

**Harbour Centre
Development Limited**

Annual Report 2001

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DIRECTORS AND CORPORATE INFORMATION

Board of Directors

G. W. J. Li (*Chairman*)
B. S. Forsgate
C. C. Haung
T. Y. Ng
C. L. Pan, *J.P.*
H. M. V. de Lacy Staunton
P. Y. C. Tsui

Secretary

W. W. S. Chan, *F.C.I.S.*

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The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited

Auditors

KPMG



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND HISTORICAL RECORD

	2001	2000
	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	Restated <i>HK\$ Million</i>
Turnover	375.5	400.6
(Loss)/Profit Attributable to Shareholders	(113.1)	114.5
Net Asset Value Per Share	HK\$15.22	HK\$15.75
(Loss)/Earnings Per Share	HK\$(0.36)	HK\$0.36
Dividends Per Share	17.0¢	17.0¢

	(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders	Shareholders' funds	(Loss)/ earnings per share	Dividends per share	Distribution cover
	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK¢</i>	<i>HK¢</i>	<i>Times</i>
1997	841.2	5,246.4	267.0	52.0	5.13
1998	162.4	4,268.4	51.6	20.0	2.58
1999 [#]	116.0	4,755.9	36.8	17.0	2.16
2000 [#]	114.5	4,959.8	36.3	17.0	2.14
2001	(113.1)	4,793.9	(35.9)	17.0	N/A

[#] Restated

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

In 2001, the local hotel industry was adversely affected by the global economic downturn and the terrorist attacks in the U.S. (the 911 events). The retail rental market remained soft. The Group achieved a total turnover of HK\$375.5 million in 2001, representing a decrease of 6% from the previous year. To comply with the Group's accounting policies, a provision for the impairment of investment securities of HK\$301.5 million, which included HK\$274.2 million provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve in previous years, was transferred from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account at 31st December, 2001. This had no effect on the net asset value of the Group. Group loss after taxation for the year ended 31st December, 2001 amounted to HK\$113.1 million against a profit of HK\$114.5 million (as restated) for 2000. Loss per share was HK\$0.36.

Hotel Operations

Although tourist arrivals reached a new record of 13.7 million in 2001 which represents an overall increase of 5% compared to the previous year, the increase was mainly from low yield markets. Reduction in business travel after the 911 events and fierce price wars amongst local hotels further eroded room yields achieved by The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel which recorded a drop both in occupancy and average room rates in 2001 over the previous year.

The remaining phase of the renovation program for 363 guestrooms was completed during the year as planned to improve the hotel's product in the competitive market place.

Commercial Property

The Group's commercial space in The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel reported a decrease in rental income. Average occupancies were similar to the previous year.

Plans are in hand to upgrade the retail podium to enhance the quality and return of the retail space.

Property Projects in Hong Kong

Following recent government rezoning of the small property situated at Kennedy Town, an application to develop a residential property has been submitted.

For the joint venture for the development of Sorrento (Kowloon Station Package II development), in which the Group has a 20% interest, pre-sales were launched in November 2001 and the market response was overwhelming.

Investments

Income from the Group's investment portfolio comprising blue chip stocks for the year remained satisfactory. In compliance of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 24, a provision of HK\$301.5 million for impairment of investment securities which included HK\$274.2 million previously provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve was made at 31st December, 2001. This treatment has no effect on the net asset value of the Group.



CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT (Cont'd)

Prospects

With the costs of air travel now much reduced and various promotions launched by the government, it is expected that the tourism market will recover slowly but the present adverse market environment will continue in the near future.

Rental revenues will be reduced due to commencement of the retail podium upgrade project while contribution to the Group's profit from Sorrento (Kowloon Station Package II development) is expected to increase in 2002.

Gonzaga W. J. Li

Chairman

Hong Kong, 11th March, 2002



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION

Set out below is information disclosed pursuant to the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities (the “Listing Rules”) on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the “Stock Exchange”):

(A) Commentary on Annual Results

(I) Review of 2001 Results and Segmental Performance

As a result of a provision of HK\$301.5 million for the impairment of investment securities as explained below, the Group reported a loss attributable to shareholders for the year of HK\$113.1 million, compared to a profit of HK\$114.5 million in 2000. Loss per share was HK\$0.36, compared to earnings per share of HK\$0.36 recorded last year.

Group turnover for the year under review was HK\$375.5 million, a decrease of 6% from HK\$400.6 million last year. Operating profit was HK\$161.9 million, compared to HK\$158.7 million last year.

Adversely impacted by the overall unfavourable business environment, especially after the “911” tragedy in USA, The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel recorded lower occupancy and average room rates for the year under review. Accordingly, both turnover and operating profit of the hotel segment decreased by 8% and 11% respectively.

Turnover and operating profit from the commercial section of The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel also decreased as a result of lower average rental rates being achieved in the existing competitive market.

As the fair value of certain of the Group’s investment securities has been persistently below the original cost for a period in excess of three years, these investment securities are considered impaired in value. Accordingly, to comply with the Group’s accounting policies, a provision for the impairment of investment securities of HK\$301.5 million, which included HK\$274.2 million provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve in previous years, was transferred from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account. This treatment has no effect on the net asset value of the Group.

Deferred income of HK\$62.8 million, arising from a loan advanced to an associate, was recognised in the profit and loss account for the year under review, in accordance with the Group’s accounting policies which permit recognition of such income, from when the associate started reporting profits.

Share of profit of associates increased from HK\$4.2 million in 2000 to HK\$10.3 million in 2001 mainly due to the inclusion of the Group’s share of profit from pre-sales of Sorrento (Phase D), which was launched in November 2001.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

The taxation charge for this year was HK\$12.7 million compared to HK\$114.1 million reported in 2000. The taxation charge for last year included an additional provision of HK\$90.0 million made for additional tax assessments received by a subsidiary in respect of the deductibility of certain interest payments in prior years. The additional tax assessments were settled and the related liability was paid in 2001.

(II) Liquidity and Financial Resources

As at 31st December, 2001, the Group had net cash of HK\$467.4 million. In addition, the Group maintained a portfolio of listed investments with market value aggregating HK\$851.5 million at the year end.

In addition, a HK\$3.4 billion project loan facility relating to the development of Sorrento (Kowloon Station Package II), in which the Group has 20% interest, has been completed to replace the previous facility of HK\$2.2 billion at a lower interest rate.

The Group has no significant exposure to foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

(III) Comments on Segmental Information

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding.

The principal activities of the Company's subsidiaries and associates are the operation of hotel and restaurants, investment property, property development and investments. Further information on the segmental details is provided in Note 11 to the Accounts on pages 44 and 45.

(IV) Employees

The Group has approximately 490 employees. Employees are remunerated according to nature of the job and market trends, with a built-in merit component incorporated in the annual increment to reward and motivate individual performance. Total staff costs for the year amounted to HK\$89.4 million.

Detailed information is set out in Note 2 to the Accounts on page 37.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

(B) Biographical Details of Directors and Senior Managers

(I) Directors

Gonzaga Wei Jen LI, Chairman (Age: 72)

Mr. Li was appointed a Director of the Company in 1980 and became Chairman in 1989. He is also the senior deputy chairman of Wheelock and Company Limited (“Wheelock”) and The Wharf (Holdings) Limited (“Wharf”) and the chairman of New Asia Realty and Trust Company, Limited (“New Asia”) and Marco Polo Developments Limited (“MPDL”) in Singapore and also a director of Joyce Boutique Holdings Limited (“Joyce”). Furthermore, he is a director of WF Investment Partners Limited (“WF Investment”), Wharf Hotel Investments Limited (“Wharf Hotel”), Wharf International Limited (“WIL”), which, as well as Wheelock and Wharf, are each deemed under the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the “SDI Ordinance”) to have an interest in the share capital of the Company discloseable to the Company under the provisions of Part II of the SDI Ordinance.

Brian Stuart FORSGATE, Director (Age: 54)

Mr. Forsgate has been a Director of the Company since November 2001. He is also the managing director of Eralda Industries Limited. Mr. Forsgate is the son of the late Mr. H. M. G. Forsgate, *CBE, JP*, who was a former Director of the Company.

Chun Chien HAUNG, Director (Age: 79)

Mr. Haung has been a Director of the Company since October 2001.

Tze Yuen NG, Director (Age: 54)

Mr. Ng has been a Director of the Company since 1994. He is also a director of Wheelock, Wharf, Joyce, New Asia, Realty Development Corporation Limited and MPDL in Singapore. Furthermore, he is a director of WF Investment, Wharf Hotel, WIL, which, as well as Wheelock and Wharf, are each deemed under the SDI Ordinance to have an interest in the share capital of the Company discloseable to the Company under the provisions of Part II of the SDI Ordinance.

Chia Lu PAN, JP, Director (Age: 85)

Mr. Pan has been a Director of the Company since 1994. He is also a director of New Asia.

Hugh Maurice Victor de LACY STAUNTON, Director (Age: 66)

Mr. de Lacy Staunton has been a Director of the Company since May 2001.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Paul Yiu Cheung TSUI, Director (Age: 55)

Mr. Tsui has been a Director of the Company since 1998. He is also an executive director of Wharf and a director of Wheelock, i-CABLE Communications Limited and Joyce, the group financial controller of Wheelock and Wharf, the senior deputy managing director of Wheelock Properties Limited and the senior managing director of Harriman Realty Company, Limited. Furthermore, he is a director of Upfront International Limited, WF Investment, Wharf Hotel, WIL, which, as well as Wheelock and Wharf, are each deemed under the SDI Ordinance to have an interest in the share capital of the Company discloseable to the Company under the provisions of Part II of the SDI Ordinance.

