

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS OF 2000

	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Turnover	3,380,717	2,695,230
Operating profit	766,837	520,136
Share of profits less (losses) of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	109,601	191,320
Profit attributable to shareholders	111,554	18,826
Total assets	19,604,175	19,402,347
Total liabilities	13,118,629	12,773,252
Shareholders' equity	6,485,546	6,629,095
Basic earnings per share	2.83 cents	0.52 cent
Fully diluted earnings per share	2.81 cents	0.52 cent
Net asset per share	HK\$1.65	HK\$1.68
Gearing ratio	36%	36%
Interest coverage	3.4 times	2.9 times