to 90 days. The aged analysis of the trade receivables at the balance sheet dates is as follows:

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
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0 — 30 days	239	144
Other receivables	5,323	16,641
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	5,562	16,785
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25. PROPERTIES HELD FOR SALE

	HK\$'000
At 1st April, 2004	42,226
Additions	278,166
Disposal	(93,383)
At 31st March, 2005, at cost	<u>227,009</u>

The carrying value of properties held for sale comprises:

	THE GROUP	
	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Properties held under long leases in Hong Kong	<u>227,009</u>	<u>42,226</u>

26. BANK BORROWINGS

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	2005	2004	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Bank loans	534,910	174,060	—	20,000
Bank overdrafts	130	4,998	—	—
	<u>535,040</u>	<u>179,058</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Repayable as follows:				
Within one year	158,610	47,582	—	20,000
Between one to two years	28,890	8,304	—	—
Between two to five years	117,150	41,362	—	—
Over five years	230,390	81,810	—	—
	<u>535,040</u>	<u>179,058</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Less: Amount due within one year included under current liabilities	<u>(158,610)</u>	<u>(47,582)</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>(20,000)</u>
Amount due after one year	<u>376,430</u>	<u>131,476</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

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26. BANK BORROWINGS *(Continued)*

Of the bank borrowings of the Group, HK\$535,040,000 (2004: HK\$154,060,000) are secured by investment properties of HK\$818,000,000 (2004: HK\$482,650,000) and bank deposits of HK\$5,230,000 (2004: HK\$5,219,000).

27. SHARE CAPITAL

	Notes	Number of shares	Amount HK\$'000
Authorised:			
Ordinary share of HK\$0.01 each at 1st April, 2003 and 31st March, 2004	(i)	18,000,000,000	180,000
Shares consolidation		(13,500,000,000)	—
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each at 31st March, 2005		<u>4,500,000,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>
Issued and fully paid:			
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each at 1st April, 2003 and 31st March, 2004		1,533,791,800	15,338
Shares consolidation	(i)	(1,150,343,850)	—
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each Exercise of share options	(ii)	<u>383,447,950</u> <u>1,092,500</u>	<u>15,338</u> <u>44</u>
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each at 31st March, 2005		<u>384,540,450</u>	<u>15,382</u>

Notes:

- (i) During the year ended 31st March, 2005, the Company carried out a share consolidation whereby every four ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each in the issued and unissued share capital of the Company were consolidated into one ordinary share of HK\$0.04 each. 1,533,791,800 issued ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each and 16,466,208,200 unissued ordinary shares of HK\$0.01 each were consolidated into 383,447,950 issued ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each and 4,116,552,050 unissued ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each, respectively.
- (ii) During the year ended 31st March, 2005, 1,092,500 ordinary shares in the Company of HK\$0.04 were issued upon the exercise of 1,092,500 share options at an exercise price of HK\$0.672 per share. The shares issued during the year rank pari passu with the then existing shares in all respects.



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28. SHARE OPTIONS

2001 Scheme

On 13th June, 2001, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (“2001 Scheme”), for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees. The 2001 Scheme will expire on 12th June, 2011. Under the 2001 Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including executive directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company.

The total number of shares in respect of which options may be granted under the 2001 Scheme is not permitted to exceed the higher of 10% of the shares of the Company in issue at any point in time excluding any shares issued pursuant to the 2001 Scheme or such other limit as may be permitted under Rules Governing the Listing of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (“Listing Rules”). The number of shares in respect of which options may be granted to any individual is not permitted to exceed the higher of 25% of the number of shares issued and issuable under the 2001 Scheme or any other limit as may be permitted under the Listing Rules.

Options granted must be taken up within 60 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per grant. Options may be exercised at any time from the date of grant to the 10th anniversary of the date of grant. In each grant of options, the board of directors may at their discretion determine the specific exercise period. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher of the 80% of average closing price of the Company’s shares for the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant, and the nominal value of the Company’s shares.

The 2001 Scheme was terminated on 26th August, 2002.

2002 Scheme

On 26th August, 2002, the Company adopted a new share option scheme (“2002 Scheme”), for the primary purpose of providing incentives to directors and eligible employees. The 2002 Scheme will expire on 25th August, 2012. Under the 2002 Scheme, the board of directors of the Company may grant options to eligible employees, including executive directors of the Company and its subsidiaries, to subscribe for shares in the Company.

The total number of shares which may be issued upon exercise of all options to be granted under the 2002 Scheme (excluding those options that have already been granted by the Company prior to the date of approval of the 2002 Scheme) must not in aggregate exceed 10% of the shares in issue at the Adoption Date unless the Company obtains a fresh approval from its shareholders.

