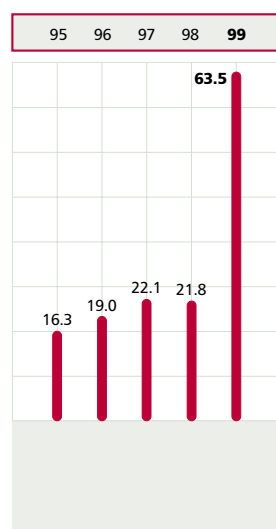


# Financial highlights

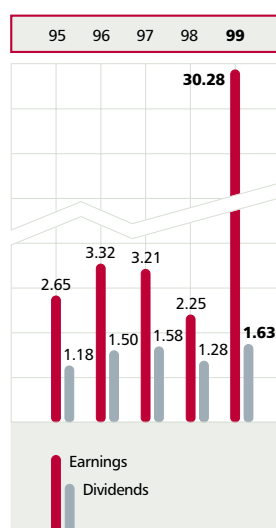
## Net assets per share

HK dollars



## Earnings and dividends per share

HK dollars



	1999 HK\$ millions	1998 HK\$ millions	Percentage change	
<b>Turnover</b>				
Company and subsidiary companies	<b>55,442</b>	51,383	+	<b>8%</b>
Share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	<b>16,930</b>	13,635	+	<b>24%</b>
	<b>72,372</b>	65,018	+	<b>11%</b>
<b>Earnings before interest expense and taxation</b>				
Company and subsidiary companies	<b>10,316</b>	8,416	+	<b>23%</b>
Share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	<b>3,363</b>	3,628	-	<b>7%</b>
Interest income, including share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	<b>2,786</b>	4,339	-	<b>36%</b>
<b>Total earnings before interest expense and taxation (EBIT)</b>	<b>16,465</b>	16,383	+	<b>1%</b>
Profit on disposal of investments less provisions	<b>109,532</b>	566	+	<b>19,252%</b>
Finance costs, including share of associated companies and jointly controlled entities	<b>6,011</b>	5,834	+	<b>3%</b>
Profit before taxation	<b>119,986</b>	11,115	+	<b>979%</b>
Taxation	<b>1,251</b>	1,140	+	<b>10%</b>
Profit after taxation	<b>118,735</b>	9,975	+	<b>1,090%</b>
Minority interests	<b>1,390</b>	1,269	+	<b>10%</b>
<b>Profit attributable to the shareholders</b>	<b>117,345</b>	8,706	+	<b>1,248%</b>
<b>Total assets</b>				
	<b>375,621</b>	193,462	+	<b>94%</b>
<b>Net debt</b>				
	<b>842</b>	42,803	-	<b>98%</b>
<b>Shareholders' funds</b>				
	<b>245,950</b>	84,364	+	<b>192%</b>
<b>Net assets per share – book value (HK\$)</b>				
	<b>63.5</b>	21.8	+	<b>192%</b>
<b>Earnings per share (HK\$)</b>				
	<b>30.28</b>	2.25	+	<b>1,248%</b>
<b>Dividends per share (HK\$)</b>				
	<b>1.63</b>	1.28	+	<b>27%</b>
<b>Dividend cover</b>				
	<b>18.6</b>	1.8	+	<b>933%</b>
<b>Net debt / net total capital</b>				
	<b>1.0%</b>	31.2%	-	<b>97%</b>
<b>Return on average shareholders' funds</b>				
	<b>71.1%</b>	10.2%	+	<b>597%</b>