

20380 22556 27566 **Current Assets** 19033 21287 24768 Accts Payable Debt Due 1969 6879 1399 7937 2693 8280 Other 27881 30623 35741 Current Liab.

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '12-'14 Past 10 Yrs. to '18-'20 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Revenues "Cash Flow" 12.5% 11.5% 12.0% 12.0% 14.5% Earnings Dividends 14.0% 58.5% 13.0% 20.0% 105.0% 19.5% **Book Value** 12.5% 5.5%

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012	27282	27265	27302	28769	110618
2013	30340	30408	30624	31117	122489
2014	31708	32574	32759	33433	130474
2015	35756	36263	40110	42131	154260
2016	44200	44250	45000	45350	178800
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHAREA				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
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	1.63	1.55	5.70
2015	1.46	1.64	1.65	1.60	6.35
2016	1.73	1.87	1.88	1.87	7.35
Cal-	QUAF	TERLY DI	VIDENDS	PAID B	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2011	.125	.1625	.162	.1625	.61
2012	.162	5 .212	.212	5 .2125	.80
2013	.212	5 .28	.28	.28	1.05
2014	.28	.375	.375	.375	1.41
2015	.375	.50	.50		

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

UnitedHealth Group's page now reflects the completed purchase of Catamaran. While the majority of its peers are engulfed in M&A activity (see Aetna/Humana and Anthem/Cigna), UNH is choosing to maintain its leadership position by fleshing out a high-growth arena. Catamaran builds up the Rx division of the Optum arms. We think this strategy is as sound as could be. Bears fear opt-outs by pre-existing Catamaran customers will be elevated, but we disagree with that line of thinking. Cheaper alternatives are the only thing that would spark a mass exodus, and we simply do not see appealing options outside of UnitedHealth at this juncture. From an earnings standpoint, we look for no contribution in 2015 from this pact due to integration costs. Next year, however, Catamaran should pitch in with \$0.30 of earnings to the company as a whole. Coincidentally, we have lifted our 2016 bottom-line call by that exact amount, to \$7.35 a share.

Optum is no longer a hidden jewel in this portfolio. Upon UNH's inclusion into the Dow-30, the market began to take notice of its Information Technology, conStephen J. Hemsley; Pres./CFO: David S. Wichmann. Inc.: Minnesota. Address: 9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka, MN 55343. Tel.: 952-936-1300. Web: www.unitedhealthgroup.com.

sulting, and pharmacy benefits manager operations, commonly referred to as Optum. We have been trumpeting not only the results, but the explosive potential of this business for much longer. These entities give United a sizable leg up on its competition and warrant that this stock trade at a premium versus the rest of the industry, in our view. In fact, the buzz around Optum has grown to levels where spinout talk is becoming par for the course. Eventually, we think management will put more thought/planning into this possibility. For now, all parties seem content on UNH as currently constructed.

Our forward-looking dividend calls are slightly ahead of consensus, because we think a 30% payout will be maintained out to 2018-2020. Cash is on the rise, and cash flow generation is ramping up, which should lead to a growing, well-supported dividend stream for years to come

These high-quality shares remain a strong play for momentum accounts. UNH is a powerhouse, and its muscles do not yet appear to be fully flexed. Erik M. Manning September 11, 2015

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '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 split.

(C) Includes intangibles. In '14, \$36.6 billion, \$38.38/share.

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