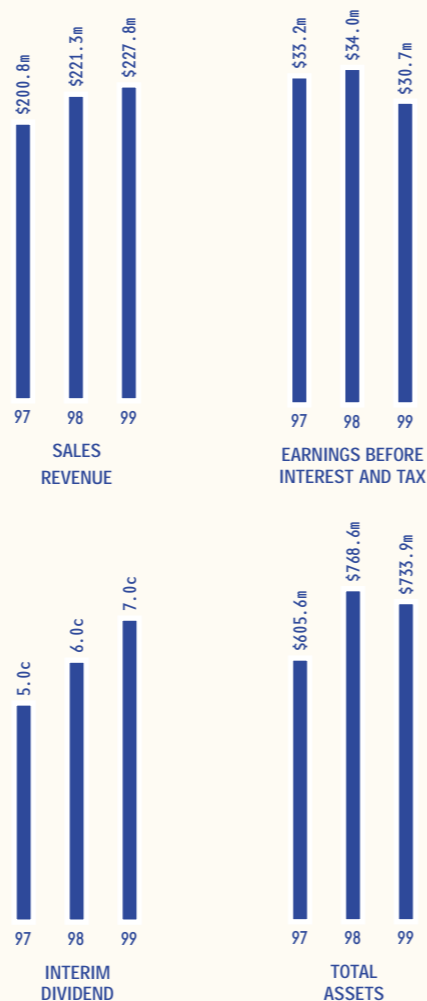


FINANCIAL RESULTS

Half year ended 31 December (\$ million unless indicated)	1999	1998	Change
Sales revenue	227.8	221.3	+2.9%
Earnings before interest and tax	30.7	33.7	-8.9%
Profit before abnormals and income tax	24.2	26.0	-6.9%
Abnormal items	2.7	-	+100.0%
Income tax expense	(6.9)	(6.6)	+4.5%
Operating profit after income tax	20.0	19.4	+3.1%
Loss on extraordinary items	(0.8)	(1.4)	+42.9%
Outside equity interests	0.1	(0.2)	-150.0%
Operating profit and extraordinary items after tax	19.3	17.8	+8.4%
Basic earnings per share (cents)	16.1	15.4	+4.5%
Interim dividend per ordinary share (cents)	7.0	6.0	+16.7%
Total assets	733.9	768.6	-4.5%
Borrowings net of cash	243.1	258.1	-5.8%



ENTERTAINMENT

Greater Union and Birch Carroll & Coyle Cinemas **New South Wales** Greater Union * Bass Hill Twin Drive-In * Blacktown Twin Drive-In * Campbelltown * Castle Hill * George Street Cinemas, Sydney * Glendale * Hurstville * Liverpool * Macquarie, North Ryde * Miranda * Mosman Cinemas * Tower Cinemas, Newcastle * Town Cinemas, Wollongong * Tuggerah * Birch Carroll & Coyle * Coffs Harbour * Lismore * ACT Greater Union * Capitol Cinemas, Manuka * Civic Cinemas, Canberra * South Australia Greater Union * Adelaide City * Arndale * Marion * Western Australia Greater Union * Innaloo * Joondalup * Morley * Whitford * Victoria Greater Union * Russell Cinemas, Melbourne * Queensland Greater Union * Albert Cinemas, Brisbane * Forum Cinemas, Brisbane * Birch Carroll & Coyle * Browns Plains * Cairns Central * Cairns City * Capalaba * Carindale * Coolangatta * Coral Twin Drive-In, Cairns * Indooroopilly * Ipswich * Mackay * Maroochydore * Mermaid * Morayfield * Pacific Fair * Robina * Rockhampton * Southport * Strathpine * Toombul * Toowoomba * Townsville * Northern Territory Birch Carroll & Coyle * Casuarina * Darwin City * Total sites 55 * Total screens 391 managed by GUO/BCC * 276 managed by others.

GUO/MAF Joint Venture Sites * United Arab Emirates Dubai (opening July 2000) * Ajman * Abu Dhabi (opening January 2001) * Total sites 3 * Total screens 17.

GUO/Kieft German Joint Venture Sites Ahrensburger Kinocenter * Augsburg Cinestar * Berlin Hellersdorf Cinestar * Berlin Potsdamer Platz * Berlin Tegel Cinestar * Berlin-Wildau * Bremen Kristallpalast * Chemnitz Luxor Cinestar * Chemnitz-Sud Cinestar * Crimmitschau Cinestar * Dortmund Cinestar * Erfurt Anger Filmpalast * Erlangen Cinestar * Fulda * Greifswald Cinestar * Gustrow * Hagen Cinestar * Hagen Metropolis * Hannover-Garbsen * Jena Cinestar * Lubeck Capitol * Lubeck Hoffnung * Lubeck Moderne Zeiten * Lubeck Stadthalle * Mainz Cinestar * Muhlhausen Central * Neubrandenburg * Neumunster * Nordhausen * Rostock Capitol * Rostock Cinestar Lutzen-Klein * Rostock Frieden * Rostock Hansa Filmpalast * Schwedt Cinestar * Siegen * Stade * Stralsund Sundlichtspiele * Waren * Weimar Haus Stadt * Wismar Cinestar * Wolfenbuttel Cinestar * Zwickau Astoria * Holland Enschede (opening July 2000) * Total sites 43 * Total screens 266.

