

Financial Highlights

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	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000	1998 HK\$'000
Turnover	1,180,286	1,066,666	959,710
Profit before interest expenses and tax	133,632	134,090	109,327
As a percentage of turnover	11.3%	12.6%	11.4%
Profit before tax	131,943	132,534	104,678
As a percentage of turnover	11.2%	12.4%	10.9%
Profit attributable to shareholders	128,363	125,146	100,888
As a percentage of turnover	10.9%	11.7%	10.5%
Dividends	79,784	65,391	37,456
Total assets	827,407	827,634	668,614
Total capital employed*	542,746	504,340	449,923
Shareholders' equity	532,666	478,735	413,868
Earnings per share (HK cents)	17.66	17.33	18.71
Return on average capital employed	25.5%	28.1%	37.7%
Current ratio	1.73	1.61	1.60
Average inventory turnover on sales (days)	26.1	22.3	27.2
Bank borrowings to equity ratio	0.01	0.05	0.09

* Total capital employed includes shareholders' equity, minority interests and interest-bearing debts.