

2005 Interim Results

Financial Highlights

	Note	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
		2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M (restated)	2004 HK\$M (restated)
Turnover		8,988	8,398	18,324
Operating profit		7,667	2,664	20,864
Profit attributable to Company's shareholders		7,326	3,004	18,705
Total equity (including minority interests)		90,694	69,619	85,248
Consolidated net borrowings		8,518	7,805	8,262
Earnings per share	1	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
'A' shares		4.79	1.96	12.22
'B' shares		0.96	0.39	2.44
Dividends per share		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
'A' shares		0.600	0.580	2.000
'B' shares		0.120	0.116	0.400
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders per share		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
'A' shares		55.36	42.21	51.70
'B' shares		11.07	8.44	10.34

- Notes:**
- Earnings per share have been calculated by dividing the profit attributable to the Company's shareholders by the weighted average number of shares in issue during the period.
 - These financial highlights have reflected the impact of the adoption of the new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards since 1st January 2005. Comparatives have been restated.
 - No valuation of the investment property portfolio was carried out at 30th June 2004, and no corresponding adjustment has been made for the six months period ending on that date.

Underlying Profits

	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
	2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M
Underlying operating profit	2,585	2,575	5,157
Underlying profit attributable to the Company's shareholders	3,261	2,930	6,538
Underlying earnings per share ('A' shares)	HK\$ 2.13	HK\$ 1.91	HK\$ 4.27
Underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders per share ('A' shares)	HK\$ 61.13	HK\$ 45.51	HK\$ 56.84

Separate statements reconciling the profit per accounts, underlying profit and profit as reported under the previous accounting standards are provided in the Financial Review section. The reconciliation between equity attributable to Company's shareholders per accounts and underlying equity attributable to Company's shareholders is also provided.

Chairman's Statement

Consolidated results

The profit attributable to shareholders for the first half of 2005 was HK\$7,326 million. These results reflect the adoption of new Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards effective 1st January 2005. Underlying attributable profits which adjust for the impact of adopting Hong Kong Accounting Standard 40 and Interpretation 21 on investment properties and income taxes, amounted to HK\$3,261 million, 11% up on the corresponding figure of HK\$2,930 million in the first half of 2004. Improved rental income and good growth in the Beverages, Marine Services and Trading & Industrial Divisions more than compensated for reduced contributions from airline operations and residential sales.

Your directors have today declared interim dividends of HK\$60.0 (2004: HK\$58.0) per 'A' share and HK\$12.0 (2004: HK\$11.6) per 'B' share payable on 4th October 2005 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 22nd September 2005. The share registers will be closed from 16th September to 22nd September, both dates inclusive.

Operating results

The Property Division had an encouraging first half with higher occupancies and positive rental reversions seen towards the end of the period. A total of 975,000 square feet of additional office space was let during the period taking occupancy to around 90%. Underlying profits for the division, however, declined 4% from HK\$1,483 million to HK\$1,423 million primarily as a result of reduced contributions from sales of residential properties.

The Aviation Division reported a profit attributable to Swire Pacific of HK\$952 million, some 2% lower than in the corresponding period in 2004. This reflects sharply higher fuel prices and a significant reduction in fuel hedging gains. Demand for both passenger and cargo capacity has remained strong enabling yields to be maintained notwithstanding the introduction of new capacity. Contributions from non-airline operations in the division have shown good growth, in particular from aircraft engineering operations in Hong Kong and Mainland China.

The Beverages, Marine Services and Trading & Industrial Divisions' combined profits attributable to Swire Pacific grew 29% to HK\$870 million with particularly strong growth enjoyed by Taikoo Motors, Swire Resources, Swire Pacific Offshore and Beverage operations on the Mainland.

Finance

The group's financial position remains strong with gearing of 9% at 30th June 2005, and interest cover of 20.5 for the half year. Committed but undrawn facilities totalled HK\$2,484 million. Since 30th June, Swire Properties has agreed to make a final payment in respect of the Taikoo Shing land premium in an amount of HK\$1,531 million.

Corporate governance and financial reporting

The group has adopted the Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards in presenting these interim accounts. Detailed analysis of the impact on these financial statements is provided in the Financial Review.