GUO/Echo Polish Joint Venture Sites Femina, Warsaw * Total sites 1 * Total screens 4.

HOSPITALITY Rydges Hotels 25 locations - Australia, 5 locations - New Zealand, 1 location - UAE, 1 location - Thailand

Rydges Hotels and Resorts **New South Wales Sydney** Rydges Bankstown * Rydges Cronulla Beach * Rydges North Sydney * Rydges, Parramatta * The Wentworth - A Rydges Hotel * Coast/Country Greentree Inn Albury * Thredbo Alpine

Hotel * ACT Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra * Rydges Canberra * Rydges Resort Eagle Hawk Hill, Canberra * South Australia Rydges Melbourne * Rydges Riverwalk, Melbourne * Rydges Carlton, Melbourne * Tasmania Rydges Hobart * Queensland Rydges South Bank, Brisbane * Rydges Plaza, Cairns * Greentree Inn Lake Central, Cairns * The Allamanda, Palm Cove * Rydges Capricorn International Resort, Yeppoon * Rydges Oasis Resort, Caloundra * The Moroccan, Surfers Paradise * Imperial Surf, Surfers Paradise * Northern Territory Rydges Plaza, Darwin * Rydges Plaza, Alice Springs * Western Australia Rydges, Perth * New Zealand Rydges Auckland * Rydges Rotorua * Rydges Christchurch * Rydges Queenstown * Rydges New Plymouth * United Arab Emirates Rydges Plaza, Dubai * Thailand Rydges Royal Park Beach Resort Phuket.

Matilda Cruises **New South Wales** Darling Harbour, Sydney.

Featherdale Wildlife Park **New South Wales** Doonside, Sydney.

KOSCIUSKO THREDBO 1 location - Australia

Kosciusko Thredbo **New South Wales** Thredbo Alpine Resort.

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RESULTS

It has been a particularly pleasing half for the tourist-based businesses Rydges Hotels & Resorts and Kosciusko Thredbo. For Greater Union, the period was one of significant expansion within international markets.

Net profit after tax and before extraordinary items for the half year was \$20.1 million compared to \$19.2 million in the prior period. Taxation expense was \$6.9 million. After charging extraordinary items of \$0.8 million, AHL recorded a net profit after tax and extraordinary items of \$19.4 million compared to \$17.7 million in the prior period.

DIVIDEND

A fully franked interim dividend of 7 cents per share has been declared. This is a 1 cent increase on the 6 cents paid last year.

GREATER UNION CINEMA DIVISION

Greater Union Cinema Division experienced satisfactory growth for the half year with domestic box office up by 7.2% compared with the same period last year. Earnings were behind the prior year.

In the period under review, a total of 24 screens were added domestically at Ipswich, Castle Hill and Arndale. On the international front a total of 76 screens were added in Germany across ten sites. The first site in the Middle East at Ajman in the United Arab Emirates also commenced trading in early December. Earnings from international operations continue to be under pressure and are a continuing focus of management.

In the Technology Division, the local post-production market has impacted adversely on results for Atlab Laboratories and Dfilm. However, bulk release printing continues to be a strong contributor. Filmlab traded ahead of expectations.

During the six months under review, non core properties were divested and the Group remains committed to this process with further properties earmarked for sale in 2000.

**GREATER
UNION**

RYDGES HOTELS AND RESORTS

Rydges Hotels and Resorts achieved a growth in earnings of 8% over the previous corresponding period. Growth was achieved across all business segments including Matilda Cruises and Featherdale Wildlife Park.

Rydges secured its first hotel in Asia with a management agreement for the Royal Park Beach Resort in Phuket, Thailand. In Australia, Rydges took over management of the Oasis Resort at Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. Rydges also secured an affiliate agreement for the marketing of the Moroccan and Imperial Surf Resorts on the Gold Coast.



KOSCIUSKO THREDBO

Kosciusko Thredbo experienced a solid first half with earnings 16% ahead of the same period last year. Unfavourable conditions toward the end of the 1999 winter season affected lift revenue, however, solid yields in most trading areas and effective control of costs reduced these seasonal influences.

The Coronial Inquiry into the Alpine Way road collapse continued during the half year. Expenses of \$1.2 million were incurred in the half year. Such expenses related principally to legal expenses. It is anticipated that the Inquiry will conclude in the first half of 2000. Costs for the Coronial Inquiry and associated legal costs will continue to be treated as an extraordinary item.



OUTLOOK

The outlook for Greater Union is positive, with further screens being added in Australia, Germany and the Middle East in the second half, and a first site in The Netherlands opening in July 2000. The expansion in the international market will be restricted to existing committed sites and the focus will be to improve earnings from presently open and committed sites.

Rydges expects to continue to benefit from the build-up to the Olympic Games and from several new international management contracts. Good occupancy figures are expected to continue for the balance of the financial year.

In Kosciusko Thredbo, the continuing strong interest in summer activities provides a strong outlook for the second half.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan G Rydge'.

Alan G Rydge

Chairman