

Intel provided some good news regarding the J une period. Results are scheduled to be announced on J uly 15th. More specifically, the company believes the top line was about $\$ 13.7$ billion for the J une interim, which was markedly above its prior $\$ 13$ billion expectation. The main factor behind the optimism was increased personal computer demand from corporate customers. We feel this reflects an improving earnings environment, as the global economy continues to mend, albeit gradually. We regard this as noteworthy, as it has been quite some time since the industry leader has made a positive earnings preannouncement. The share price rallied considerably following this news.
As a result, we have boosted our earnings estimates for both this year and 2015. We now forecast revenues of $\$ 13.7$ billion and share earnings of $\$ 0.44$ for the J une quarter, which are sharp increases from our prior estimates of $\$ 12.95$ billion and $\$ 0.39$, respectively. The company has also boosted its gross margin assumption by a percentage point, to $64 \%$. For the full
year, we now expect earnings of $\$ 2.00$ a share, a $\$ 0.10$ hike from our view three
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mon shares; BlackRock, 5.9; The Vanguard Group $5 \%$ (414 proxy). Chair.: Andy Bryant. Pres.: Renee James. CEO: Brian Clara, CA 95054. Tele.: 408-765-8080. Internet: www.intc.com
months ago. What's more, as a result of the current higher revenue and earnings base, coupled with likely continued strong corporate demand for PCs, we have upped our estimates for next year to $\$ 55.2$ billion and $\$ 2.10$ per share, respectively. The operating margin is likely to improve, too, as fixed costs are spread over a higher revenue base.
Intel's earnings growth should be formidable over the next 3 to 5 years, especially coming off the flattish base since 2010. Personal computer demand has picked up steam recently, even though that segment is mature. Meanwhile, our projections might well prove to be on the conservative side should the chip giant make a splash going forward within the lucrative mobile communications market.
The timely blue chip offers solid total return potential for the 3 to 5 years ahead. Conservative accounts seeking a technology holding should take note, given the recent strongly performing stock's Highest Safety rank (1), good dividend yield (3.0\%), and the company's top-notch Financial Strength rating ( $\mathrm{A}+\mathrm{+}$ ).
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(B) Dividends historically paid in early March, (D) Excludes amortization of goodwill and other June, September, and December. - Dividend acquisition-related intangibles. reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adreinvestment plan ava

Company's Financial Strength
Stock's Price Stability
Price Growth Persistence

