



WINTON HOLDINGS (BERMUDA) LIMITED

(Incorporated in Bermuda with limited liability)
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ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2001

ANNUAL RESULTS

The Board of Directors of Winton Holdings (Bermuda) Limited (the "Company") is pleased to announce that the audited consolidated results of the Company and its subsidiaries (together "the Group") for the year ended 31 December 2001 with comparative figures are as follows:

CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Notes	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Turnover	167,620	125,711
Cost of sales	(135,168)	(95,225)
GROSS PROFIT	32,452	30,486
Interest income	123,349	163,622
Other operating income	7,725	2,773
Operating expenses	(53,618)	(103,606)
PROFIT FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	109,908	93,275
Finance costs	(30,212)	(85,107)
Share of results of associates	(5,932)	(2,618)
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	73,764	5,550
Tax	(737)	(499)
PROFIT BEFORE MINORITY INTERESTS	73,027	5,051
Minority interests	10	(175)
NET PROFIT FROM ORDINARY ACTIVITIES ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	73,037	4,876
DIVIDENDS		
Convertible preference shares	(16,862)	(13,830)
Ordinary shares	(29,400)	-
	(46,262)	(13,830)
EARNINGS/(LOSS) PER SHARE		
Basic	13.4 cents	(2.1 cents)
Diluted	5.4 cents	N/A

Other than the net profit from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders for the year, the Group had no recognised gains or losses. Accordingly, a Consolidated Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses is not presented in the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Notes	31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Fixed assets	51,399	55,998
Investment properties	35,602	-
Interests in associates	-	5,932
Long-term loan instalment receivables	438,602	1,120,382
Deferred expenditure	257	2,532
	525,860	1,214,352
CURRENT ASSETS		
Loan instalment receivables	25,138	22,521
Loan receivables	14,534	26,550
Inventories	18,300	24,940
Trade receivables	19	502
Other receivables	114,008	131,804
Tax recoverable	2,281	3,804
Cash and cash equivalents	582,315	368,725
	756,595	578,846
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	1	10
Other payables and accruals	26,682	25,465
Interest-bearing bank loans and other loans	-	15,458
	26,683	40,933
NET CURRENT ASSETS	729,912	537,913
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,255,772	1,752,265
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Interest-bearing bank loans and other loans	200,000	749,414
Provision for long service payments	4,575	6,819
Deferred tax	9,690	10,690
	214,265	766,923
Minority interests	138	148
	214,403	767,071
	1,041,369	985,194
CAPITAL AND RESERVES		
Issued capital	134,400	134,400
Reserves	877,569	850,794
Proposed final dividend	29,400	-
	1,041,369	985,194

Other than the transfer of retained profit for the year to reserves, the Group had no other movement in equity. Accordingly, a statement of movement in equity is not presented in the financial statements.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Segment Information

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 segment as the secondary reporting format.

Business segments

The Group's operating businesses are organised and managed separately, according to the nature of products and services provided, with each segment representing a strategic business unit that offers different products and serves different markets:

- The taxi trading and related operations segment include trading of taxi cabs and taxi licences and leasing of taxis.
- Financing and related businesses include financing for licensed public vehicles such as taxis and public light buses.
- Other segments include general trading, automobile repairs and cargo handling transportation.

There are no material sales or other transactions between the business segments.

The following tables represent revenue and profit information regarding segments for the years ended 31 December 2001 and 2000.

	Financing and related businesses		Taxi trading and related operations		Others		Consolidated	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Segment revenue:								
Turnover	-	-	163,980	120,887	3,640	4,824	167,620	125,711
Interest income	123,349	163,622	-	-	-	-	123,349	163,622
Other operating income	-	-	2,775	2,168	4,950	605	7,725	2,773
Total revenue	123,349	163,622	166,755	123,055	8,590	5,429	298,694	292,106
Segment results	79,059	69,442	26,105	25,820	4,744	(1,987)	109,908	93,275
Finance costs					(30,212)	(85,107)		
Shares of result of associates					(5,932)	(2,618)		
Profit before tax					73,764	5,550		
Tax					(737)	(499)		
Profit before minority interests					73,027	5,051		
Minority interests					10	(175)		
Net profit from ordinary activities attributable to shareholders					73,037	4,876		

Turnover represents the net amounts received and receivable for goods supplied and services rendered, trading activities of taxi cabs and taxi licences, and leasing of taxis in Hong Kong.

Geographical segment

Over 90% of the Group's revenue and results are derived from operations carried out in Hong Kong.

2. Interest Income

Included in interest income were HK\$41,000 (2000: Nil) from the ultimate holding company, HK\$12,279,000 (2000: HK\$15,756,000) from fellow subsidiaries and nil amount (2000: HK\$961,000) from associates.