Prospects

With only limited new supply and growing demand, office rentals and occupancies are likely to continue their upward trend. The second half will also see a pick-up in profits from strong sales of residential apartments in Miami.

Prospects for the Aviation Division are more mixed with the likelihood of continued high fuel prices restricting profit growth.

With buoyant offshore oil services demand and continued high consumer spending across the region, profits from the other divisions are expected to be strong in the second half.

On 30th July 2005, the Company's offer to sell its entire 17.62% interest in Modern Terminals Limited ("MTL") for a total consideration of HK\$2,900 million was accepted by two of the other shareholders of MTL pursuant to the provisions on pre-emption rights contained in its articles of association.

David Turnbull

Chairman
Hong Kong, 11th August 2005

Consolidated Profit and Loss Account

for the six months ended 30th June 2005 - unaudited

	Note	Six months ended 30th June		Year ended 31st December
		2005 HK\$M	2004 HK\$M (Restated)	2004 HK\$M (Restated)
Turnover	5	8,988	8,398	18,324
Cost of sales		(5,136)	(4,762)	(10,458)
Gross profit		3,852	3,636	7,866
Other income		954	586	654
Distribution costs		(1,087)	(968)	(2,035)
Administrative expenses		(527)	(503)	(988)
Other operating expenses		(109)	(87)	(253)
Change in fair value of investment properties		4,584	-	15,620
Operating profit	6	7,667	2,664	20,864
Finance charges		(389)	(688)	(999)
Finance income		15	16	33
Net finance charges	7	(374)	(672)	(966)
Share of profits less losses of jointly controlled companies		419	257	978
Share of profits less losses of associated companies		1,181	1,171	2,795
Profit before taxation		8,893	3,420	23,671
Taxation	8	1,152	205	3,462
Profit for the period		7,741	3,215	20,209
Attributable to:				
Company's shareholders		7,326	3,004	18,705
Minority interests		415	211	1,504
		7,741	3,215	20,209
Dividends				
Interim - proposed/paid		919	888	888
Final - proposed		-	-	2,174
		919	888	3,062
Earnings per share for profit attributable to Company's shareholders (basic and diluted)	9	HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
'A' shares		4.79	1.96	12.22
'B' shares		0.96	0.39	2.44
Dividends per share		2005 Interim HK\$	2004 Interim HK\$	2004 Final HK\$
'A' shares		0.600	0.580	1.420
'B' shares		0.120	0.116	0.284
				Total HK\$
				2.000
				0.400

Consolidated Balance Sheet

at 30th June 2005 - unaudited

	Note	30th June 2005 HK\$M	31st December 2004 HK\$M (Restated)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment		6,546	6,463
Investment properties		78,714	74,396
Leasehold land and land use rights		672	591
Intangible assets		18	-
Jointly controlled companies		3,619	3,809
Associated companies		19,157	18,336
Available-for-sale investments		446	299
Long-term receivables		25	14
Derivative financial instruments		32	-
Deferred expenditure		98	28
Deferred tax assets		23	15
Retirement benefit assets		160	163
		109,510	104,114
Current assets			
Properties for sale		985	874
Stocks and work in progress		1,317	1,236
Trade and other receivables	10	2,594	2,059
Derivative financial instruments		23	-
Short-term deposits and bank balances		1,257	1,500
		6,176	5,669
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	11	4,020	3,952
Provisions		1,534	2,228
Taxation		264	223
Derivative financial instruments		38	-
Bank overdrafts and short-term loans - unsecured		1,831	2,635
Long-term loans and bonds due within one year		1,048	11
		8,735	9,049
Net current liabilities		(2,559)	(3,380)
Total assets less current liabilities		106,951	100,734
Non-current liabilities			
Perpetual capital securities		4,644	4,639
Long-term loans and bonds		2,366	2,570
Derivative financial instruments		48	-
Deferred tax liabilities		8,951	8,034
Deferred liabilities		91	111
Retirement benefit liabilities		157	132
		16,257	15,486
NET ASSETS		90,694	85,248
Equity attributable to Company's shareholders			
Share capital		919	919
Reserves	12	83,832	78,238
		84,751	79,157
Minority interests		5,943	6,091
TOTAL EQUITY		90,694	85,248