(II) Senior Managers

During the year, the senior management responsibilities of the Group were vested with the Chairman in conjunction with two other Directors, namely, Messrs. T. Y. Ng and P. Y. C. Tsui. Only these three Directors are regarded as members of the Group's senior management.

(C) Pension Schemes

(I) Nature of the Pension Schemes

The Group currently operates a number of pension schemes. The schemes are available to the employees of the Group.

The assets of the schemes are held separately by independently administered funds.

(II) Funding of the Pension Schemes

For the defined contribution scheme, both the Group and the employees contribute respectively to the scheme sums which represent percentages of the employees' salaries as defined under the relevant trust deeds.

The principal defined benefit scheme is funded by contributions from the employers, which are in accordance with recommendations made by the actuaries based on their valuation.

(III) Forfeited Contributions

For the defined contribution scheme, the contributions are expensed as incurred and may be reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who have left the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

(IV) Cost of Retirement Benefits

The total employers' cost in respect of all pension schemes of the Group, including the cost related to the Mandatory Provident Fund which is not operated by the Group, charged to profit and loss account during the year ended 31st December, 2001 amounted to HK\$2.7 million, after a forfeiture of the Group's contributions of HK\$0.7 million.

(V) Outline of the Results of Valuation

For the principal defined benefit scheme, the most recent formal independent actuarial valuation (the "Valuation") was carried out as at 31st December, 2001 by Watson Wyatt Hong Kong Limited.

The Valuation was based on the attained age method. The adopted rates for salary increments were 0% for 2002, 2% for 2003 and 2004 and 4% for 2005 and thereafter. The adopted rate for interest increments was 4.5%.

The funding ratio for the scheme was 91.8% at the date of the Valuation.

(D) Major Customers and Suppliers

For the year ended 31st December, 2001:

- (I) the aggregate amount of purchases (not including purchases of items which are of a capital nature) attributable to the Group's five largest suppliers represented less than 30% of the Group's total purchases; and
- (II) the aggregate amount of turnover attributable to the Group's five largest customers represented less than 30% of the Group's total turnover.

(E) Disclosure Under Practice Note 19

In relation to the provision of financial assistance by the Company and/or its subsidiaries to wholly-owned subsidiaries of an associate of the Company, namely, Hopfield Holdings Limited ("Hopfield") (together, the "Borrowers"), as previously disclosed in the Company's interim report for the half-year ended 30th June, 2001, obligations in relation to the abovementioned financial assistance by the Group continued to exist as at 31st December, 2001.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

Set out below is a proforma combined balance sheet of the Borrowers as at 28th February, 2002 (being the latest practicable date for determining the relevant figures) required to be disclosed under Practice Note 19 of the Listing Rules:

Proforma Combined Balance Sheet of the Borrowers

As at 28th February, 2002

	<i>HK\$ Million</i>
Properties under development	6,885.3
Other net current liabilities	(1,318.0)
Bank loans	(1,022.3)
Other non-current liabilities	(6.5)
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	4,538.5
Shareholders' loans	(4,504.5)
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Shareholders' funds	34.0
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Financial assistance given by the Company and/or its subsidiary(ies) is made up as follows:

Loan advances	Guaranteed bank facilities		Total
<i>HK\$ Million</i>	Amount drawn	Not yet drawn	HK\$ Million
<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK\$ Million</i>	<i>HK\$ Million</i>
900.9	204.5	180.0	1,285.4
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Note: The Group's interest in Hopfield was 20% as at 28th February, 2002.

Terms of the Financial Assistance

The loan in the amount of HK\$900.9 million made to the Borrowers bears interest at such rate as may be agreed from time to time among all Hopfield's shareholders, with reference to interest rates prevailing in the lending market, currently being fixed at 3.5% per annum (also applicable to all the loans made to Hopfield's subsidiaries by all other shareholders of Hopfield). The loan is not repayable for so long as any borrowings under the abovementioned guaranteed bank facilities remain outstanding, except under certain circumstances as permitted under the relevant agreement for those bank facilities. No security is provided to the Group for the loan.



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

The Group's *pro rata* share of its financial obligation in respect of the bank facilities available to the Borrowers amounted to HK\$384.5 million of which HK\$204.5 million has been drawn. Such bank facilities have been obtained on normal commercial terms and at interest rates prevailing in the lending market. No security is provided to the Group by the Borrowers against the issue of the relevant guarantee by the Group.

(F) Directors' Interests in Competing Business

Set out below is information disclosed pursuant to paragraph 8.10 of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange:

Three Directors of the Company, namely, Messrs. G. W. J. Li, T. Y. Ng and P. Y. C. Tsui, being also directors of the Company's parent company, namely, Wharf, and/or subsidiaries of Wharf, are considered as having an interest in Wharf under paragraph 8.10 of the Listing Rules.

Ownership of property for letting and ownership of hotels by wholly-owned subsidiaries of Wharf constitute competing businesses to the Group.

The commercial premises at Harbour City, being in the vicinity of The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel, owned by the Wharf group for rental purposes are considered as competing with the commercial premises in The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel owned by the Group. In view of Wharf group's extensive experience and expertise in property letting and management, the Group has appointed a Wharf's subsidiary (the "Agents") as the agent for a term of 5 years commencing from 1st January, 1999 for the letting, reletting, management, licensing and re-licensing of the commercial premises in The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel. Since the Group's commercial premises are targeted at different customers and would attract different tenants compared to those owned by the Wharf group, the Group considers that its interest regarding the business of owning and letting of commercial premises is adequately safeguarded.

Two hotels, namely, The Marco Polo Gateway and The Marco Polo Prince, owned by the Wharf group are also considered as competing businesses of The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel owned by the Group. In view of Wharf group's expertise and very good track records in the management and operation of hotels throughout the Asia Pacific region, the Group has entered into an operations agreement (the "Agreement") with a wholly-owned subsidiary (the "Operator") of Wharf for the appointment of the Operator as manager for an initial term of 5 years commencing from 1st January, 1999 to operate, direct, manage and supervise The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel. The Operator is also responsible for the operation of The Marco Polo Gateway and The Marco Polo Prince. Under the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the Operator has agreed, *inter alia*, to operate The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel as a first class hotel. In the event of the Operator failing to perform the terms and conditions of the Agreement for



DISCLOSURE OF FURTHER CORPORATE INFORMATION (Cont'd)

a period of 20 days after a relevant notice has been served by the Group on the Operator, a 20-day notice of termination may then be given by the Group for terminating the Agreement. Hence, the Group is capable of carrying on its hotel business independently of the Wharf group.

For safeguarding the interests of the Group, the independent non-executive Directors and the Audit Committee of the Company would on a regular basis review the business and operational results of the Group to ensure, *inter alia*, that the Group's hotel and property leasing and management businesses are and continue to be run on the basis that they are independent of, and at arm's length from, those of the Wharf group.

(G) Compliance with Code of Best Practice

The Company has complied throughout the year with the Code of Best Practice as set out in Appendix 14 of the Listing Rules of the Stock Exchange.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

The Directors submit herewith their Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31st December, 2001.

Principal Activities and Trading Operations

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and those of its subsidiaries and associates are set out on page 57.

An analysis of the principal activities and geographical locations of the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries during the financial year is set out in Note 11 to the Accounts on pages 44 and 45.

Subsidiaries

Particulars of the Company's subsidiaries at 31st December, 2001 are set out on page 57.

Results, Appropriations and Reserves

The results of the Group and appropriations of profit for the financial year ended 31st December, 2001 are set out in the Consolidated Profit and Loss Account on page 20.

Movements in reserves during the financial year are set out in Note 19 to the Accounts on pages 52 to 54.

Financial Summary

A summary of the results and of the assets and liabilities of the Group for the last five financial years is given on page 58.

Dividends

An interim dividend of 5.0 cents per share was paid on 8th October, 2001. The Directors now recommend the payment on 18th June, 2002 of a final dividend of 12.0 cents per share in respect of the financial year ended 31st December, 2001, payable to Shareholders on record as at 5th June, 2002. This recommendation has been incorporated in the Accounts.

Fixed Assets

Movements in fixed assets during the financial year are set out in Note 12 to the Accounts on pages 45 to 48.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Cont'd)

Bank Loans, Overdrafts and Other Borrowings

Particulars of all bank loans, overdrafts and/or other borrowings of the Company and of the Group at 31st December, 2001, all of which are repayable on demand or within a period not exceeding one year, are set out under Current Liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheet on page 22.

Donations

The Group made donations during the financial year totalling HK\$1,012,069.

Directors

The Directors of the Company during the financial year were Mr. G. W. J. Li, the late Mr. H. M. G. Forsgate (passed away on 21st October, 2001), Mr. B. S. Forsgate (appointed on 19th November, 2001), Mr. C. C. Haung (appointed on 31st October, 2001), Mr. T. Y. Ng, Mr. C. L. Pan, Mr. H. M. V. de Lacy Staunton (appointed on 18th May, 2001) and Mr. P. Y. C. Tsui.

Mr. B. S. Forsgate, Mr. C. C. Haung and Mr. H. M. V. de Lacy Staunton, being appointed as Directors of the Company after the last Annual General Meeting, are due to retire from the Board in accordance with Article 94 of the Company's Articles of Association, and Mr. P. Y. C. Tsui is also due to retire from the Board by rotation in accordance with Article 103(A), at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Being eligible, they offer themselves for re-election.

