

180 countries around the world. Has five reportable segments: Beauty/Hair/Personal care (24% of fiscal 2015 sales); Grooming (10%); Health Care (10%); Fabric Care & Home Care (29%); Baby, Feminine & Family Care (27%). International operations accounted

Officer & directors own less than 1% of common stock (8/15 proxy). Chairman, President & CEO: A. G. Lafley. Incorporated: Ohio. Address: One Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Telephone: 513-983-1100. Internet: www.pg.com.

29790 33726 Past Est'd '13-'15 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 5 Yrs. 1.5% 2.0% 2.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '19-'21 4.0% 5.5% 6.0% 1.0% 5.0% 6.5% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 10.0% 15.0% 5.0% 5.0%

7786

29646

12021

8257

9512

36347

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**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Fiscal Year Ends	QUA Sep.30	RTERLY S Dec.31	ALES (\$ m Mar.31	nill.) A Jun.30	Full Fiscal Year
2013	20739	22175	20598	20655	84167
2014	20830	21897	20178	20157	83062
2015	20186	20161	18142	17790	76279
2016	16527	16915	15830	15828	65100
2017	16850	17075	17175	16225	67325
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				_Full .
Year Ends	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Fiscal Year
2013	1.06	1.22	.99	.79	4.05
2014	1.05	1.20	1.02	.95	4.22
2015	1.04	1.06	.92	1.00	4.02
2016	.98	1.04	.90	1.08	4.00
2017	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.10	4.15
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012	.525	.562	.562	.562	2.21
2013	.562	.602	.602	.602	2.37
2014	.602	.644	.644	.644	2.53
2015	.644	.663	.663	.663	2.63
2016	663				

Procter & Gamble will probably register sluggish comparisons in fiscal 2016. (Year ends June 30th.) Over the past few years, the consumer goods con-glomerate was hard hit by a difficult operating environment. Too, the strength of the U.S. dollar has eroded much of the gains from overseas markets. And in the second quarter, the top and bottom lines slipped 9% and 2%, respectively. All told, we think revenues will fall nearly 15% in fiscal 2016. Still, management's efforts (discussed below) should bolster margins, helping share net come in flat for the year. The company has been pruning its portfolio. In late February, P&G completed the transfer of Duracell to Berkshire Hathaway. Procter contributed \$1.8 billion in cash to its battery business in a pretransaction recapitalization in exchange for Berkshire Hathaway's 52 million shares of PG stock. And soon after, P&G announced that it would be divesting the Hipoglos diaper rash cream brand in Brazil to Johnson & Johnson. The terms of the deal have not been disclosed, but we expect the sale to close in the next four to six months. Further, P&G plans to close

the sale of its beauty business in the second half of calendar 2016. All told, the company will probably use the proceeds from these divestitures to strategically invest in its remaining brands.

Management's moves ought to help brighten the long-term horizon. Indeed, P&G's emphasis on productivity improvements has generated about \$7 billion in cumulative savings over the past five years. Moreover, efforts to increase supplychain management, and strengthen its manufacturing centers and distribution channels (including its e-commerce platform) ought to be accretive to profits further down the road. Plus, branding initiatives and stronger media reach, coupled with global growth efforts, should help PG capture additional market share.

These shares are neutrally ranked for year-ahead price performance. And PG is already trading near the low end of our projected 2019-2021 Target Price Range. Still, this issue does boast conservative appeal. Its strong finances and perfect scores for Financial Strength (A++) and Price Stability give it some investment luster.

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(A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '00, (24¢); '01, (53¢); '02, (25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (12¢); '09, (64¢); '10, 58¢; '11, (61¢); '12, (73¢); '13, Aug., and Nov. ■ DRIP available. (D) Includes intermediate inte

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