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28. SHARE OPTIONS (Continued)

2002 Scheme (Continued)

Options granted must be taken up within 60 days of the date of grant, upon payment of HK\$1 per grant. Options may be exercised at any time from the date of grant to the 10th anniversary of the date of grant. In each grant of options, the board of directors may at their discretion determine the specific exercise period. The exercise price is determined by the directors of the Company, and will not be less than the higher (i) the closing price, (ii) the average closing price of the Company's shares of the five business days immediately preceding the date of grant, and (iii) the nominal value of the Company's shares.

At 31st March, 2005, the number of shares in respect of which options had been granted and remained outstanding under the 2001 Scheme and 2002 Scheme were 24,932,500 and 32,750,000, representing 6.48% and 8.52% of the issued share capital of the Company at that date respectively.

The following table discloses movements in the Company's share option schemes during the year ended 31st March, 2005:

	Option scheme type	Exercise price HK\$ (Note 3)	Number of shares under option at 1.4.2004	Adjustment due to share consolidation	Exercised during the year	Surrendered/lapsed during the year	Number of shares under option at 31.3.2005
Directors							
Ma Wai Man, Catherine	2001 (Note 1)	0.168	31,500,000	(31,500,000)	—	—	—
		0.672	—	7,875,000	—	—	7,875,000
	2002 (Note 2)	0.140	12,500,000	(12,500,000)	—	—	—
		0.560	—	3,125,000	—	—	3,125,000
Total for director			44,000,000	(33,000,000)	—	—	11,000,000
Employees and consultants							
	2001 (Note 1)	0.168	73,125,000	(73,125,000)	—	—	—
		0.672	—	18,281,250	(1,092,500)	(131,250)	17,057,500
	2002 (Note 2)	0.140	103,500,000	(103,500,000)	—	—	—
		0.560	—	25,875,000	—	—	25,875,000
	2002 (Note 2)	0.150	15,000,000	(15,000,000)	—	—	—
		0.600	—	3,750,000	—	—	3,750,000
Total for employees and consultants			191,625,000	(143,718,750)	(1,092,500)	(131,250)	46,682,500
Grand total			235,625,000	(176,718,750)	(1,092,500)	(131,250)	57,682,500

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28. SHARE OPTIONS *(Continued)*

2002 Scheme *(Continued)*

The closing prices of the Company's shares at dates of exercise by the employees were HK\$1.26, HK\$1.18 and HK\$1.52 respectively.

The following table discloses movements in the Company's share option schemes during the year 31st March, 2004:

	Option scheme type	Exercise price	Outstanding at 1.4.2003	Granted during year	Surrendered/ lapsed during year	Outstanding at 31.3.2004
Director						
Ma Wai Man, Catherine	2001 (Note 1)	0.168	31,500,000	—	—	31,500,000
	2002 (Note 2)	0.140	12,500,000	—	—	12,500,000
Total for director			44,000,000	—	—	44,000,000
Employees and consultants						
	2001 (Note 1)	0.168	73,650,000	—	(525,000)	73,125,000
	2002 (Note 2)	0.14	73,500,000	30,000,000	—	103,500,000
	2002 (Note 2)	0.15	—	15,000,000	—	15,000,000
Total for employees and consultants			147,150,000	45,000,000	(525,000)	191,625,000
Grand Total			191,150,000	45,000,000	(525,000)	235,625,000



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28. SHARE OPTIONS *(Continued)*

2002 Scheme *(Continued)*

Notes:

1. There is a limit on the number of share options under the 2001 Scheme that may be exercised by each grantee during each period of 12 months commencing from 30th August, 2001 (until 29th August, 2005), namely, the aggregate of (a) 20% of the total number of such share options granted and (b) any unused limits accumulated during previous period(s), subject to the written consent of the chairman of the Company to the exercise of share options exceeding such limit.
2. There is a limit on the number of share options under the 2002 Scheme that may be exercised by each grantee during each period of 12 months commencing from 23rd September, 2002 (until 22nd September, 2006), namely, the aggregate of (a) 20% of the total number of such share options granted and (b) any unused limits accumulated during previous period(s), subject to the written consent of the chairman of the Company to the exercise of share options exceeding such limit.
3. Following the share consolidation carried out by CSI during the year, the exercise prices of the share options were adjusted from their initial exercise prices of HK\$0.140, HK\$0.150 and HK\$0.168 to adjusted exercise prices of HK\$0.560, HK\$0.60 and HK\$0.672 respectively.