With the exception of the Chairman of the Company (who is not subject to retirement by rotation under the provisions of the Company's Articles of Association) together with Mr. B. S. Forsgate, Mr. C. C. Haung, Mr. H. M. V. de Lacy Staunton and Mr. P. Y. C. Tsui (who are due to retire from the Board at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting as mentioned above), the remaining two present Directors would continue to serve on the Board for a term of one year and would become due to retire from the Board by rotation in 2003 in accordance with Article 103(A) of the Company's Articles of Association.

None of the Directors has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which is not determinable by the employer within one year without payment of compensation.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Cont'd)

Directors' Interests in Shares

At 31st December, 2001, Directors of the Company had the following personal beneficial interests in ordinary shares of the Company's parent company, namely, The Wharf (Holdings) Limited:

Names of Directors	Number of Shares
Mr. Gonzaga W. J. Li	686,549
Mr. T. Y. Ng	178,016
Mr. C. L. Pan	56,304

Save as disclosed above, as recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 29 of the Securities (Disclosure of Interests) Ordinance (the "SDI Ordinance") in respect of information required to be notified to the Company and The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (the "Stock Exchange") pursuant to the SDI Ordinance or to the Model Code for Securities Transactions by Directors of Listed Companies:

- (i) there were no interests held as at 31st December, 2001 by any Directors and Chief Executive of the Company in securities of the Company and its associated corporations (within the meaning of the SDI Ordinance), and
- (ii) there existed during the financial year no rights to subscribe for equity or debt securities of the Company which were held by any Directors or Chief Executive of the Company or any of their spouses or children under 18 years of age nor had there been any exercises during the financial year of any such rights by any of them.

Substantial Shareholders' Interests

Given below are the names of all parties which were, directly or indirectly, interested in 10% or more of the nominal value of the share capital of the Company and the respective relevant numbers of shares in which they were, and/or were deemed to be, interested as at 31st December, 2001 as recorded in the register kept by the Company under section 16(1) of the SDI Ordinance:

Names	Number of Ordinary Shares
(I) Upfront International Limited	210,379,500
(II) Wharf Hotel Investments Limited	210,379,500
(III) Wharf International Limited	210,379,500
(IV) The Wharf (Holdings) Limited	210,379,500
(V) WF Investment Partners Limited	210,379,500
(VI) Wheelock and Company Limited	210,379,500
(VII) Bermuda Trust (Guernsey) Limited	210,379,500

Note: For the avoidance of doubt and double counting, it should be noted that duplication occurs in respect of all of the above-stated shareholdings to the extent that the shareholdings stated against parties (I) to (VII) above represent the same block of shares; all of the abovenamed parties were deemed to be interested in the same shareholdings under the SDI Ordinance as at 31st December, 2001.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Cont'd)

Interests in Contracts

No contract of significance in relation to the Company's business to which the Company, any subsidiary or holding company of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company's holding company was a party and in which a Director had a material interest, whether directly or indirectly, subsisted at the end of the financial year or at any time during the financial year.

Management Contracts

No contract for the management and administration of the whole or any substantial part of any business of the Company was entered into or existed during the financial year.

Arrangements to Purchase Shares or Debentures

At no time during the financial year was the Company, any of its subsidiaries or its holding company or any subsidiary of that holding company a party to any arrangement to enable the Directors of the Company to acquire benefits by means of acquisition of shares in or debentures of the Company or any other body corporate, with the exception of the options to subscribe for ordinary shares of The Wharf (Holdings) Limited ("Wharf") granted under Wharf's Executive Share Incentive Scheme (the "Scheme") to certain executives of Wharf or its subsidiaries, some of whom were Directors of the Company during the financial year.

Under the original rules of the Scheme, shares of Wharf would be issued at such prices, not being less than 90% of the average closing price on the Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of offer of the options, and the relevant options would be exercisable during such periods, not being beyond the expiration of 10 years from the date of grant, as determined by the board of directors of Wharf. During the financial year, certain shares of Wharf were allotted and issued to Mr. T. Y. Ng, a Director of the Company, on his exercise of options under the Scheme.

Purchase, Sale or Redemption of Shares

Neither the Company nor any of its subsidiaries has purchased, sold or redeemed any listed securities of the Company during the financial year.



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS (Cont'd)

Auditors

During the financial year, KPMG were appointed as Auditors of the Company to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation on 29th November, 2001 of PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors of the Company. The Accounts now presented have been audited by KPMG, Certified Public Accountants, who retire and being eligible, offer themselves for re-appointment.

PricewaterhouseCoopers replaced Price Waterhouse as the Auditors of the Company in May 1999 following their merger with Coopers & Lybrand in October 1998.

By Order of the Board

Wilson W. S. Chan

Secretary

Hong Kong, 11th March, 2002



AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Shareholders of Harbour Centre Development Limited

(incorporated in Hong Kong with limited liability)

We have audited the accounts on pages 20 to 57 which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong.

Respective responsibilities of Directors and Auditors

The Hong Kong Companies Ordinance requires the Directors to prepare accounts which give a true and fair view. In preparing accounts which give a true and fair view it is fundamental that appropriate accounting policies are selected and applied consistently, that judgements and estimates are made which are prudent and reasonable and that the reasons for any significant departure from applicable accounting standards are stated.

It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on those accounts and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Statements of Auditing Standards issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Directors in the preparation of the accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's and the Group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the accounts are free from material misstatement. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the accounts. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion the accounts give a true and fair view, of the state of affairs of the Company and the Group as at 31st December, 2001 and of the loss and cash flows of the Group for the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance.

KPMG

Certified Public Accountants

Hong Kong, 11th March, 2002



CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31st December, 2001

		2001	2000
		<i>HK\$</i>	Restated
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
			<i>Million</i>
Turnover	2	375.5	400.6
Other income	2	28.6	30.8
		404.1	431.4
Direct costs and operating expenses		(208.0)	(241.0)
Selling and marketing expenses		(15.2)	(16.1)
Depreciation		(10.9)	(6.8)
Administrative and corporate expenses		(8.1)	(8.8)
Operating profit	2	161.9	158.7
Borrowing costs	3	(24.3)	(17.9)
Provision for impairment in value of investment securities including HK\$274.2 million provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve in previous years	4	(301.5)	–
Provision for impairment in value of investment securities written back		–	247.0
Other non-operating items	5	53.2	(163.4)
Share of profits of associates		10.3	4.2
(Loss)/profit before taxation		(100.4)	228.6
Taxation	6	(12.7)	(114.1)
(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders	7	(113.1)	114.5
Dividends attributable to the year	8		
Interim dividend declared during the year		15.8	15.8
Final dividend proposed after the balance sheet date		37.8	37.8
		53.6	53.6
(Loss)/earnings per share	9	HK\$(0.36)	HK\$0.36

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

For the year ended 31st December, 2001

		2001	2000
		<i>HK\$</i>	Restated
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
			<i>Million</i>
(Deficit)/surplus on revaluation of investment properties	19	(55.1)	50.0
(Deficit)/surplus on revaluation of hotel properties	19	(130.0)	74.0
Deficit on revaluation of investment securities	19	(114.4)	(41.8)
Deficit on revaluation of investment securities transferred to the profit and loss account on impairment	19	301.5	–
Share of (deficit)/surplus on revaluation of investment securities of associates	19	(2.2)	7.7
Exchange differences on translation of the accounts of foreign entities	19	(2.0)	4.0
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Net (losses)/gains not recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account		(2.2)	93.9
Group (loss)/profit for the year		(113.1)	114.5
Revaluation reserve transferred to the consolidated profit and loss account upon disposal of investment securities	19	3.0	49.2
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Total recognised (losses)/gains		(112.3)	257.6
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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December, 2001

		2001	2000
		<i>HK\$</i>	Restated
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
			<i>Million</i>
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Fixed assets	12	2,774.1	2,949.2
Interest in associates	14	897.0	1,173.6
Investment securities	15	851.5	890.0
		<u>4,522.6</u>	<u>5,012.8</u>
Current assets			
Inventories		3.9	4.1
Debtors	16	29.1	46.1
Cash and cash equivalents		868.3	332.4
		<u>901.3</u>	<u>382.6</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors	17	84.8	87.4
Unsecured short term bank loan and overdrafts		400.9	100.0
Taxation		8.4	112.5
		<u>494.1</u>	<u>299.9</u>
Net current assets		<u>407.2</u>	<u>82.7</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,929.8</u>	<u>5,095.5</u>
EQUITY AND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	18	157.5	157.5
Reserves	19	4,636.4	4,802.3
		<u>4,793.9</u>	<u>4,959.8</u>
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	20	135.9	135.7
TOTAL EQUITY AND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>4,929.8</u>	<u>5,095.5</u>

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Gonzaga W. J. Li
Chairman

Paul Y. C. Tsui
Director

COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

As at 31st December, 2001

		2001	2000
		<i>HK\$</i>	Restated
	<i>Note</i>	<i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i>
			<i>Million</i>
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Investments in subsidiaries	13	–	50.0
Interest in associates	14	865.0	1,134.6
		865.0	1,184.6
Current assets			
Amounts due from subsidiaries	13	899.5	474.6
Debtors	16	0.5	0.2
Cash and cash equivalents		0.1	0.1
		900.1	474.9
Current liabilities			
Amounts due to subsidiaries	13	739.6	637.1
Creditors	17	1.8	1.7
Unsecured short term bank loan		100.0	99.4
		841.4	738.2
Net current assets/(liabilities)		58.7	(263.3)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS			
CURRENT LIABILITIES		923.7	921.3
EQUITY AND NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Capital and reserves			
Share capital	18	157.5	157.5
Reserves	19	630.3	628.1
		787.8	785.6
Non-current liabilities			
Deferred income	20	135.9	135.7
TOTAL EQUITY AND			
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		923.7	921.3

