

financial highlights

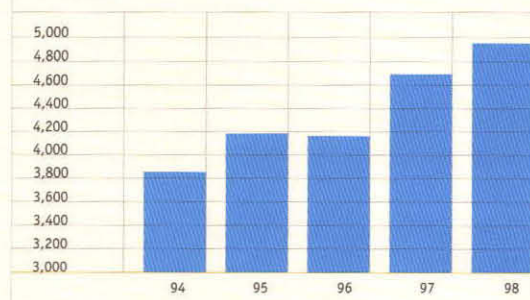
HK\$ million	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
Turnover	9,257	8,065	7,673	6,942	6,670
Profit attributable to shareholders	4,967	4,709	4,154	4,186	3,848
Dividends	2,899	2,748	2,485	2,243	2,020
Fixed assets	37,645	35,011	32,202	28,969	24,466
Shareholders' funds	21,273	19,205	17,244	15,575	13,632

HK\$

Earnings per share	2.46	2.33	2.06	2.07	1.90
Dividends per share	1.435	1.360	1.230	1.110	1.000

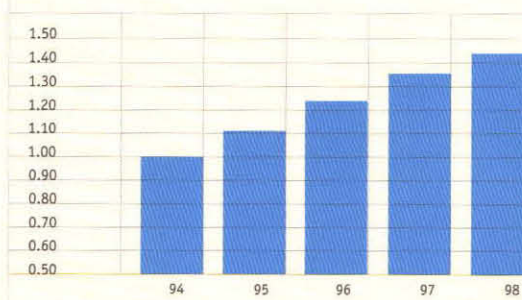
Profit attributable to shareholders

HK\$ million



Dividends per share

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financial calendar

Half-year results

announced 13th August 1998

Full-year results

announced 11th March 1999

Annual report

posted to shareholders on or before 16th April 1999

Share register closed

3rd May 1999 to 10th May 1999

Annual general meeting

to be held 10th May 1999

Dividends

Interim: 53.5 cents per share

paid 5th October 1998

Final : 90.0 cents per share

date payable will be advised in the circular

containing details of the scrip dividend proposal

