

21052 20380 22851 **Current Assets** 17988 19033 21930 Accts Payable Debt Due 2713 6415 1969 6879 2117 6729 Other 27116 27881 30776 Current Liab.

Past Est'd '11-'13 ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. to '17-'19 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Revenues "Cash Flow" 17 5% 12.5% 10.5% 9.5% 9.5% 17.0% Earnings Dividends 17.0% 58.5% 10.5% 94.0% 10.0% 10.0% **Book Value** 23.0% 13.0%

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VENUES (Sep.30		Full Year
2011	25432	25234	25280	25916	101862
2012	27282	27265	27302	28769	110618
2013	30340	30408	30624	31117	122489
2014	31708	32574	32750	33068	130100
2015	34700	34800	34900	35100	139500
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHAREA				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	1.22	1.16	1.17	1.18	4.73
2012	1.31	1.27	1.50	1.20	5.28
2013	1.16	1.40	1.53	1.41	5.50
2014	1.10	1.42	1.53	1.55	5.60
2015	1.22	1.55	1.65	1.68	6.10
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2010		.155	.125	.125	.41
2011	.125	.1625	.1625	.1625	.61
2012	.1625	.212	.2125	.2125	.80
2013	.2125	.28	.28	.28	1.05
2014	28	375	375		

care benefits), OptumHealth, OptumInsight, and OPtumRx (information and technology based health services, consulting, and PBM). Acquired Oxford 7/04; PacifiCare Health Sys. 12/05; Sierra

Our 2014 earnings call for Dow-30 component UnitedHealth Group has been increased by a dime. After its strong June-quarter showing, we now look for the nation's largest health insurer to post share net of \$5.60 this year. Yes, the bottom line only climbed \$0.02 versus the year-earlier tally, but that is not an apples-to-apples comparisons due to the legislation put in front of the company be-ginning this year. Revenues bested ex-pectations by a noticeable margin on the strength of Medicaid and its Optum units. Too, membership gains were solid; 270,000 added during the three-month period.

Next year UnitedHealth will come off the sidelines with regard to the Affordable Care Act. When the sweeping reform first came into play, UNH was not its biggest supporter. It opened exchanges in only four states for this year. However, next year it has applied to offer coverage in several more states, including Florida and Texas. The new roster would increase the states that it is participating in sixfold. The growth opportunities could not be ignored according to management and UNH's variety of plans should make it imPresident and CEO: Stephen J. Helmsley. Incorporated: Minnesota. Address: 9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka, MN 55343. Telephone: 952-936-1300. Internet: www.unitedhealthgroup.com.

mediately competitive in any and all settings. Successes here lend a bit of potential upside to our \$6.10 EPS call for 2015.

The Optum business will continue to prosper, given the industry landscape. Recall, these units are UNH's IT-based services and consulting arms. With the backdrop of healthcare evolving like never before in our nation's history, the number of clients looking for these offerings is already rising rapidly and should continue to swell in the coming years. Top brass has set a very attainable goal of an 8% profit margin by 2016, and we see no reason why Optum cannot get there. When it does, its contributions to earnings will be sizable.

We think this blue chip is selling at a fair price in the current market. The stock is neutrally ranked for year-ahead relative performance, and its appreciation potential out to 2017-2019 leaves a little to be desired. Also, its dividend, though recently lifted by a sizable percentage, still does not merit investment consideration as a stand-alone trait (1.7% versus the Value

Line median of 2.0%). Erik M. Manning

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(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '98, (47¢); '99, 1¢; '00, 4¢; '07, (8¢); '08, (55¢). Next earnings report due mid-October.

(B) Quarterly dividend initiated 6/10. Dividends historically paid in late March, June, September, and December.

(D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits. (C) Includes intangibles. In '13, \$35.4 billion,

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 75 Price Growth Persistence 55 **Earnings Predictability** 95

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