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Gonzaga W. J. Li
Chairman

Paul Y. C. Tsui
Director



CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

For the year ended 31st December, 2001

	2001 <i>HK\$ Million</i>	2000 Restated <i>HK\$ Million</i>
Net cash inflow from operating activities (Note a)	188.3	193.5
Returns on investments and servicing of finance		
Interest received	32.2	17.9
Interest paid	(24.3)	(19.8)
Dividends received from associates	4.1	5.4
Dividends received from investment securities	27.9	30.8
Dividends paid	(53.6)	(53.6)
Net cash outflow from returns on investments and servicing of finance	(13.7)	(19.3)
Taxation		
Hong Kong profits tax paid	(115.9)	(10.1)
Investing activities		
Payments for the purchase of fixed assets	(28.6)	(5.0)
Investment in an associate	–	(31.3)
Net advances from/(to) associates	279.7	(140.5)
Payments for the purchase of investment securities	(91.5)	(83.2)
Proceeds from the sale of investment securities	16.7	332.8
Net cash inflow from investing activities	176.3	72.8
Net cash inflow before financing	235.0	236.9
Financing		
Repayment of short term bank loan (Note b)	–	(154.3)
Net cash outflow from financing	–	(154.3)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	235.0	82.6
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January	232.4	149.8
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December	467.4	232.4
Analysis of the balance of cash and cash equivalents		
Deposits and cash	868.3	332.4
Unsecured short term bank loan and overdrafts	(400.9)	(100.0)
	467.4	232.4



CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT (Cont'd)

For the year ended 31st December, 2001

Notes to consolidated cash flow statement

(a) Reconciliation of operating profit to net cash inflow from operating activities

	2001	2000
	HK\$	Restated
	Million	HK\$ Million
Operating profit	161.9	158.7
Interest income	(32.3)	(17.9)
Depreciation	10.9	6.8
Dividend income from investment securities	(27.3)	(30.8)
Exchange adjustment	(2.0)	4.0
Increase in deferred income	63.0	79.5
Decrease in inventories	0.2	0.4
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	17.9	(17.9)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(2.8)	10.1
(Decrease)/increase in amount due to fellow subsidiaries (net)	(1.2)	0.6
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Net cash inflow from operating activities	188.3	193.5
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(b) Analysis of changes in financing during the year

	Short-term loan	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Balance at 1st January	–	154.3
Net cash outflow from financing	–	(154.3)
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Balance at 31st December	–	–
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Statement of compliance

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with all applicable Statements of Standard Accounting Practice and Interpretations issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and the requirements of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. These accounts also comply with the applicable disclosure provisions of the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited. A summary of the principal accounting policies adopted by the Group is set out below.

(b) Basis of preparation of the accounts

The measurement basis used in the preparation of the accounts is historical cost modified by the revaluation of investment properties and hotel properties, and the marking to market of investments securities as explained in the accounting policies set out below.

(c) Basis of consolidation

(i) *Subsidiaries and controlled companies*

A subsidiary, in accordance with the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, is a company in which the Group, directly or indirectly, holds more than half of the issued share capital, or controls more than half of the voting power, or controls the composition of the board of directors. Subsidiaries are considered to be controlled if the Company has the power, directly or indirectly, to govern the financial and operating policies, so as to obtain benefits from their activities.

An investment in a controlled subsidiary is consolidated into the consolidated accounts, unless it is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions which significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the Group, in which case, it is stated in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the same way as for investment securities (see Note 1(h)).

Intra-group balances and transactions, and any unrealised profits arising from intra-group transactions, are eliminated in full in preparing the consolidated accounts. Unrealised losses resulting from intra-group transactions are eliminated in the same way as unrealised gains, but only to the extent that there is no evidence of impairment.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(c) Basis of consolidation (Cont'd)

(i) Subsidiaries and controlled companies (Cont'd)

In the Company's balance sheet, an investment in a subsidiary is stated at cost less any impairment losses (see Note 1(f)), unless it is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions which significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the Company, in which case, it is stated at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the same way as for investment securities (see Note 1(h)).

The consolidated accounts include the accounts of the Company and all its subsidiaries ("the Group") which are made up to 31st December each year.

(ii) Associates

An associate is a company in which the Group has significant influence, but not control or joint control, over its management, including participation in the financial and operating policy decisions.

An investment in an associate is accounted for in the consolidated accounts under the equity method and is initially recorded at cost and adjusted thereafter for the post acquisition change in the Group's share of the associate's net assets, unless it is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions that significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the Group, in which case it is stated at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the same way as for investment securities (see Note 1(h)). The consolidated profit and loss account reflects the Group's share of the post-acquisition results of the associates for the year, including any amortisation of positive or negative goodwill charged or credited during the year in accordance with Note 1(c)(iii).

Unrealised profits and losses resulting from transactions between the Group and its associates are eliminated to the extent of the Group's interest in the associates. If there is evidence of impairment in value of the assets transferred, the unrealised losses will be recognised immediately in the consolidated profit and loss account.

In the Company's balance sheet, its investments in associates are stated at cost less impairment losses (see note 1(f)), unless the associate is acquired and held exclusively with a view to subsequent disposal in the near future or operates under severe long-term restrictions that significantly impair its ability to transfer funds to the investor, in which case, it is stated at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the same way as for investment securities (see Note 1(h)).



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(c) Basis of consolidation (Cont'd)

(iii) Goodwill/negative goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess/shortfall of the cost of investment over the appropriate share of the fair value of the identifiable assets and liabilities of a controlled subsidiary or associate acquired. Goodwill is recognised as an asset and is amortised to the consolidated profit and loss account on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life. Negative goodwill which relates to an expectation of future losses and expenses that are identified in the plan of acquisition and can be measured reliably, but which have not yet been recognised, is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account when the future losses and expenses are recognised. Any remaining negative goodwill, but not exceeding the fair values of the non-monetary assets acquired, is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account over the weighted average useful life of those non-monetary assets that are depreciable/amortisable. Negative goodwill in excess of the fair values of the non-monetary assets acquired is recognised immediately in the consolidated profit and loss account.

On disposal of a controlled subsidiary or an associate, any attributable amount of purchased goodwill not previously amortised through the consolidated profit and loss account is included in the calculation of the profit and loss on disposal.

The carrying amount of goodwill is reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists an impairment loss is recognised as an expense in the consolidated profit and loss account.

(d) Fixed assets

(i) Investment properties

Investment properties are defined as properties which are income producing and intended to be held for the long term. Such properties are included in the balance sheet at their open market value, which is assessed annually by external qualified valuers. Changes in the value of investment properties are dealt with as movements in the investment properties revaluation reserve. If the total of this reserve is insufficient to cover a deficit, on a portfolio basis, the excess of the deficit is charged to the consolidated profit and loss account. When a surplus arises on subsequent revaluation on a portfolio basis, it will be credited to the consolidated profit and loss account if and to the extent that a deficit on revaluation had previously been charged to the consolidated profit and loss account. On disposal of investment properties, the revaluation surplus or deficit previously taken to the investment properties revaluation reserve is included in calculating the profit or loss on disposal. Investment properties with an unexpired lease term of 20 years or less are stated at carrying value less accumulated depreciation.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(d) Fixed assets (Cont'd)

(ii) Property held for redevelopment

Property held for redevelopment is stated at cost, including borrowing costs, less such provisions for impairment losses (see Note 1(f)) considered necessary by the Directors.

All development costs including borrowing costs are capitalised up to the date of practical completion of redevelopment.

(iii) Hotel properties

Hotel properties are stated at their open market existing use value based on an annual professional valuation. Changes in the value of the hotel properties are dealt with as movements in the hotel properties revaluation reserve. When a deficit arises on revaluation, it will be charged to the consolidated profit and loss account, if and to the extent that it exceeds the amount held in the reserve in respect of that same property. When a surplus arises on subsequent revaluation, it will be credited to the consolidated profit and loss account, if and to the extent that a deficit on revaluation in respect of that same property had previously been charged to the consolidated profit and loss account.

(iv) Other fixed assets

Other fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost less accumulated depreciation (see Note 1(e)(iv)).

Subsequent expenditure relating to a fixed asset that has already been recognised is added to the carrying amount of the asset when it is probable that future economic benefits, in excess of the originally assessed standard of performance of the existing asset, will flow to the Group. All other subsequent expenditure is recognised as an expense in the period in which it is incurred.

Gain or losses arising from the retirement or disposal of a fixed asset are determined as the difference between the estimated net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognised in the profit and loss account on the date of retirement or disposal. On disposal of fixed assets other than investment properties, any related revaluation surplus is transferred from the revaluation reserve to retained profits.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(e) Depreciation of fixed assets

(i) Investment properties

No depreciation is provided in respect of investment properties with an unexpired lease term of more than 20 years since the valuation takes into account the state of each building at the date of valuation.

(ii) Property held for redevelopment

No depreciation is provided on property held for redevelopment.

(iii) Hotel properties

No depreciation is provided on hotel properties on leases with 20 years or more to run at the balance sheet date or on their integral fixed plant. It is the Group's practice to maintain these assets in a continuous state of sound repair and to make improvements thereto from time to time and, accordingly, the Directors consider that, given the estimated lives of these assets and their residual values, any depreciation would be immaterial.

(iv) Other fixed assets

Leasehold improvements are depreciated over the unexpired terms of the leases.

