

the healthcare field. Has three business segments: Consumer (baby care, skin care, oral care, wound care, etc.), Pharmaceutical (antiinfective, antipsychotic, contraceptive, dermatology, gastrointestinal, etc.), and Medical Devices & Diagnostics (electrophysiol-Johnson & Johnson kicked off 2014 in

healthcare conglomerate's sales rose 4%,

to \$18.1 billion, which was slightly above

our target and about \$100 million higher

than the consensus estimate. Management

said that favorable internal growth of

greater than 5% was offset by currency

translation headwinds of less than 2%. Ad-

justed share earnings were \$1.54, a 7% im-

provement compared to the year-earlier

mark. (GAAP share profits were \$1.64.)

Value Line and most analysts on Wall

Street were looking for this figure to come

We have added a nickel to our 2014

share-net target. Overall, a very strong performance from the Pharmaceutical

group allowed J&J to make up for relative weakness in its Consumer and Medical

Device & Diagnostic (MD&D) segments.

This is a trend we expect to repeat in the

coming quarters, as Pharmaceutical sales

should continue advancing at a double-

digit pace while the Consumer and MD&D groups struggle to gain traction. Stock repurchases and ongoing investments in

and

fashion.

better-than-expected

than 1% of common stock; BlackRock, 5.7%; State Street, 5.7% (3/14 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: Alex Gorsky. Incorporated: NJ. Address: One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933. Telephone: 732-524-0400. Internet: www.jnj.com.

development efforts should also help. All

told, we now look for J&J to earn \$5.90 a

share, which is at the high end of the com-

pany's updated guidance (\$5.80-\$5.90).

J&J's board of directors increased the

quarterly dividend by 6%. (The next

quarterly dividend is payable on June 10th

to shareholders of record at the close of

business on May 27th.) Management said

that the company's strong financial posi-

tion and good business prospects made the

decision to raise the payout for a 52nd con-

secutive year an easy one. Investors

should be pleased with the 6% hike and resulting yield of 2.8%, even though we had

anticipated that the distribution would be

This blue chip is ranked unfavorably for Timeliness, and long-term capital

increased by 8%.

23840 Current Liab. 24262 25675 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '11-'13 Past 10 Yrs. 7.0% 8.5% 8.5% 5 Yrs. 3.0% 5.0% 4.5% of change (per sh) to '17-'19 5.5% 6.5% 6.5% 7.5% 9.5% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 11.5% 11.0%

46116

5831

4676

56407

6266 4852

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3949

13778

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

| Cal- endar | | | ALES (\$ m Sep.Per | ill.) ^A Dec.Per | Full Year |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 2011 | 16173 | 16597 | 16005 | 16255 | 65030 |
| 2012 | 16139 | 16475 | 17052 | 17558 | 67224 |
| 2013 | 17505 | 17877 | 17575 | 18355 | 71312 |
| 2014 | 18115 | 18685 | 18600 | 19300 | 74700 |
| 2015 | 18800 | 19400 | 19500 | 20100 | 77800 |
| Cal- | EARNINGS PER SHARE AB | | | | Full |
| endar | Mar.Per | Jun.Per | Sep.Per | Dec.Per | |
| 2011 | 1.35 | 1.28 | 1.24 | 1.13 | 5.00 |
| 2012 | 1.37 | 1.30 | 1.25 | 1.19 | 5.10 |
| 2013 | 1.44 | 1.48 | 1.36 | 1.24 | 5.52 |
| 2014 | 1.54 | 1.53 | 1.46 | 1.37 | 5.90 |
| 2015 | 1.59 | 1.62 | 1.57 | 1.52 | 6.30 |
| Cal- | QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C= | | | | Full |
| endar | Mar.31 | Jun.30 | Sep.30 | Dec.31 | Year |
| 2010 | .49 | .54 | .54 | .54 | 2.11 |
| 2011 | .54 | .57 | .57 | .57 | 2.25 |
| 2012 | .57 | .61 | .61 | .61 | 2.40 |
| 2013 | .61 | .66 | .66 | .66 | 2.59 |
| 2014 | .66 | .70 | | | |

(A) Years end on last the Sunday in December. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '98, 22¢; '99, 2¢; '01, d7¢; '02, d7¢; '03 d30¢; '04, d26¢; '05, d4¢; '06, d3¢; '07, d52¢; '09, © 2014 Value Line Publishing LLC. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.

d23¢; '10, 2¢; '11, d\$1.51; '12, d\$1.24¢; '13, d71¢. Next earnings report due late April.

margin-expansion

in at \$1.48

(C) Dividends historically paid: March, June, September, and December. ■ Dividend rein-

vestment plan available.
(D) Includes intangibles. In '12: \$51.2 billion, \$18.42 a share.

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(E) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

appreciation potential leaves a lot to **be desired.** That said, the stock price is up 9% since our last review, and has been steadily climbing for more than a year now. Too, our 2017-2019 estimates are probably on the safe side. Performance aside, conservative investors would be hard pressed to find a more stable issue.

Erik A. Antonson May 23, 2014

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