

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-

than 1% of common stock; BlackRock, 6.1%; Vanguard, 5.9%; State Street, 5.7%. (4/15 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: Alex Gorsky. Inc.: NJ. Address: One Johnson & Johnson Plaza. New Brunswick. NJ 08933. Telephone: 732-524-0400. Internet: www.jnj.com.

25675 23836 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '11-'13 Past 5 Yrs. 3.0% 5.0% 4.5% 8.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '18-'20 7.0% 8.5% 8.5% 4.5% 5.0% 6.5% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 11.5% 11.0% 6.0% 8.0% 10.0%

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Cal- endar			ALES (\$ m Sep.Per	ill.) ^A Dec.Per	Full Year
2012	16139	16475	17052	17558	67224
2013	17505	17877	17575	18355	71312
2014	18115	19495	18467	18254	74331
2015	17374	17900	18000	18526	71800
2016	17900	18700	18900	19400	74900
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE AB Full				
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	
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	1.66	1.50	1.27	5.97
2015	1.53	1.65	1.54	1.38	6.10
2016	1.60	1.80	1.65	1.45	6.50
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	.54	.57	.57	.57	2.25
2012	.57	.61	.61	.61	2.40
2013	.61	.66	.66	.66	2.59
2014	.66	.70	.70	.70	2.76
2015	70	75			

Unfavorable currency translations are having an impact on Johnson & Johnson. As has been the case with other Dow-30 members, the strong U.S. dollar has been taking a toll on the healthcare and consumer packaged goods glomerate. In the first quarter, J&J's revenues fell 4%, though on a constant currency basis, worldwide sales rose 6%. For the full year, the top line will likely slip around 3%.

We have lowered our earnings es**timates.** Management has cut 2015 guidance \$0.08 a share. To reflect this, we've shaved a dime off our previous estimate of \$6.20. For 2016, we are not as pessimistic. By this year's final quarter, currency headwinds ought to moderate and yearover-year comparisons should start to improve. Thus, we are only reducing our share net forecast \$0.05, to \$6.50.

The Pharmaceutical operations are really standing out. Accounting for about 44% of total revenue, this sector is led by new products such as being OLYSIO/SOVRIAD, a combination treatment for hepatitis C; XARELTO, an anticoagulant; and a drug used to treat

prostate cancer called ZYTIGA. Even with a very poor showing by the infectious disease component, this group's March period sales rose 3% (10% in constant currency).

The news is mixed in J&J's two other **main businesses.** Excluding women's health and wound care, the Consumer division did reasonably well, as demand was strong for many of the company's well known over-the-counter medicines as well as skin care and baby products. The situation wasn't as positive in the Medical Devices & Diagnostics area as sales declined 4.6% (11.4% excluding currency translations). Most of the lost revenue was due to vision care, which may be ceding share in the contact lens market.

The Timeliness rank of this blue chip has moved up one notch to 3 (Aver age). The stock price has barely budged since our February report, with these shares continuing to trade in a relatively narrow range. Still, long-term, conservative investors willing to sacrifice some potential returns for a high degree of safety and a generous yield, may find this equity of interest.

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May 22, 2015

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(A) Years end on last the Sunuay in December (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: 99, 2¢; '01, d7¢; '02, d7¢; '03, d30¢; '04, d26¢; '04, d26¢; '04, d26¢; '07, d52¢: '09, d23¢; '10, 2¢; '05, d4¢; '06, d3¢; '07, d52¢; '09, d23¢; '10, 2¢;

'11, d\$1.51; '12, d\$1.24; '13, d71¢; '14, d27¢. Next earnings report due late July. (C) Dividends historically paid: March, June, September, and December. ■ Dividend rein-

vestment plan available. (D) Includes intangibles. In '14: \$48.4 billion, \$17.45 a share. (E) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

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

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