Consideration received during the year ended 31st March, 2004 from employees and consultants for taking up the options granted was insignificant.

The financial impact of share options granted is not recorded in the Company's or the Group's balance sheet until such time as the options are exercised, and no charge is recognised in the income statement in respect of the value of options granted in the year. Upon the exercise of the share options, the resulting shares issued are recorded by the Company as additional share capital at the nominal value of the shares, and the excess of the exercise price per share over the nominal value of the shares is recorded by the Company in the share premium account. Options which lapse or are cancelled prior to their exercise date are deleted from the register of outstanding options.

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29. RESERVES

	Share premium HK\$'000	Contributed surplus HK\$'000	Accumulated (losses) profits HK\$'000	Total HK\$'000
THE COMPANY				
At 1st April, 2002	23,225	338,410	83,692	445,327
Profit for the year	—	—	17,416	17,416
At 31st March, 2004	23,225	338,410	101,108	462,743
Exercise of share options (note 27)	690	—	—	690
Loss for the year	—	—	(18,097)	(18,097)
At 31st March, 2005	<u>23,915</u>	<u>338,410</u>	<u>83,011</u>	<u>445,336</u>

Under the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda (as amended), the contributed surplus account of the Company is available for distribution. However, the Company cannot declare or pay a dividend, or make a distribution out of contributed surplus if:

- (i) it is, or would the payment be, unable to pay its liabilities as they become due; or
- (ii) the realisable value of its assets would thereby be less than the aggregate of its liabilities and its issued share capital and share premium.

At 31st March, 2005, the reserves of the Company available for distribution to shareholders amounted to approximately HK\$421,421,000 (2004: HK\$439,518,000).

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30. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES

During the year, the Group disposed of its subsidiaries, namely Ascot Limited and Linkpower Worldwide Inc. which are engaged in property holding and investment holding respectively. The net assets of disposed subsidiaries at the date of disposal were as follows:

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net assets disposed of:		
Investment properties	44,650	—
Amount due from an associate	73,920	54,540
Property, plant and equipment	—	71
Trade and other receivables	4	7,910
Bank balances and cash	80	116
Trade and other payables	(264)	(6,266)
Bank loans and overdraft	(12,840)	(14)
Minority interest	—	(534)
	105,550	55,823
Release of investment property revaluation reserve upon disposal	(13,525)	—
	92,025	55,823
Gain on disposal of a subsidiary	47,228	6,171
Gain on disposal of discontinuing operation	—	5,489
	139,253	67,483
Satisfied by:		
Cash	139,253	67,000
Interest in associates	—	483
	139,253	67,483
Analysis of the net inflow of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the disposal of subsidiaries:		
Cash consideration received	139,253	67,000
Bank balances and cash disposed of	(80)	(116)
Bank overdraft disposed of	12,840	14
Net inflow of cash and cash equivalents	152,013	66,898

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30. DISPOSAL OF SUBSIDIARIES *(Continued)*

The subsidiaries disposed of during the year did not make any significant contribution to the results and cash flow of the Group during the year.

31. PURCHASE OF A SUBSIDIARY

On 31st March, 2005, the Group acquired 100% interest in Newslink Holdings Limited for consideration of HK\$16,000,000. Newslink Holdings Limited is an investment holding company and its subsidiaries are engaged in property holding. The directors are of the view that it is impracticable to disclose the revenue and the result of Newslink Holdings Limited and its subsidiaries for the year ended 31st March, 2005 as if the acquisition had been effected at the beginning of the year since such financial information was not provided by the vendor.

	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Net assets acquired:		
Properties under development	16,000	—
Investments in securities	—	4,870
Other receivables	66	—
Bank balances and cash	3	—
Other payables	(147)	—
	15,922	4,870
Goodwill arising on acquisition	78	130
	16,000	5,000
Satisfied by:		
Cash	—	5,000
Unlisted debt securities	16,000	—
	16,000	5,000
Analysis of the net outflow of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the purchase of subsidiary:		
Cash consideration paid	—	(5,000)
Bank balances and cash acquired	3	—
Inflow (outflow) of cash and cash equivalents in connection with the purchase of a subsidiary	3	(5,000)



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31. PURCHASE OF A SUBSIDIARY *(Continued)*

The subsidiaries acquired during the year did not make any significant contribution to the results and cash flow of the Group during the year.

The fair values of the assets and liabilities acquired equal to their carrying amounts immediately before the combination.

32. MAJOR NON-CASH TRANSACTION

During the year ended 31st March, 2005, the major non-cash transactions are as follows:

- (a) Addition of property, plant and equipment of was partially satisfied by the deposits of HK\$2,596,000 paid for acquisition of property, plant and equipment in the previous year.

