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Current Liab. ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '11-'13 Past 10 Yrs. to '17-'19 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Sales "Cash Flow" 10.0% 11.0% 8.0% 9.5% 5.5% 4.5% 7.5% 9.5% 8.5% Earnings Dividends 10.5% 9.0% 14.5% 7.0% Book Value

1774

54975

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6022 19670

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Other

Fiscal Year Begins	QUA Apr.30	RTERLY S Jul.31	ALES (\$ m Oct.31	nill.) A Jan.31	Full Fiscal Year
2011	104189	109366	110226	123169	446950
2012	113018	114296	113929	127919	469162
2013	114071	116829	115688	129706	476294
2014	115000	120500	120000	135500	491000
2015	122000	126300	125100	139600	513000
Fiscal Year	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B				Full
Begins	Apr.30	Jul.31	Oct.31	Jan.31	Fiscal Year
2011	.97	1.09	.99	1.44	4.45
2012	1.09	1.18	1.08	1.67	5.02
2013	1.14	1.24	1.14	1.60	5.11
2014	1.15	1.20	1.25	1.70	5.30
2015	1.30	1.42	1.32	1.81	5.85
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID = C F				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2010	.2725	.605	.3025		1.18
2011	.3025	.730	.365		1.40
2012	.365	.795	.3975	.3975	1.96
2013	.47	.47	.47	.47	1.88
2014	.48				

erating 3,288 supercenters (includes sizable grocery departments), 508 discount stores, 632 Sam's Clubs, and 407 Neighborhood Markets in the U.S., plus 6,107 foreign stores, mainly in Latin America, with the balance in Asia, Canada, and the U.K. as of 1/31/14. Total store space: 1.101 billion square feet. Retail space is largely

Wal-Mart has a new CEO. Doug McMillon succeeded Mike Duke on February 1, 2014. Mr. McMillon has had various leadership roles in Wal-Mart's hierarchy. We are encouraged by the change

Fiscal fourth quarter results were weak. Domestic same-store sales fell 40 basis points compared with a 50-basispoint gain in 2013's fourth quarter. Traffic fell 1.7%, while the average ticket increased 1.3%. The e-commerce business positively affected comp sales by approximately 30 basis points. Management cited severe winter weather conditions, a reduction in government food stamp benefits, and a shortened holiday season for the weak results. Comps are expected to be flat in the current quarter, on top of a 2.4% decline in the previous year.

Wal-Mart's historic track record of cutting costs may hit a bump in the road this year. Even with weakness in the U.S. and increased investment in store expansion and e-commerce, the company was still able to grow operating income faster than sales in the fiscal fourth quarter. Recently, management admitted that continued investment in those initia-

ter. Groceries accounted for 55% of U.S. sales; sales per square foot in 2012: about \$437. Has 2,200,000 employees. Off./dir. own 50.6% of shares (4/14 proxy). Chairman: S. Robson Walton. CEO and Pres.: Doug McMillon. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 702 S.W. 8th St., Bentonville, AR 72716. Tel.: 479-273-4000. Internet: www.walmart.com.

tives, as well as its everyday low-price strategy, may result in deleverage this year. It didn't reveal specific plans to improve its arguably understaffed shelfstocking and customer service workforce. Both questions have weighed on investors' minds in the recent past.

Wal-Mart remains focused on its small-format stores. Management mentioned that the "big basket trip" to its supercenters remains healthy, but the "stock-up trip" (i.e., everyday items like bread and milk) has declined recently. To help remedy this, it plans on adding 270 to 300 new small units this year, including 160 to 180 Neighborhood Markets, and 110 to 120 Walmart Express locations.

These shares are suitable for conservative investors. Although underlying demand trends could certainly be better, the worst is probably behind Wal-Mart for the near term. We like the small-format expansion strategy, and have confidence in Wal-Mart International's ability to transition emerging markets to the everyday low price strategy while still provide largely localized merchandise.

Kevin Downing May 2, 2014

(A) Fiscal year ends Jan. 31st of following calendar year. Sales exclude rentals from licensed depts. (B) Based on diluted shares. May not sum due to rounding. Excls. (losses)

Next earnings report due May 15th. (C) Divds historically paid in early Mar., May, Aug., and

and gains: '01, (\$0.01); '05, \$0.03; '08, (\$0.07); Dec.■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. '09, \$0.04; '10, \$0.40; '11, \$0.03; '13, (\$0.23). (D) In millions.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100

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