Other assets comprising plant, machinery, furniture, fixtures and equipment are depreciated at annual rates of 10% to 20% on a straight line basis on cost.

(f) Impairment of assets

The carrying amounts of the Group's assets are reviewed at each balance sheet date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognised whenever the carrying amount exceeds the recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognised as an expense in the consolidated profit and loss account. The recoverable amount of an asset is the greater of its net selling price and value in use. An impairment loss is reversed if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the recoverable amount and such reversal is limited to the asset's carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised in prior years. Reversals of impairment losses are credited to the consolidated profit and loss account.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(g) Leased assets

Leases of assets under which the lessor has not transferred all the risks and benefits of ownership are classified as operating leases.

- Assets held for use in operating leases
Where the Group leases out assets under operating leases, the assets are included in the balance sheet according to their nature.
- Operating lease charges
Where the Group has the use of assets under operating leases, payments made under the leases are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account in equal instalments over the accounting periods covered by the lease term, except where an alternative basis is more representative of the pattern of benefits to be derived from the leased asset. Lease incentives received are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments made. Contingent rentals are charged to the consolidated profit and loss account in the accounting period in which they are incurred.

(h) Investment securities

- (i) Investment securities, which are not held for trading purposes, are classified as non-current assets in the balance sheet and stated at fair value. Changes in fair value of individual securities are recognised in the investment securities revaluation reserve until the security is sold, collected, or otherwise disposed of, or until there is objective evidence that the security is impaired, at which time the relevant cumulative gain or loss is transferred from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the consolidated profit and loss account. Transfers from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the consolidated profit and loss account as a result of impairments are reversed when the circumstances and events that led to the impairment cease to exist and there is persuasive evidence that new circumstances and events will persist for the foreseeable future.

Profits or losses on disposal of investment securities are determined as the difference between the estimated net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the securities and are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account as they arise. On disposal of investment securities, the revaluation surplus or deficit previously taken to the investment securities revaluation reserves is also transferred to the consolidated profit and loss account for the year.

- (ii) Trading securities are stated in the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account as they arise.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(i) Inventories

Inventories comprise hotel consumables and are stated at the lower of cost, calculated on weighted average basis, and net realisable value. Net realisable value represents the estimated selling price less direct selling costs.

When inventories are sold, the carrying amount of those inventories is recognised as an expense in the period in which the related revenue is recognised. The amount of any write-down of inventories to net realisable value and all losses of inventories are recognised as an expense in the period the write-down or loss occurs. The amount of any reversal of any write-down of inventories, arising from an increase in net realisable value, is recognised as a reduction in the amount of inventories recognised as an expense in the period in which the reversal occurs.

(j) Cash equivalents

Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments which are readily convertible into known amounts of cash without notice and which are within three months of maturity when acquired. For the purpose of the cash flow statement, cash equivalents would also include advances from banks repayable within three months from the date of the advance.

(k) Foreign currencies

Foreign currency transactions during the year are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the transaction dates. Monetary foreign currency balances and the accounts of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the exchange rates ruling at the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising from the above are dealt with in the consolidated profit and loss account.

The results and balance sheet items of foreign enterprises are translated into Hong Kong dollars at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with as a movement in reserves.

On disposal of a foreign enterprise, the cumulative amount of the exchange differences which relate to that foreign enterprise is included in the calculation of the profit or loss on disposal.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(l) Recognition of income

- (i) Income from hotel operations is recognised when the services are rendered.
- (ii) Rentals receivable from investment properties held for use under operating leases are accounted for on a straight line basis over the respective periods of the lease. Lease incentives granted are recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account as an integral part of the aggregate net lease payments receivable. Contingent rentals are recognised as income in the accounting period in which they are earned.
- (iii) Interest income is recognised on a time proportion basis that takes into account the effective yield of the asset.
- (iv) Interest on a loan advanced to an associate involved in a property development project is deferred and is recognised from when the associate starts to generate profit from the property development project based on the percentage of total area sold to the total area available for sale.
- (v) Investment income is recognised when the right to receive the income is established.

(m) Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs are expensed in the profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred, except to the extent that they are capitalised as being directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of an asset which necessarily takes a substantial period of time to get ready for its intended use or sale.

The capitalisation of borrowing costs as part of the cost of a qualifying asset commences when expenditures for the asset are being incurred, borrowing costs are being incurred and activities that are necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use or sale are in progress. Capitalisation of borrowing costs is suspended or ceases when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the qualifying asset for its intended use or sale are interrupted or complete.

(n) Deferred taxation

Deferred taxation is provided using the liability method in respect of the taxation effect arising from all timing differences between the accounting and tax treatment of income and expenditure, which are expected with reasonable probability to crystallize in the foreseeable future.

Future deferred tax benefits are not recognised unless their realisation is assured beyond reasonable doubt.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(o) Pension schemes

The Group operates the following principal pension schemes:

(i) *Defined contribution scheme*

Contributions to the scheme are expensed as incurred and may be reduced by contributions forfeited by those employees who leave the scheme prior to vesting fully in the contributions. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund.

(ii) *Defined benefit scheme*

The scheme provides benefits to the employees based on their final pay and number of years of service. Contributions to the scheme are charged against the profit and loss account in the period in which they are payable to the scheme. The contributions are determined based on the value of the retirement scheme assets and estimates of the effects of future events on the actuarial present value of accrued pension obligations and are determined by a qualified actuary on the basis of triennial valuations using the attained age method. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Group in an independently administered fund.

(iii) *Mandatory Provident Fund*

Contributions to the Mandatory Provident Fund as required under the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance are charged to the profit and loss account when incurred.

(p) Segment reporting

A segment is a distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing services (business segment), or in providing services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to other external parties.

In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical segments as the secondary reporting format.

Segment revenue, expenses, results, assets and liabilities include items directly attributable to a segment as well as those that can be allocated on a reasonable basis to that segment. Segment revenue, expenses, assets, and liabilities are determined before intra-group balances and intra-group transactions are eliminated as part of the consolidation process, except to the extent that such intra-group balances and transactions are between group enterprises within a single segment. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to other external parties.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

1. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(p) Segment reporting (Cont'd)

Segment capital expenditure is the total cost incurred during the year to acquire segment assets that are expected to be used for more than one period.

Unallocated items mainly comprise financial and corporate assets, interest-bearing loans, borrowings, corporate and financing expenses.

(q) Related parties

For the purposes of these accounts, parties are considered to be related to the Group if the Group has the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the party or exercise significant influence over the party in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the Group and the party are subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

(r) Provisions

Provisions are recognised for liabilities of uncertain timing or amount when the Company or the Group has a legal or constructive obligation arising as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation and a reliable estimate can be made.

Where it is not probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required, or the amount cannot be estimated reliably, the obligation is disclosed as a contingent liability, unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote. Possible obligations, whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more future events are also disclosed as contingent liabilities unless the probability of outflow of economic benefits is remote.

(s) Deferred income

Deferred income is interest income less directly attributable interest expenses arising from a loan advanced to an associate, which has been deferred and is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account from when the associate starts to generate profit from the property development project based on the percentage of total area sold to the total area available for sale.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

2. TURNOVER AND OPERATING PROFIT

The principal activity of the Company is investment holding and those of its subsidiaries and associates are set out on page 57.

(a) Analysis of the turnover and operating profit of the Group:

	Turnover		Operating profit	
	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Principal activities				
Hotel and restaurants	268.3	292.9	78.8	88.8
Investment property	47.6	59.0	33.4	48.6
Investments	59.6	48.7	49.7	21.3
	375.5	400.6	161.9	158.7

(b) Other income

	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Service charge	25.4	27.7
Sundry income	3.2	3.1
	28.6	30.8

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

2. TURNOVER AND OPERATING PROFIT (Cont'd)

(c) Operating profit is arrived at after charging:

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Cost of inventories sold	31.3	33.5
Depreciation	10.9	6.8
Staff costs	89.4	98.6
Auditors' remuneration	0.5	0.6
and after crediting:		
Gross rental income from investment properties	47.6	59.0
Less: direct outgoings	(7.7)	(7.4)
	39.9	51.6
Interest on bank deposits	32.3	17.9
Dividend income from listed securities	27.3	30.8

(d) Directors' emoluments

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Fees	0.1	0.1
Basic salaries, housing allowance, and other allowances and benefits in kind	0.8	0.7
Retirement scheme contributions	–	–
Discretionary bonuses and/or performance-related bonuses	–	–
Compensation for loss of office	–	–
Inducement for joining the Group	–	–
	0.9	0.8

For the year under review, total emoluments (including any reimbursement) amounting to HK\$20,000 (2000: HK\$20,000), being wholly in the form of Directors' fees, were paid/payable to Independent Non-executive Directors of the Company.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

2. TURNOVER AND OPERATING PROFIT (Cont'd)

(d) Directors' emoluments (Cont'd)

The remuneration of the directors is within the following bands:

Bands (<i>in HK\$</i>)	2001 Number of Directors	2000 Number of Directors
Nil – \$500,000	7	4
\$500,001 – \$1,000,000	1	1

(e) Highest paid employees

Set out below are analyses of the emoluments (excluding amounts, if any, paid or payable by way of commissions on sales generated by the employees concerned) for the year ended 31st December, 2001 of the five highest paid employees of the Group, none of whom is a Director of the Company. The aggregate of the emoluments in respect of the individuals are as follows:

	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 Restated HK\$ Million
Basic salaries, housing allowances, and other allowances and benefits in kind	5.8	5.5
Retirement scheme contributions	0.4	0.4
Discretionary bonuses and/or performance-related bonuses	0.2	0.2
Compensation for loss of office	–	–
Inducement for joining the Group	–	–
	6.4	6.1

The emoluments of the five highest individuals are within the following bands:

Bands (<i>in HK\$</i>)	2001 Number of individuals	2000 Restated Number of individuals
Not more than \$1,000,000	1	2
\$1,000,001– \$1,500,000	3	2
\$1,500,001– \$2,000,000	1	1



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

3. BORROWING COSTS

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Interest paid on bank loan due within one year	24.3	19.8
Less: Amount deferred	—	(1.9)
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Net borrowing costs	24.3	17.9
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4. PROVISION FOR IMPAIRMENT IN VALUE OF INVESTMENT SECURITIES

In accordance with the method of accounting policy adopted under Statement of Standard Accounting Practice 24 (“Accounting for investments in securities”), the amount of reduction in fair value of investment securities should be provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve unless there is evidence that the securities are impaired, at which time the relevant reduction that had been directly provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve should be transferred to the profit and loss account and recognised as an expense.

