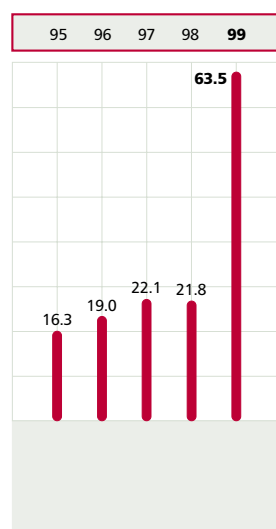


Financial highlights

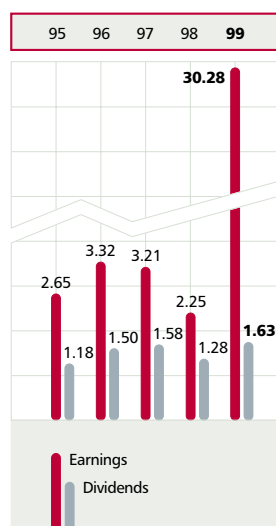
Net assets per share

HK dollars



Earnings and dividends per share

HK dollars



	1999 HK\$ millions	1998 HK\$ millions	Percentage change	
Turnover				
Company and subsidiary companies	55,442	51,383	+	8%
Share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	16,930	13,635	+	24%
	72,372	65,018	+	11%
Earnings before interest expense and taxation				
Company and subsidiary companies	10,316	8,416	+	23%
Share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	3,363	3,628	–	7%
Interest income, including share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	2,786	4,339	–	36%
Total earnings before interest expense and taxation (EBIT)	16,465	16,383	+	1%
Profit on disposal of investments less provisions	109,532	566	+	19,252%
Finance costs, including share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	6,011	5,834	+	3%
Profit before taxation	119,986	11,115	+	979%
Taxation	1,251	1,140	+	10%
Profit after taxation	118,735	9,975	+	1,090%
Minority interests	1,390	1,269	+	10%
Profit attributable to the shareholders	117,345	8,706	+	1,248%

Total assets	375,621	193,462	+	94%
Net debt	842	42,803	-	98%
Shareholders' funds	245,950	84,364	+	192%

Net assets per share – book value (HK\$)	63.5	21.8	+	192%
Earnings per share (HK\$)	30.28	2.25	+	1,248%
Dividends per share (HK\$)	1.63	1.28	+	27%

Dividend cover	18.6	1.8	+	933%
Net debt / net total capital	1.0%	31.2%	-	97%
Return on average shareholders' funds	71.1%	10.2%	+	597%