During the year ended 31st March, 2004, the major non-cash transactions were as follows:

- (a) Addition of investment properties was partially satisfied by the deposit of HK\$5,000,000 paid for acquisition of investment properties in the previous year.

33. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

The Group has made approximately HK\$767,000 (2004: HK\$802,000) minimum lease payments under operating leases during the year in respect of office premises and vessels.

The Group as lessee

At the balance sheet date, the Group had commitments for future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases in respect of land and buildings which fall due as follows:

	THE GROUP	
	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	1,491	1,061
In the second to fifth years inclusive	2,372	—
	3,863	1,061



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33. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS *(Continued)*

Operating lease payments represent rentals payable by the Group for its office premise. Leases are negotiated for a term of three years and rentals are fixed for three years.

The Company had no operating lease commitments at the balance sheet date.

The Group as lessor

Property rental income earned during the year was HK\$32,605,000 (2004: HK\$18,263,000). These properties are expected to generate rental yield of 3.99% on an ongoing basis, which calculated based on the valuation amount of the investment properties. Certain of the properties have committed tenants for next two to three years.

At the balance sheet date, the Group had contracted with tenants for the following future minimum lease payments:

	THE GROUP	
	2005	2004
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Within one year	26,045	22,097
In the second to fifth years inclusive	30,550	42,422
	56,595	64,519

The Company did not have any lease contracts.

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34. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

	THE GROUP		THE COMPANY	
	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Corporate guarantee given by the Company for banking facilities granted to subsidiaries	—	—	503,986	142,815
Corporate guarantee given by the Group for banking facilities granted to an associate	—	101,000	—	101,000
	—	101,000	503,986	243,815

As at 31st March, 2004, the banking facilities utilised by the associate were amounted to approximately HK\$77,000,000.

35. PLEDGE OF ASSETS

At 31st March, 2005, the following assets were pledged to secure banking facilities granted to the Group:

- (a) Investment properties with a carrying value of HK\$818,000,000 (2004: HK\$482,650,000).
- (b) Bank deposits of HK\$5,230,000 (2004: HK\$5,219,000).

36. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

	THE GROUP	
	2005 HK\$'000	2004 HK\$'000
Capital expenditure in respect of the acquisition of property, plant and equipment contracted for but not provided in the financial statements	—	10,430
Capital expenditure in respect of acquisition of subsidiary contracted for but not provided in the financial statements (Note 18)	205,000	—
	205,000	10,430



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37. RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME

With effect from 1st December, 2000, the Group has joined a mandatory provident fund scheme (“MPF Scheme”). The MPF Scheme is registered with the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme Authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance. The assets of the MPF Scheme are held separately from those of the Group in funds under the control of an independent trustee. Under the rules of the MPF Scheme, the employer and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme at rates specified in the rules. The only obligation of the Group with respect to the MPF Scheme is to make the required contributions under the scheme. No forfeited contributions are available to reduce the contributions payables in the future years.

The retirement benefit scheme contributions relating to the MPF Scheme charged to the income statement of HK\$295,000 (2004: HK\$254,000) represent contributions payable to the scheme by the Group at rates specified in the rules of the schemes.

38. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended 31st March, 2004, the Group disposed of its entire 80% interest in Consecutive Profits Limited and its subsidiaries to a wholly-owned subsidiary of Capital Estate Limited, for a consideration of HK\$6,000,000. The transaction were carried out at terms agreed between the relevant parties.

39. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

- (1) In April 2005, the Group disposed of the investment property amounting to HK\$233,446,000 at a consideration of approximately HK\$296,000,000. The transactions was completed by the date of this report.
- (2) In May 2005, Success Field Group Limited, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, entered into an agreement to dispose of the entire interests in Capital Estate, for an aggregate consideration of approximately HK\$40,413,000. The transaction was completed at the date of this report. The disposal resulted in gain on disposal of an associate of approximately HK\$13,000,000.
- (3) Pursuant to a resolution passed at a special general meeting held on 6th May, 2005, the Company entered into subscription agreements with the independent third parties in which the independent third parties agreed to subscribe an aggregate of 75,000,000 new ordinary shares of the HK\$0.04 each at the subscription price of HK\$1.08 per share. On the same date, the Company entered into a placing agreement with placing agent in which the placing agent agreed to procure subscribers to subscribe 25,000,000 new ordinary shares of HK\$0.04 each at the subscription price of HK\$1.08 per share on a best-efforts basis. Details of which are set out in circular to the shareholders of the Company dated 18th April, 2005.