The fair value of certain of the Group’s investment securities has been persistently below the original cost for a period of in excess of three years and, therefore, management consider these investment securities are impaired in value. Accordingly, to comply with the Group’s accounting policies, a provision for the impairment of investment securities of HK\$301.5 million, which includes HK\$274.2 million provided against the investment securities revaluation reserve in previous years, was transferred from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account.

5. OTHER NON-OPERATING ITEMS

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Release of deferred income	62.8	—
Loss on disposal of investment securities	(1.9)	(92.6)
Provision for impairment in value of property held for redevelopment	(7.7)	(70.8)
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	53.2	(163.4)
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Loss on disposal of investment securities includes a revaluation deficit of HK\$3.0 million (2000: HK\$49.2 million) transferred from the investment securities revaluation reserve to the profit and loss account upon disposal of the related investment securities.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

6. TAXATION

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16.0% (2000: 16.0%) on the estimated assessable profit for the year.

	Group	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Company and subsidiaries		
Hong Kong profits tax	11.8	22.3
Underprovision in respect of previous years	—	91.8
	11.8	114.1
Share of associates' Hong Kong profits tax for the year	0.9	—
	12.7	114.1

Unprovided deferred tax liabilities are:

	Group	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Company and subsidiaries		
Depreciation allowances in excess of the related depreciation	3.6	2.3

The major part of the unprovided potential liabilities represents the maximum taxation arising from balancing charges in the event of a future realisation of investment and hotel properties at an amount equal to the valuations recorded in the balance sheet.

Deferred taxation on the revaluation surplus of the investment and hotel properties has not been quantified as this does not constitute a timing difference for deferred taxation purposes.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

7. (LOSS)/PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The (loss)/profit attributable to shareholders is dealt with in the accounts of the Company to the extent of a profit of HK\$55.8 million (2000: profit of HK\$55.8 million).

The Group's (loss)/profit attributable to shareholders for the year is (absorbed)/retained by:

	Group	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
The Company and its subsidiaries	(122.5)	110.3
Associates	9.4	4.2
	(113.1)	114.5

8. DIVIDENDS

(a) Dividends attributable to the year

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Interim dividend of 5.0 cents (2000: 5.0 cents) per share	15.8	15.8
Final dividend of 12.0 cents (2000: 12.0 cents) per share	37.8	37.8
	53.6	53.6

The final dividend proposed after the balance sheet date has not been recognised as a liability at the balance sheet date.

(b) Dividends attributable to the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Final dividend in respect of the previous financial year, approved and paid during the year of 12.0 cents (2000: 12.0 cents) per share	37.8	37.8



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

9. (LOSS)/EARNINGS PER SHARE

The calculation of (loss)/earnings per share is based on the loss for the year of HK\$113.1 million (2000: profit of HK\$114.5 million) and on 315.0 million (2000: 315.0 million) ordinary shares in issue throughout the year ended 31st December, 2001.

10. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Goodwill/negative goodwill

In prior years, goodwill/negative goodwill arising on consolidation, representing the excess/shortfall of the cost of investments in subsidiaries and associates over the appropriate share of the fair value of the net tangible assets at the date of acquisition, was taken to reserves in the year in which it arose. On disposal of a subsidiary or an associate, the attributable amount of goodwill/negative goodwill was included in calculating the profit or loss on disposal.

With effect from 1st January, 2001, with the introduction of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice ("SSAP") 30 "Business combinations" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, the Group adopted a new accounting policy for goodwill as set out in Note 1 (c) (iii).

There is no financial effect on the Group upon adopting SSAP 30 since the Group had no goodwill or negative goodwill prior to 1st January, 2001 or during the current year.

(b) Planned maintenance

In prior years, the Group operated a planned maintenance scheme for its hotel which projected future maintenance requirements over a period of four years. Within this scheme actual costs and/or projected costs for the ensuing four year period as estimated by the Group were equalised by annual provisions in the consolidated profit and loss account. With effect from 1st January, 2001, maintenance costs are expensed in the consolidated profit and loss account in the year in which they are incurred in accordance with SSAP 28 "Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. The accounting policy has been adopted retrospectively. In adjusting prior years' figures, revenue reserves as at 1st January, 2000 and 1st January, 2001 were restated and increased by HK\$58.2 million and HK\$63.2 million respectively, representing the reversal of the previous provisions for planned maintenance.

As a result of the adoption of SSAP 28 and restating the prior years' results and reserves, the Group's profit for the year attributable to shareholders has increased by HK\$11.8 million (2000: HK\$5.0 million) as a net result of not making provisions for planned maintenance and charging the actual maintenance costs incurred during the year to the consolidated profit and loss account.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

10. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Cont'd)

(c) Proposed dividends

In prior years, dividends proposed after balance sheet date were accrued as liabilities at the balance sheet date. With effect from 1st January, 2001, dividends proposed after balance sheet date are shown as a separate component of shareholders' funds in accordance with revised SSAP 9 "Events after the balance sheet date" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. The new accounting policy has been adopted retrospectively. In adjusting prior years' figures, shareholders' funds as at 1st January, 2001 were restated and increased by HK\$37.8 million representing the proposed final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 2000.

As a result of the adoption of SSAP 9 and restating the prior years' reserves, the Group's shareholders' funds at 31st December, 2001 have increased by HK\$37.8 million (2000: HK\$37.8 million).

(d) Segment reporting

A segment is distinguishable component of the Group that is engaged either in providing products or services (business segment), or in providing products or services within a particular economic environment (geographical segment), which is subject to risks and rewards that are different from those of other segments. Inter-segment pricing is based on similar terms as those available to other external parties.

In Note 11 to the consolidated accounts, the Group discloses segment revenue and results as defined under SSAP 26 "Segment reporting" issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. In accordance with the Group's internal financial reporting the Group has determined that business segments be presented as the primary reporting format and geographical segments as the secondary reporting format.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

11. SEGMENT REPORTING

Segment information is presented in respect of the Group's business and geographical segments. Business segment information is chosen as the primary reporting format because this is more relevant to the Group's internal financial reporting.

(a) Business segments

	Hotel and restaurants		Property		Investments		Total	
	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million
Segment revenue	296.3	323.5	48.2	59.2	59.6	48.7	404.1	431.4
Segment result	78.8	88.8	33.4	48.6	49.7	21.3	161.9	158.7
Provision for impairment in value of investment securities	-	-	-	-	(301.5)	-	(301.5)	-
Provision for impairment in value of investment securities written back	-	-	-	-	-	247.0	-	247.0
Borrowing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24.3)	(17.9)
Other non-operating items	-	-	(7.7)	(70.8)	60.9	(92.6)	53.2	(163.4)
Share of profit of associates	-	-	5.9	-	4.4	4.2	10.3	4.2
(Loss)/profit before taxation							(100.4)	228.6
Taxation							(12.7)	(114.1)
(Loss)/profit attributable to shareholders							(113.1)	114.5
Segment assets	1,899.8	2,013.0	906.8	966.5	852.0	909.9	3,658.6	3,889.4
Interest in associates	-	-	869.9	1,134.6	27.1	39.0	897.0	1,173.6
Unallocated assets Cash and cash equivalents							868.3	332.4
Total assets							5,423.9	5,395.4
Segment liabilities	(41.5)	(53.3)	(152.2)	(148.9)	(27.0)	(20.9)	(220.7)	(223.1)
Unallocated liabilities Unsecured short term bank loan and overdrafts							(400.9)	(100.0)
Taxation							(8.4)	(112.5)
Total liabilities							(630.0)	(435.6)
Depreciation for the year	10.9	6.8	-	-	-	-	10.9	6.8
Capital expenditure incurred during the year	26.9	4.7	1.7	0.3	-	-	28.6	5.0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

11. SEGMENT REPORTING (Cont'd)

(b) Geographical segments

	Segment revenue		Segment results	
	2001	2000	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million	Million	Million
Hong Kong	382.5	413.6	140.3	140.9
Singapore	21.6	17.8	21.6	17.8
	404.1	431.4	161.9	158.7

No inter-segment revenue was recorded during the years.

