

9188 last year to reward shareholders, includ-2565 2731 10421 ing the authorization of a new \$5.0 billion 3001 2973 11778 stock-repurchase program, and a 20% in-3155 3229 2702 crease to the quarterly dividend, to an an-3500 3770 14000 nualized rate of \$0.48 a share. EARNINGS PER SHARE ABF Full Fisca Jun.30 Sep.30 .31 .39 .39 1.55 .47 .47 1.90 .55

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Meanwhile, the electronic payments processor kicked off fiscal 2015 with solid first-quarter results. (Years end September 30th.) Revenues advanced 7.2% from the year-earlier figure, to \$3.38 billion, with each operating segment reporting healthy gains (more on that topic below). Even as the business continued to expand, Visa kept expenses in check; the operating margin widened 50 basis points, year over year, to a stellar 69.7%. The bottom-line effect was pronounced: Earnings jumped 15% from the prior-year tally, tions generated abroad now account for 59% of the total, a good-sized increase

from the not-so-distant past.

Neutrally ranked Visa stock offers something for most investors. Following its standout fiscal 2014, we expect the current year to be another record-setting campaign for the company, with revenues and share net likely advancing 10%-11% and 14%-15%, respectively. The equity had a good calendar 2014, rising about 30% in value and handily outpacing the broader market, but still holds aboveaverage total return potential to the end of this decade. Too, this Dow-30 stock maintains our Highest rating for Safety (1), and the company earns the top mark for Financial Strength (A++).

(A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30th. (B) Egs. based on adj. dil. class-A common shares May not sum due to rounding and/or change in outstanding. (D) Includes intangibles. As of charges: '07, \$2550 mill; '08, \$0.32; '12, (\$1.03). Next egs. rep. due in late April. (C) In Prior to '08, results are for Visa U.S.A. only. (F) justed to reflect 4-for-1 stock split on 3/19/15. © 2015 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

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Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 70 75 **Earnings Predictability** 100

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