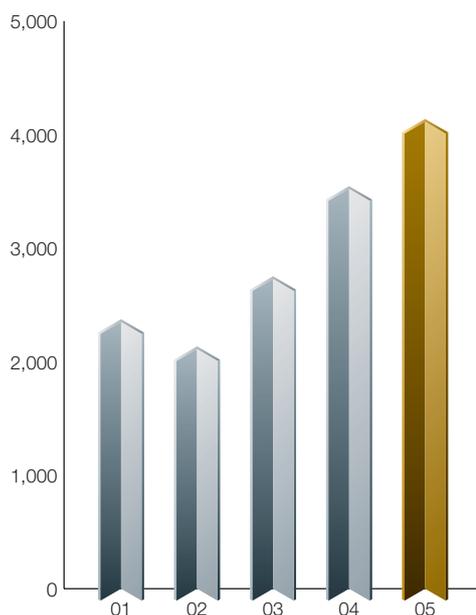


# Financial Highlights

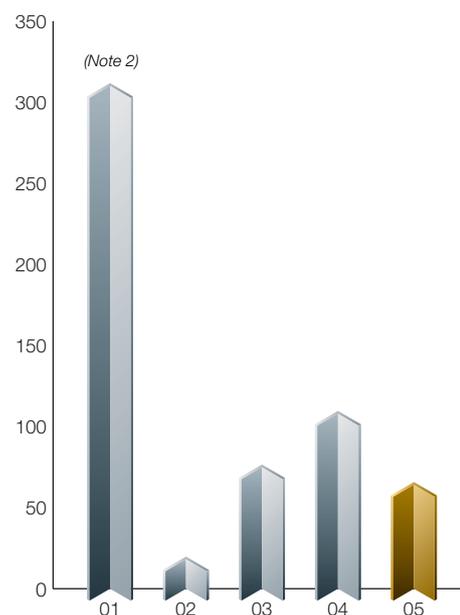
## TURNOVER

for the years ended 31st March  
HK\$ million



## OPERATING PROFIT

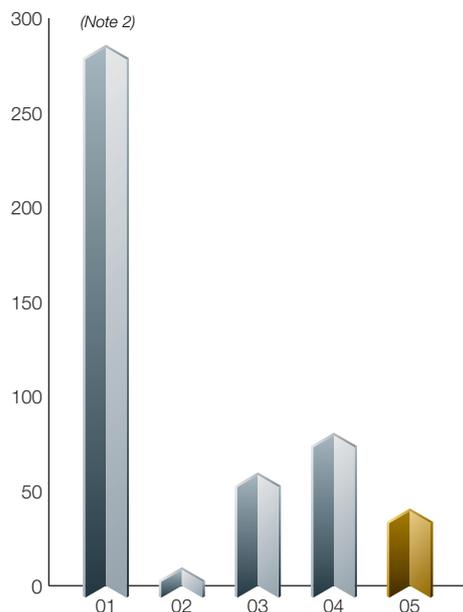
for the years ended 31st March  
HK\$ million



	2004	2005	%Change
<i>HK\$ million</i>			
Turnover	3,549	<b>4,139</b>	+17%
Gross profit	234	<b>203</b>	-13%
Operating profit	110	<b>66</b>	-40%
Profit attributable to shareholders	81	<b>41</b>	-49%
Total assets	2,021	<b>2,273</b>	+12%
Shareholders' equity	661	<b>694</b>	+5%
<i>In million</i>			
Number of shares	368	<b>369</b>	0%
<b>Per Share Data</b>			
<i>HK cents</i>			
Basic earnings	24.6	<b>11.2</b>	-54%
Diluted earnings	23.6	<b>11.1</b>	-53%
Total cash dividends	5.9	<b>2.2</b>	-63%
<i>HK\$</i>			
Shareholders' equity	1.80	<b>1.88</b>	+4%
<b>Financial Ratios</b>			
Gross profit margin (%)	6.60	<b>4.90</b>	-26%
Net profit margin (%)	2.28	<b>0.99</b>	-57%
Current ratio	1.42	<b>1.47</b>	+4%
Quick ratio	0.86	<b>0.82</b>	-5%
Gearing ratio	1.12	<b>1.28</b>	+14%
Interest cover	8.23	<b>3.70</b>	-55%
Cash dividend payout (%)	26.13	<b>19.74</b>	-24%

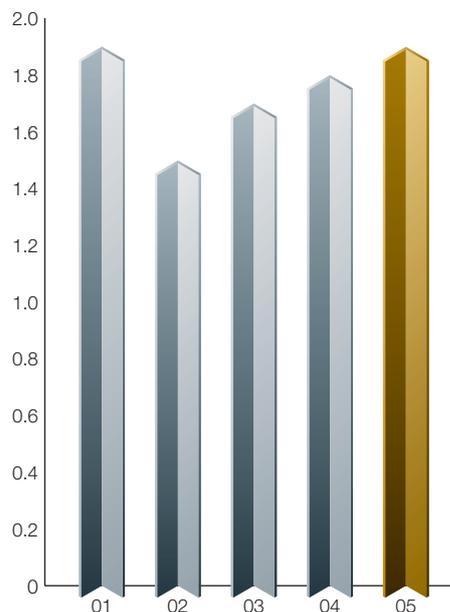
### PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

for the years ended 31st March  
HK\$ million



### SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY PER SHARE

as at 31st March  
HK\$



Notes:

1. Certain prior years' figures have been reclassified to conform with the current year's presentation.
2. For the year ended 31st March 2001, there was a gain of approximately HK\$282 million resulting from distribution in specie of shares in iSteelAsia Holdings Limited.

#### Definitions

Basic earnings per share	$\frac{\text{Profit attributable to shareholders}}{\text{Weighted average number of shares}}$	
Diluted earnings per share	$\frac{\text{Profit attributable to shareholders}}{\text{Diluted weighted average number of shares}}$	
Shareholders' equity per share	$\frac{\text{Shareholders' equity}}{\text{Number of shares as at year end}}$	
Gross profit margin (%)	$\frac{\text{Gross profit}}{\text{Turnover}} \times 100\%$	
Net profit margin (%)	$\frac{\text{Profit attributable to shareholders}}{\text{Turnover}} \times 100\%$	
Current ratio	$\frac{\text{Current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$	
Quick ratio	$\frac{\text{Current assets excluding inventories}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$	
Gearing ratio	$\frac{\text{Interest bearing loans minus cash and other bank deposits}}{\text{Shareholders' equity}}$	
Interest cover	$\frac{\text{Operating profit}}{\text{Finance costs}}$	
Cash dividend payout (%)	$\frac{\text{Total cash dividends proposed for the year}}{\text{Profit attributable to shareholders}} \times 100\%$	