12. FIXED ASSETS

	Group				Total HK\$ Million
	Investment properties HK\$ Million	Property held for redeve- lopment HK\$ Million	Hotel properties HK\$ Million	Other fixed assets HK\$ Million	
(a) Cost or valuation					
Balance at 1st January, 2001	876.0	85.9	1,970.0	137.1	3,069.0
Additions	1.1	0.6	-	26.9	28.6
Provision for impairment	-	(7.7)	-	-	(7.7)
Revaluation deficit	(55.1)	-	(130.0)	-	(185.1)
Balance at 31st December, 2001	822.0	78.8	1,840.0	164.0	2,904.8
Accumulated depreciation					
Balance at 1st January, 2001	-	-	-	119.8	119.8
Charge for the year	-	-	-	10.9	10.9
Balance at 31st December, 2001	-	-	-	130.7	130.7
Net book value					
At 31st December, 2001	822.0	78.8	1,840.0	33.3	2,774.1
At 31st December, 2000	876.0	85.9	1,970.0	17.3	2,949.2

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

12. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

b) The analysis of cost or valuation of the above assets is as follows:

	Investment properties	Property held for redeve- lopment	Group		Total
			Hotel properties	Other fixed assets	
	HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million
2001 valuation	822.0	–	1,840.0	–	2,662.0
Cost less provisions	–	78.8	–	164.0	242.8
	<u>822.0</u>	<u>78.8</u>	<u>1,840.0</u>	<u>164.0</u>	<u>2,904.8</u>

The carrying value of the hotel properties would have been HK\$71.1 million (2000: HK\$71.1 million) had they been stated at cost.

(c) Tenure of title to properties:

Long term lease held in Hong Kong Over 50 years	<u>822.0</u>	<u>78.8</u>	<u>1,840.0</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>2,740.8</u>
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(d) Properties valuation

The Group's investment properties in Hong Kong and The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel have been revalued as at 31st December, 2001 on an open market existing use value basis by Chesterton Petty Limited, a company engaged in professional property valuation. The deficits arising from the revaluations have been dealt with in the relevant revaluation reserves.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

12. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

(e) Properties schedule at 31st December, 2001

Address	Lot number	Year of completion	Stage of completion	Lease expiry	Site area (sq.ft.)	Approximate gross floor areas			Attributable interest	
						Office (sq.ft.)	Retail (sq.ft.)	Residential (sq.ft.)	Hotel (rooms)	interest
Investment property										
The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel (Commercial section) Harbour City Tsimshatsui	KML 91 S.A. & KML 10 S.B.	1969	Completed	2863	(Note)	35,000	136,540	-	-	100%
Property held for redevelopment										
60 Victoria Road Kennedy Town	IL 8079	N/A	Planning Stage	2064	6,100	-	-	48,800	-	100%
Hotel property										
The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel Harbour City Tsimshatsui	KML 91 S.A. & KML 10 S.B.	1969	Completed	2863	58,814	-	-	-	665	100%

Note: Part of The Marco Polo Hongkong Hotel building.

- (f) The Group leases out investment properties under operating leases. The leases typically run for an initial period of one to five years, with an option to renew the lease after that date at which time all terms are renegotiated.

Contingent rental income derived from the Group for the year amounted to HK\$1.8 million (2000: HK\$2.0 million).

The gross carrying amounts of investment properties of the Group and the Company held for use in operating leases were HK\$822.0 million (2000: HK\$876.0 million).

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

12. FIXED ASSETS (Cont'd)

(g) The Group's total future minimum lease receipts under non-cancellable operating leases are receivable as follows:

	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Within 1 year	25.4	42.4
After 1 year but within 5 years	25.9	34.2
	51.3	76.6

13. INVESTMENTS IN SUBSIDIARIES

	Company	
	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Unlisted shares, at cost less provision	–	50.0

Amounts due from/to subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand, except for an amount due to a subsidiary of HK\$300.0 million (2000: HK\$Nil) which is interest bearing at market rates.

Details of the Company's subsidiaries at 31st December, 2001 are shown on page 57.

14. INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES

	Group		Company	
	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Share of net tangible assets	42.1	39.0	–	–
Loan due from an associate	865.0	1,134.6	865.0	1,134.6
Amount due to an associate	(10.1)	–	–	–
	897.0	1,173.6	865.0	1,134.6

Details of the Company's associates at 31st December, 2001 are shown on page 57.

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14. INTEREST IN ASSOCIATES (Cont'd)

- (a) The loan advanced to an associate involved in a property development project bears interest at rates as determined by the shareholders of the associate with reference to the prevailing market rates.
- (b) The following supplementary financial information is disclosed relating to a significant associate of the Group, Hopfield Holdings Limited:

	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Consolidated balance sheet		
Current assets	8,608.6	5,780.7
Current liabilities	(2,052.9)	(107.7)
Non-current liabilities	(6,531.1)	(5,673.0)
Consolidated profit and loss account		
Turnover	1,273.6	–
Operating profit	29.3	–
Taxation	(4.7)	–

15. INVESTMENT SECURITIES

	Group	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Equity securities		
Listed in Hong Kong, at market value	327.9	376.4
Listed outside Hong Kong, at market value	523.6	513.6
	851.5	890.0

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

16. DEBTORS

	Group		Company	
	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million	2001 HK\$ Million	2000 HK\$ Million
Trade debtors				
Due within 30 days	14.8	15.2	–	–
Due after 30 days but within 60 days	4.4	3.5	–	–
Due after 60 days but within 90 days	1.3	1.0	–	–
Over 90 days	0.7	0.2	–	–
	21.2	19.9	–	–
Other debtors	2.9	22.6	0.4	0.2
Amounts due by fellow subsidiaries	5.0	3.6	0.1	–
	29.1	46.1	0.5	0.2

The Group has a defined credit policy. The general credit terms allowed range from 0 to 60 days. The amounts due by fellow subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The above includes deposits paid amounting to HK\$0.1 million (2000: HK\$0.1 million) which are expected to be recovered after one year.



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

17. CREDITORS

	Group		Company	
	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2001 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	2000 <i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Trade creditors				
Due within 30 days	9.6	14.1	–	–
Due after 30 days but within 60 days	3.3	–	–	–
Over 90 days	0.1	–	–	–
	13.0	14.1	–	–
Other creditors and provisions	68.6	70.3	1.4	1.5
Amounts due to fellow subsidiaries	3.2	3.0	0.4	0.2
	84.8	87.4	1.8	1.7

The amounts due to fellow subsidiaries are unsecured, interest free and repayable on demand. The above includes deposits received amounting to HK\$3.8 million (2000: HK\$7.4 million) which are expected to be settled after one year.

18. SHARE CAPITAL

	2001		2000	
	No. of shares <i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>	No. of shares <i>Million</i>	<i>HK\$</i> <i>Million</i>
Authorised:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.50 each	380.0	190.0	380.0	190.0
Issued and fully paid:				
Ordinary shares of HK\$0.50 each	315.0	157.5	315.0	157.5

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

19. RESERVES

	Share premium HK\$ Million	Investment properties revaluation reserve HK\$ Million	Hotel properties revaluation reserve HK\$ Million	Investment securities revaluation reserve HK\$ Million	Exchange and other capital reserves HK\$ Million	Revenue reserves HK\$ Million	Total HK\$ Million
(a) The Group							
<i>(i) Company and subsidiaries</i>							
Balance at 1st January, 2000							
- as previously reported	542.0	782.1	1,824.9	(278.6)	7.1	1,612.4	4,489.9
- prior year adjustments							
- planned maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	58.2	58.2
- proposed dividend	-	-	-	-	-	37.8	37.8
- as restated	542.0	782.1	1,824.9	(278.6)	7.1	1,708.4	4,585.9
Dividend approved in respect of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	(37.8)	(37.8)
Exchange reserve	-	-	-	-	4.0	-	4.0
Transferred to profit and loss account on disposal of investment securities	-	-	-	49.2	-	-	49.2
Other capital reserve released upon liquidation of an associate	-	-	-	-	(0.1)	-	(0.1)
Revaluation surplus/(deficit)							
Investment properties	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	50.0
Hotel properties	-	-	74.0	-	-	-	74.0
Investment securities	-	-	-	(41.8)	-	-	(41.8)
Retained profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	110.3	110.3
Dividend declared in respect of the current year	-	-	-	-	-	(15.8)	(15.8)
Balance at 31st December, 2000	542.0	832.1	1,898.9	(271.2)	11.0	1,765.1	4,777.9
Balance at 1st January, 2001							
- as previously reported	542.0	832.1	1,898.9	(271.2)	11.0	1,664.1	4,676.9
- prior year adjustments							
- planned maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	63.2	63.2
- proposed dividend	-	-	-	-	-	37.8	37.8
- as restated	542.0	832.1	1,898.9	(271.2)	11.0	1,765.1	4,777.9
Dividend approved in respect of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	(37.8)	(37.8)
Exchange reserve	-	-	-	-	(2.0)	-	(2.0)
Transferred to profit and loss account on disposal of investment securities	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	3.0
Transferred to revenue reserves from exchange and other capital reserves	-	-	-	-	(9.0)	9.0	-
Revaluation deficit							
Investment properties	-	(55.1)	-	-	-	-	(55.1)
Hotel properties	-	-	(130.0)	-	-	-	(130.0)
Investment securities	-	-	-	(114.4)	-	-	(114.4)
Deficit transferred to the profit and loss account on impairment of investment securities	-	-	-	301.5	-	-	301.5
Loss for the year (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	(122.5)	(122.5)
Dividend declared in respect of the current year	-	-	-	-	-	(15.8)	(15.8)
Balance at 31st December, 2001	542.0	777.0	1,768.9	(81.1)	-	1,598.0	4,604.8

