

Financial Highlights

	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	1999 HK\$'000
Turnover	1,117,930	1,180,286	1,066,666
Profit before interest expenses and tax	114,139	133,632	134,090
As a percentage of turnover	10.2%	11.3%	12.6%
Profit before tax	113,084	131,943	132,534
As a percentage of turnover	10.1%	11.2%	12.4%
Profit attributable to shareholders	105,945	128,363	125,146
As a percentage of turnover	9.5%	10.9%	11.7%
Total assets	912,671	827,407	827,634
Total capital employed**	645,031	594,654	547,945
Shareholders' equity†	622,726	590,643	522,340
Earnings per share (HK cents)	14.62	17.66	17.33
Return on average capital employed†	18.4%	23.4%	26.9%
Current ratio†	1.70	2.16	1.85
Average inventory turnover on sales (days)	30.6	26.1	22.3
Bank borrowings to equity ratio†	0.01	0.01	0.05

* Total capital employed includes shareholders' equity, minority interests and interest-bearing debts.

† The figures in 1999 and 2000 have been adjusted to reflect the prior period adjustment as a result of the change in accounting policy for the adoption of the Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 9 (revised) *Events after the Balance Sheet Date*. Details are set out in note 2 to the financial statements.