

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

(expressed in Hong Kong dollars)

	<i>Year ended 31 December</i>				
	<i>1996</i>	<i>1997</i>	<i>1998</i>	<i>1999</i>	<i>2000</i>
	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>	<i>\$'000</i>
Results					
Turnover	2,394,770	2,066,904	2,383,289	3,019,255	5,012,123
Profit from operations	387,827	208,141	255,018	252,674	660,037
Finance costs	(23,501)	(31,662)	(25,812)	(12,972)	(10,431)
Share of results of associates	32,770	24,999	3,739	23,432	24,586
Profit before taxation	397,096	201,478	232,945	263,134	674,192
Taxation	(109,422)	(66,832)	(82,397)	(78,691)	(187,655)
Minority interests	117	207	660	830	216
Profit attributable to shareholders	287,791	134,853	151,208	185,273	486,753
Assets and liabilities					
Investment properties and fixed assets		2,645,018	2,214,413	2,255,543	1,436,453
Interest in associates		151,177	106,448	123,294	141,018
Other assets		262,343	279,550	318,086	404,943
Net current assets		563,188	578,600	666,075	1,252,641
Total assets less current liabilities		3,621,726	3,179,011	3,362,998	3,235,055
Non-current liabilities		(542,617)	(303,283)	(306,086)	(179,702)
Minority interests		(13,745)	(13,077)	(12,278)	(11,428)
Shareholders' equity		3,065,364	2,862,651	3,044,634	3,043,925
Earnings per share - basic (cents)	14.3	6.7	7.5	9.2	24.2

Notes:

- 1 The results for the years ended 31 December 1996, 1997 and 1998 have been prepared on a pro forma combined basis as if the current group structure had been in existence throughout those years.
- 2 Turnover of \$5,012,123,000 (1999: \$3,019,255,000) represents sale of goods, rendering of services, hire purchase financing income and gross rentals from investment properties.
- 3 The amount of diluted earnings per share is not presented as there were no dilutive shares outstanding during those periods.