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

19. RESERVES (Cont'd)

	Share premium <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Investment properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Hotel properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Investment securities revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Exchange and other capital reserves <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Revenue reserves <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Total <i>HK\$ Million</i>
(a) The Group (Cont'd)							
<i>(ii) Associates</i>							
Balance at 1st January, 2000	-	-	-	-	-	12.5	12.5
Revaluation surplus							
Investment securities	-	-	-	7.7	-	-	7.7
Retained profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	4.2	4.2
Balance at 31st December, 2000 and 1st January, 2001	-	-	-	7.7	-	16.7	24.4
Revaluation deficit							
Investment securities	-	-	-	(2.2)	-	-	(2.2)
Retained profit for the year (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	9.4	9.4
Balance at 31st December, 2001	-	-	-	5.5	-	26.1	31.6
Total reserves							
At 31st December, 2001	542.0	777.0	1,768.9	(75.6)	-	1,624.1	4,636.4
At 31st December, 2000	542.0	832.1	1,898.9	(263.5)	11.0	1,781.8	4,802.3

The application of the share premium account is governed by Section 48B of the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance. The exchange reserves and revaluation reserves have been set up and will be dealt with in accordance with the accounting policies adopted by the Group for foreign currency translation and the revaluation of investment and hotel properties and investment securities.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

19. RESERVES (Cont'd)

	Share premium <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Investment properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Hotel properties revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Investment securities revaluation reserve <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Exchange and other capital reserves <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Revenue reserves <i>HK\$ Million</i>	Total <i>HK\$ Million</i>
(b) The Company							
Balance at 1st January, 2000							
- as previously reported	542.0	-	-	-	-	46.1	588.1
- prior year adjustments							
- proposed dividend	-	-	-	-	-	37.8	37.8
- as restated	542.0	-	-	-	-	83.9	625.9
Dividend approved in respect of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	(37.8)	(37.8)
Retained profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	55.8	55.8
Dividend declared in respect of the current year	-	-	-	-	-	(15.8)	(15.8)
Balance at 31st December, 2000	542.0	-	-	-	-	86.1	628.1
Balance at 1st January, 2001							
- as previously reported	542.0	-	-	-	-	48.3	590.3
- prior year adjustments							
- proposed dividend	-	-	-	-	-	37.8	37.8
- as restated	542.0	-	-	-	-	86.1	628.1
Dividend approved in respect of the previous year	-	-	-	-	-	(37.8)	(37.8)
Retained profit for the year	-	-	-	-	-	55.8	55.8
Dividend declared in respect of the current year	-	-	-	-	-	(15.8)	(15.8)
Balance at 31st December, 2001	542.0	-	-	-	-	88.3	630.3

Reserves of the Company available for distribution to shareholders at 31st December, 2001 amounted to HK\$88.3 million (2000: HK\$86.1 million)

20. DEFERRED INCOME

Details of accounting policies adopted for deferred income are set out in Note 1 (s). The movements of deferred income of the Group and Company are as follows:

	Group and Company	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Balance at 1st January	135.7	56.2
Additions	63.0	79.5
Release of deferred income	(62.8)	-
Balance at 31st December	135.9	135.7

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

21. MATERIAL RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

- (a) The Group has a management agreement with a subsidiary of the ultimate holding company for the management of the Group's hotel operations. Fees payable under this arrangement during the current year amounted to HK\$17.4 million (2000: HK\$19.1 million) which included management fees of HK\$13.3 million (2000: HK\$14.7 million) and marketing fees of HK\$4.1 million (2000: HK\$4.4 million). The management fee includes a basic fee and an incentive fee which is calculated based on 3% and 5% of gross revenue and gross operating profit respectively. The marketing fee is calculated based on 1.5% of gross revenue. Such transactions also constitute connected transactions as defined under the Listing Rules, but are exempted from the requirements under paragraph 14.24(2) relating to connected transactions thereof.
- (b) As disclosed in Note 23 (a) to the accounts, the joint venturers have jointly and severally guaranteed the performance and observance of the terms under an agreement for the development of Sorrento (Kowloon Station Package II) undertaken by the project company. The joint venturers have also severally guaranteed loan facilities granted to the project company. The amount attributable to the Company is HK\$433.0 million (2000: HK\$680.0 million). Such guarantees given by the Company constitute connected transactions as defined under the Listing Rules, but a waiver from complying with the relevant connected transaction requirements was granted by the Stock Exchange in 1997.
- (c) As stated in Note 14 to the accounts, loans totalling HK\$865.0 million (2000: HK\$1,134.6 million) due from an associate involved in the Sorrento project are considered to be related party transactions and also constitute connected transactions as defined under the Listing Rules. Waivers were granted by the Stock Exchange in 1994 and 1997 from complying with the relevant connected transaction requirements. The net interest earned by the Group from the above loan during the current year amounted to HK\$63.0 million (2000: HK\$79.5 million) which has been deferred and is recognised in the consolidated profit and loss account in accordance with the basis as set out in Note 1(s) above.

22. COMMITMENTS

Capital commitments for property, plant and equipment

	Group	
	2001	2000
	HK\$	HK\$
	Million	Million
Contracted but not provided for	15.3	2.9
Authorised but not contracted for	3.8	2.3
	19.1	5.2



NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Cont'd)

23. CONTINGENCIES

- (a) The Company, together with its ultimate holding company, The Wharf (Holdings) Limited (“Wharf”), the principal shareholder of Wharf and two subsidiaries thereof (together the “joint venturers”), have jointly and severally guaranteed the performance and observance of the terms under an agreement for the development of Sorrento (Kowloon Station Package II) undertaken by an associate (the “project company”). The joint venturers have also severally guaranteed loan facilities granted to the project company. The amount attributable to the Company is HK\$433.0 million (2000: HK\$680.0 million).
- (b) There were contingent liabilities in respect of guarantees given by the Company on behalf of a subsidiary relating to short term loan facilities up to HK\$300.0 million (2000: HK\$Nil).

24. ULTIMATE HOLDING COMPANY

The ultimate holding company is The Wharf (Holdings) Limited, a company incorporated and listed in Hong Kong.

25. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

After the balance sheet date the directors proposed a final dividend. Further details are disclosed in Note 8.

26. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain comparative figures have been adjusted as a result of changes in accounting policies for planned maintenance provision, proposed dividends and segment reporting in order to comply with SSAPs 28, 9 and 26 respectively, details of which are set out in Note 10. Certain comparative figures for turnover, interest in associates and deferred income have also been reclassified in order to present better the results and financial condition of the Group.

27. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts were approved and authorised for issue by the Directors on 11th March, 2002.



LIST OF SUBSIDIARIES AND ASSOCIATES

At 31st December, 2001

	Place of incorporation/ operation	SUBSIDIARIES		ASSOCIATES		Principal activities
		Issued share capital (all being ordinary shares and fully paid unless stated otherwise)	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	Class of shares	Percentage of equity attributable to the Group	
Subsidiaries (held directly)						
Harbour Centre (Hong Kong) Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment holding
Ocean New Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment holding
Subsidiaries and Associates (held indirectly)						
Algebra Assets Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment
Billiard Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment
Easeoff Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands			Ordinary	50	Investment holding
HC DL Finance (International) Limited	Cayman Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Treasury operation
Hopfield Holdings Limited	British Virgin Islands			Ordinary	20	Investment holding
Hoya International Limited	Hong Kong	2 HK\$1 shares	100			Finance
Hundred Tone Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment
Mandelson Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	500 US\$1 shares	100			Investment
Manniworth Company Limited	Hong Kong	10,000 HK\$1 shares	100			Property development
The Hongkong Hotel Limited	Hong Kong	100,000 HK\$1 shares	100			Hotel operation



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	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
	HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million	Restated HK\$ Million	Restated HK\$ Million	HK\$ Million
Consolidated profit and loss account					
Turnover (<i>Note 1</i>)	923.4	663.2	385.6	400.6	375.5
Group profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders	841.2	162.4	107.8	109.5	(113.1)
Prior year adjustment	–	–	8.2	5.0	–
Restated amount (<i>Note 2</i>)	841.2	162.4	116.0	114.5	(113.1)
Consolidated balance sheet					
Fixed assets	3,874.2	2,911.1	2,897.8	2,949.2	2,774.1
Interest in associates (<i>Note 3</i>)	429.8	411.2	1,116.5	1,173.6	897.0
Investment in securities	1,068.9	961.1	929.1	890.0	851.5
Net current (liabilities)/assets (<i>Note 2</i>)	(30.5)	35.1	(131.3)	82.7	407.2
	5,342.4	4,318.5	4,812.1	5,095.5	4,929.8
Representing:					
Share capital	157.5	157.5	157.5	157.5	157.5
Reserves (<i>Note 2</i>)	5,088.9	4,110.9	4,598.4	4,802.3	4,636.4
Shareholders' funds	5,246.4	4,268.4	4,755.9	4,959.8	4,793.9
Planned maintenance (<i>Note 2</i>)	96.0	50.1	–	–	–
Deferred income (<i>Note 3</i>)	–	–	56.2	135.7	135.9
	5,342.4	4,318.5	4,812.1	5,095.5	4,929.8

Note:

- (1) Turnover figures for the years ended 31st December 1999 onwards are restated in order to present better the results and financial condition of the Group.
- (2) These figures have been restated pursuant to the adoption of Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (“SSAP”) 9 “Events after the balance sheet date” and SSAP 28 “Provisions, contingent liabilities and contingent assets” as explained in Note 10 to the accounts. Figures for 1998 and prior years have not been restated as it would involve delay and expenses out of proportion to the benefit to shareholders.
- (3) These figures have been reclassified as set out in Note 20 to the accounts. Figures for 1998 and prior years have not been restated as it would involve delay and expenses out of proportion to the benefit to shareholders.