

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The directors have pleasure in submitting their annual report together with the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2000.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding. The principal activities of the Company's principal subsidiaries are shown in note 15 to the financial statements.

The Group's turnover and operating profit were derived principally from the design, manufacture and sales of toys. An analysis of the Group's turnover by geographical location is set out in note 3 to the financial statements.

An analysis of the Group's turnover by products is as follows:—

Design, manufacture and sales of toys: —	%
— "Redbox" label	48
— Customers' private label	28
— Customers' design	24
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RESULTS AND APPROPRIATIONS

The results of the Group for the year ended 31st December 2000 and the state of the Company's and the Group's affairs as at that date are set out in the financial statements on pages 19 to 43.

During the year, the Company paid an interim dividend of Hong Kong 5 cents per share, totalled approximately HK\$16,511,000, to shareholders. The directors recommend the payment of a final dividend of Hong Kong 10 cents per share in respect of the year ended 31st December 2000 and the retention of the remaining profit for the year of approximately HK\$38,869,000. The dividend recommended totalling approximately HK\$32,919,000 has been incorporated in the financial statements.

In addition, the directors propose to make a bonus issue of shares of HK\$0.10 each, credited as fully paid by way of capitalisation of part of the Company's share premium account, on the basis of one bonus share for every ten existing shares held by shareholders whose names appear on the register of members of the Company on 25th May 2001.

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SHARE CAPITAL

Details of movements in the Company's share capital during the year are set out in note 20 to the financial statements.

PURCHASE, SALE OR REDEMPTION OF LISTED SECURITIES

During the year, the Company repurchased 4,830,000 of its own shares on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange"). Details of the repurchases are set out in note 20 to the financial statements.

Except as aforementioned, neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any of the Company's securities during the year.

SHARE OPTION SCHEME

Under the terms of the share option scheme which became effective on 29th January 1996, the directors of the Company may at their discretion offer to any directors and/or employees (excluding non-executive directors) of the Group options to subscribe for shares of the Company. Details of the options granted under the share option scheme are set out in the section headed "Directors' Interests In Shares And Rights To Subscribe For Shares" below.

Further details in relation to the share options of the Company are set out in note 20 to the financial statements.

RESERVES

Movements in the reserves of the Group and the Company during the year are set out in note 21 to the financial statements.

PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS

There is no provision for pre-emptive rights under the Company's bye-laws although there is no statutory restriction against such rights under the laws in Bermuda.

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND INVESTMENT PROPERTIES

Details of movements in the property, plant and equipment and investment properties of the Group during the year are set out in notes 13 and 14 to the financial statements respectively.

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BORROWINGS AND INTEREST CAPITALISED

Borrowings repayable on demand or within one year are classified under current liabilities. No interest was capitalised by the Group during the year.

PRINCIPAL SUBSIDIARIES

Details of the Company's principal subsidiaries at 31st December 2000 are set out in note 15 to the financial statements.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

A five year financial summary is shown on page 44.

DIRECTORS

The directors of the Company during the financial year 2000 and up to the date of this report were:—

Mr. Yip Yun Kuen

Mr. Yip Yun Tim

Mr. Chan Shun Po

Mr. Chan Hon Biu, Alvin

Mr. Shiu Chun Yuen

Ms. Chan Pik Ha*

Mr. Song Zheng Huan* (*resigned on 28th March 2001*)

Mr. Xin Shu Lin*

Mr. Yeung Wai Kin* (*appointed on 28th March 2001*)

Ms. Cheung Mei Ha, Jennifer# (*resigned on 10th May 2000*)

Mr. Man Mo Leung#

Dr. Cheung Siu Wing#

* *Non-executive directors*

Independent non-executive directors

The term of office for each non-executive director is the period up to his/her retirement by rotation in accordance with the Company's bye-laws.

In accordance with the Company's bye-laws, Ms. Chan Pik Ha, Mr. Yip Yun Tim, Mr. Chan Shun Po and Mr. Yeung Wai Kin shall retire at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN SHARES AND RIGHTS TO SUBSCRIBE FOR SHARES

At 31st December 2000, the beneficial interests of the directors of the Company and their associates in the shares of the Company and its associated corporations within the meaning of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the "SDI Ordinance") as recorded in the register maintained under Section 29 of the SDI Ordinance, and their interests in the share options of the Company at that date, were as follows:—

Number of ordinary shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company

	Personal interests	Family interests	Corporate interests	Total (after elimination of duplication)
Mr. Yip Yun Kuen	16,896,000	127,600,200	121,750,200	144,496,200 (Note)
Ms. Chan Pik Ha	5,850,000	138,646,200	121,750,200	144,496,200 (Note)
Mr. Chan Shun Po	4,291,200	—	—	4,291,200
Mr. Yip Yun Tim	1,000,000	—	—	1,000,000
Mr. Shiu Chun Yuen	3,000,000	100,000	—	3,100,000
Mr. Yeung Wai Kin	50,000	—	—	50,000

Note: Extrad Assets Limited, a company owned by Mr. Yip Yun Kuen and his spouse, Ms. Chan Pik Ha, was beneficially interested in 121,750,200 ordinary shares of the Company.