The interest income has been arrived at after netting off interest paid to co-financing banks under co-financing arrangements, as follows:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Other co-financing banks	50	2,452

3. Profit from Operating Activities

Profit from operating activities is arrived at

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
after charging :-		
Amortisation and write off of commission expenses	260	13,128
Staff costs:		
Salaries and related costs	7,697	8,800
Pension contributions	276	21
Auditors' remuneration	714	813
Depreciation	2,257	2,290
Provision against amount due from an associate	7,339	1,054
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	25,324	70,398
and after crediting :-		
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	35	30
Gross rental income less outgoing	3,181	2,567
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties	3,656	-

Salaries and related costs included operating lease rental on land and buildings paid to a fellow subsidiary of HK\$234,000 (2000: HK\$117,000).

4. Finance Costs

The finance costs represent the following:

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Interest expense on:		
Bank loans and overdrafts	1,124	11,746
Loans from fellow subsidiaries wholly repayable within five years	29,088	73,361
	30,212	85,107

5. Tax

Hong Kong profits tax has been provided at the rate of 16% (2000: 16%) on the estimated assessable profits arising in Hong Kong during the year.

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Group:		
Hong Kong	1,737	499
Deferred tax credit	(1,000)	-
Tax charge for the year	737	499

No Hong Kong or overseas profits tax has been provided for associates as the associates did not generate any assessable profits in Hong Kong and elsewhere during the year (2000: Nil).

6. Dividends

Convertible preference shares

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 Cents per convertible preference share	2000 Cents per convertible preference share
1st semi-annual	0.9050	0.5917
2nd semi-annual	0.9199	0.9050
	1.8249	1.4967

Subject to the Companies Act 1981 of Bermuda and the bye-laws of the Company, the holders of convertible preference shares are entitled to be paid dividends semi-annually at 5.5% per annum on the notional value of HK\$0.33 per convertible preference share in arrears on daily basis.

Ordinary shares

	Year ended 31 December	
	2001 Cents per ordinary share	2000 Cents per ordinary share
Proposed final dividends	7	-

No interim dividend of the Company was declared for the year (2000: Nil).

During the year, the Group adopted SSAP 9 (Revised) "Events after the balance sheet date".

7. Earnings/(Loss) Per Share

(a) Basic earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of earnings/(loss) per share is based on the net profit/(loss) attributable to shareholders (before the proposed dividends for ordinary shares but after payment of dividends on convertible preference shares which have been regarded as an expense) for the year of HK\$56,175,000 (2000: Loss of HK\$8,954,000) and 420,000,000 (2000: 420,000,000) ordinary shares in issue throughout the year.

(b) Diluted earnings/(loss) per share

The calculation of diluted earnings per share for the year ended 31 December 2001 is based on the net profit attributable to shareholders for the year of HK\$73,037,000. The weighted average number of ordinary shares used in the calculation is 420,000,000 ordinary shares in issue during the year and the 924,000,000 ordinary shares deemed converted at no consideration from the exercise of all convertible preference shares to ordinary shares during the year. Diluted loss per share for the year ended 31 December 2000 has not been shown as the convertible preference shares outstanding during the year had an anti-dilutive effect on the basic loss per share for the year.

8. Loan Instalment Receivables and Loan Receivables

Loan instalment receivables, which represent the amounts receivable from the Group's financing business in Hong Kong, are shown net of unearned interest. Amounts receivable within one year are shown under current assets.

As at 31 December 2001, no loan instalment receivables were pledged to secure banking facilities (2000: HK\$145,000,000).

The maturity profile of loan instalment receivables and loan receivables at the balance sheet date is analysed by the remaining periods to their contractual maturity dates as follows:

	31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Maturing:		
Within one year	46,159	49,071
One year to three years	48,342	85,694
Three years to five years	45,460	130,008
Over five years	376,612	948,949
Less:		
Provision	516,573	1,213,722
	38,299	44,269
	478,274	1,169,453

9. Trade Receivables

	31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Trade receivables	624	864
Less:		
Provision	605	362
	19	502

As the trade receivables are immaterial to the Group, the maturity profile thereof is not disclosed. The Group allows an average credit period of 90 days to its customers.

10. Cash and Cash Equivalents

	31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Cash and balances with banks and other financial institutions	3,325	4,616
Money at call and short notice	78,990	64,109
Placements with bank and financial institution	500,000	300,000
	582,315	368,725

Money at call and short notice includes fixed deposits placed with Public Bank of HK\$22,036,000 (2000: Nil).

Placements with banks and financial institutions are deposits placed with fellow subsidiaries, one of which is a bank.

11. Trade Payables

	31 December	
	2001 HK\$'000	2000 HK\$'000
Trade payables	1	10

As the trade payables are immaterial to the Group, the maturity profile thereof is not disclosed.