

# FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	For the year ended 31st March,				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000
Turnover	<u>527,188</u>	<u>450,590</u>	<u>414,108</u>	<u>668,858</u>	<u>621,675</u>
Profit before taxation	152,121	159,796	12,316	39,606	58,627
Taxation	<u>(16,519)</u>	<u>(28,854)</u>	<u>(15,414)</u>	<u>(10,628)</u>	<u>(24,758)</u>
Profit (loss) before minority interests	135,602	130,942	(3,098)	28,978	33,869
Minority interests	<u>(1,493)</u>	<u>10,087</u>	<u>7,059</u>	<u>(3,923)</u>	<u>(125)</u>
Net profit for the year	<u>134,109</u>	<u>141,029</u>	<u>3,961</u>	<u>25,055</u>	<u>33,744</u>
Earnings per share	<u>18 cents</u>	<u>18 cents</u>	<u>0.5 cents</u>	<u>3 cents</u>	<u>4 cents</u>

	As at 31st March,				
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000	HK\$'000

## ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Total assets	4,037,972	4,348,851	3,989,162	3,723,717	3,826,111
Total liabilities	(1,132,652)	(1,278,699)	(1,230,745)	(1,323,683)	(1,318,221)
Minority interests	<u>(79,535)</u>	<u>(68,899)</u>	<u>(35,237)</u>	<u>(39,127)</u>	<u>(71,445)</u>
Shareholders' funds	<u>2,825,785</u>	<u>3,001,253</u>	<u>2,723,180</u>	<u>2,360,907</u>	<u>2,436,445</u>

*Note:* Prior periods of 1998 and 1999 have been adjusted to reflect the change in accounting policy for the adoption of SSAP 24 as described in note 2 to the financial statements. Comparative information for 1996 and 1997 has not been restated to reflect the change in accounting policy because it is impracticable to do so.