

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

	Six months ended 30th June	
	2001	2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Turnover	1,734,760	1,424,583
Operating profit	362,641	318,668
Share of profits of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	43,043	66,789
Profit attributable to shareholders	46,420	38,175
Basic earnings per share	1.18 cents	0.97 cent
Fully diluted earnings per share	1.15 cents	0.94 cent
	30th June 2001	31st December 2000
	<i>HK\$'000</i>	<i>HK\$'000</i>
Total assets	20,237,265	19,604,175
Total liabilities	13,665,332	13,118,629
Shareholders' equity	6,571,933	6,485,546
Net asset per share	HK\$1.64	HK\$1.65
Gearing ratio	38%	36%
Interest coverage	3.9 times	3.4 times