The family interests and corporate interests of Mr. Yip Yun Kuen and Ms. Chan Pik Ha included the ordinary shares held by Extrad Assets Limited.

The total interests of 144,496,200 ordinary shares of Mr. Yip Yun Kuen and Ms. Chan Pik Ha are arrived at after taking into account of the 121,750,200 shares held by Extrad Assets Limited, 5,850,000 shares held by Ms. Chan Pik Ha and 16,896,000 shares held by Mr. Yip Yun Kuen.

Mr. Yip Yun Kuen and his spouse, Ms. Chan Pik Ha, together controlled more than one-third of the issued shares of the Company. Accordingly they are deemed to have interests in the share capitals of the subsidiaries and other associated corporations of the Company.

In the year 1997, the board of Directors granted an option to Mr. Yip Yun Kuen under the share option scheme of the Company the right to subscribe for up to 6,400,000 shares of the Company at the price of HK\$1.50 each at any time for a period of ten years from 11th August 1997 to 10th August 2007. No options had been exercised by Mr. Yip Yun Kuen during the year. Save as aforementioned, no options have been granted to any directors of the Company under the Company's share option scheme.

Save as disclosed above and for shares in certain subsidiaries held by directors in trust for their immediate holding companies, at 31st December 2000, none of the directors and chief executives of the Company, or any of their associates, had any interests in the equity or debt securities of the Company or any of its associated corporations as defined in the SDI Ordinance, and none of the directors and chief executives of the Company, or their spouses or children under the age of 18, had any right to subscribe for the securities of the Company, or had exercised any such right during the year.

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DIRECTORS' INTERESTS IN CONTRACTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

No contracts of significance to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was a party and in which a director of the Company had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the year or at any time during the year.

ARRANGEMENTS TO ACQUIRE SHARES OR DEBENTURES

At no time during the year was the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a party to any arrangements to enable the directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of the acquisition of shares in, or debentures of, the Company or any other body corporate.

MANAGEMENT AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

No contracts of significance concerning the management or administration of the whole or any substantial part of any business of the Company were entered into or existed during the year.

No director proposed for re-election at the forthcoming annual general meeting has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the employing company within one year without the payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation).

RETIREMENT SCHEMES

The Group has established and registered a defined contribution retirement scheme for its Hong Kong employees under the Occupational Retirement Scheme Ordinance. The Group and its employees are each required to make contributions to the scheme calculated at 5 per cent of individual employees' monthly basic salaries. The employees are entitled to the whole of the employer's contributions and accrued interests thereon after completion of 10 years of service, or at a reduced scale after completion of 3 to 9 years' service.

The Group's contributions made to employees who have left the Group's employment prior to being vested fully with such contributions are forfeited in accordance with the terms of the scheme and can be used by the Group to reduce the ongoing level of contributions. As at 31st December 2000, there were no forfeited contributions available to offset future employer's contribution to the scheme. The amount of forfeited contributions utilized in the year was approximately HK\$206,000.

From 1st December 2000 onwards, the Group added a Mandatory Provident Fund ("MPF") Scheme in accordance with MPF legislation. The contributions borne by the Group and the employees are calculated at 5 per cent on salaries and wages.

The assets of both schemes are held and managed by independent trustees.

The Group's retirement scheme contributions charged to the income statement for the year amounted to approximately HK\$1,056,000.

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SUBSTANTIAL SHAREHOLDERS

At 31st December 2000, the following shareholders were interested in 10 per cent. or more of the issued share capital of the Company according to the register of interests required to be kept by the Company under Section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance:—

Name	Number of shares	Percentage of holding
Extrad Assets Limited	121,750,200	36.9%
Walbeck International Limited *	84,120,320	25.5%

* Walbeck International Limited is a subsidiary of First Shanghai Investments Limited, a company listed on the Stock Exchange.

Other than as disclosed above, the Company has not been notified of any other interests representing 10% or more of the Company's issued share capital as at 31st December 2000.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Company has complied throughout the year ended 31st December 2000 with the Code of Best Practice, as set out in Appendix 14 of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock Exchange except that the non-executive directors were not appointed for a specific term but are subject to retirement by rotation in annual general meetings of the Company in accordance with the bye-laws of the Company.

AUDITORS

The financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December 1997 were audited by Messrs. Kwan Wong Tan & Fong who merged with Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in April 1997. The merged firm, which practises under the name of Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, acted as auditors of the Company for the subsequent years. A resolution will be submitted to the forthcoming annual general meeting to re-appoint Messrs. Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the Company.

On behalf of the board

Yip Yun Kuen
Chairman

Hong Kong, 18th April 2001