

# business



In October, the Group sold to Mannesmann its remaining shares in Orange plc (44.8%) for approximately HK\$113 billion comprised of cash, loan notes and a 10.2% shareholding in Mannesmann. Together with the 4.2% disposed earlier in the year, the sale of the Group's 49.0% interest in Orange plc resulted in a profit of HK\$118 billion.

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In November, the Group acquired an effective 31.5% interest in Europe Combined Terminals in Rotterdam, the largest port in Europe and the fifth largest in the world. The acquisition represents the Group's first port development in continental Europe.



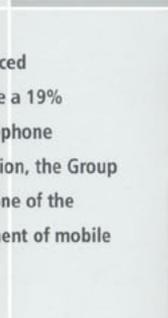
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In June, the Group agreed to increase its investment in VoiceStream Wireless Corporation ("VoiceStream") of the United States to support VoiceStream's proposed merger with Omnipoint and Aerial. Hutchison Whampoa will hold approximately 23% in the merged entity, which will be the largest GSM operator in the USA.



In December, the Group announced that NTT DoCoMo would acquire a 19% equity interest in Hutchison Telephone Company. Through this transaction, the Group forms a strategic alliance with one of the world's leaders in the development of mobile multimedia services.



# Highlights



Hutchison Telecommunications (Australia) ("HTA") and Partner Communications in Israel

respectively completed their IPOs in August and November. HTA is listed on the Australia stock exchange and Partner is quoted on the Nasdaq Stock Market and listed on the London stock exchange.




In December, Hutchison Whampoa announced the formation of a joint venture multilingual mega Internet portal TOM.COM to target both PRC and global audiences to "bring China to the world and the world to China". Early this year, TOM.COM successfully completed an IPO on the Growth Enterprise Market in Hong Kong.



Hutchison Global Crossing



In November, the Group announced the formation of a 50/50 joint venture with Global Crossing. The joint venture, Hutchison Global Crossing, will offer high quality broadband services to high volume customers and to other telecom operators.




In December, Hutchison Whampoa announced that it will buy 49% of the equity shares in Sterling Cellular in India. Sterling Cellular is one of the two licensees offering cellular services in Delhi, with about 120,000 subscribers.



## Ports and related services

Hutchison Port Holdings ("HPH") is an independent port investor, developer and operator with interests in Asia, Europe and the Americas. Today, HPH operates a total of 120 berths in 18 ports along with a number of transportation related service companies.



## Telecommunications

Hutchison Telecom operates a wide range of integrated telecommunications services worldwide and is one of the world's major providers of mobile communications. It has also expanded into the Internet and e-commerce arena.



## Property development and holdings

Hutchison Whampoa Property develops residential and commercial properties for sale and lease. The Group's hotel division manages and operates hotels and restaurants under the name Harbour Plaza Hotels and Resorts.



## Retail, manufacturing and other services

A S Watson operates three of Asia's most established retail chains: PARK11SHOP supermarkets; Watson's personal care stores; and Fortress, selling consumer electronics goods.

The manufacturing division produces and distributes a wide range of water and beverages throughout Asia and Europe.



## Energy, infrastructure, finance and investment

The Group has major shareholdings in Cheung Kong Infrastructure, a diversified infrastructure company; Hongkong Electric, the sole supplier of electricity to Hong Kong and Lamma islands; and Husky Oil, one of Canada's largest, privately owned oil and gas companies.