

solutions that are connected, responsive, and predictive. Products/services range from aircraft engines to power generation to oil/gas equip. to medical imaging, etc. Its GE Capital finance arm remains in the process of being divested (GE Capital Exit Plan). It

less than 1% of common stock; BlackRock and Vanguard, 5.0% (3/16 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: Jeffrey Immelt. Inc.: NY. Address: 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06828. (Planned move to Boston forthcoming). Tel.: 203-373-2211. Internet: www.ge.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '12-'14 Past 10 Yrs. 0.5% 1.5% 0.5% 5 Yrs. -2.5% -1.0% -1.0% of change (per sh) to '19-'21 3.5% 6.0% 9.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 0.5% 4.5%

422303

16471

77890 82087

176448

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

412952

16338 71789 27536

115663

170827

72110 52975

23597

148682

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY REV Jun.30	/ENUES (\$ Sep.30	mill.) F Dec.31	Full Year
2013	34815	35123	35725	40382	146045
2014	34178	36233	36174	42004	148589
2015	29356	32754	31680	33893	127683
2016	28240	32010	32000	35050	127300
2017	28100	31885	31875	34890	126750
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE B				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2013	.39	.36	.36	.53	1.64
2014	.33	.39	.38	.56	1.65
2015	.20	.31	.29	.52	1.32
2016	.20	.30	.40	.60	1.50
2017	.26	.35	.47	.67	1.75
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012	.17	.17	.17	.17	.68
2013	.19	.19	.19	.19	.76
2014	.22	.22	.22	.22	.88
2015	.23	.23	.23	.23	.92
2016	.23				

General Electric's leadership is executing well on the GE Capital Exit **Plan.** Recall, the strategy was to perform some \$200 billion in finance-related divestitures over the course of 2015 and 2016 to unwind the segment that brought so much heat on the company during the financial crisis of 2008. Already, more than \$160 billion in pacts have been signed, sealed, and delivered, and another deal to eliminate a \$1.4 billion loan portfolio tied to a hotel franchising business is in the works. Management is way ahead of its laid-out time line, and GE's move to get back to its industrial roots is nearing completion. Wall Street is well aware of the recent success this blue chip has had in selling assets, and the stock is finally gaining some price traction north of the \$30 mark and generating positive press after an elongated period of being rangebound. The company has officially requested

to have its SIFI designation removed. Only three nonbank entities remain entangled in the government's "too big to fail" net. MetLife had previously been the fourth, but it recently filed and was approved to peel off that label. Now, GE has

begun the process. All signs point to a successful removal, though most pundits say a decision will not be rendered until the aforementioned latest deal closes, which we currently have pegged for late summer. No longer being under the SIFI umbrella will result in greater financial flexibility and an increased ability to buy back shares and boost the dividend.

Investors need to focus on the industrial portion of the portfolio to gauge performance. With GE Capital now a tertiary subsidiary, the company is on pace to be generating 90% of its profits from industrial operations by the end of 2017. Quarterly results are still important to see how the overall portfolio is doing, but these numbers will continue to be riddled with moving parts, expenses, one-time charges, and the like. The mix is still evolving, but operations are headed soundly in the right direction.

The income-minded have a solid selection with these neutrally ranked shares. And we expect the payout to rise handsomely out to 2019-2021, especially after the company loses SIFI designation. Erik M. Manning April 15, 2016

(A) Operating margin includes all expenses except interest, depr., and taxes. (B) Diluted EPS. Excludes nonrecuring/discontinued items: '02, 10¢; '05, (18¢); '06, 1¢; '07, (3¢);

ary, April, July, and October. ■ DRIP available.

'08, (6¢); '09, (2¢); '10, (9¢); '11, (7¢). Quarter-ly EPS may not sum due to rounding. Next egs. report due April 22nd. **(C)** Divs. paid late Janunot sum, as reported.

(D) Includes intangibles. In '15: \$82.3 billion, \$8.82/share. **(E)** In millions. **(F)** Revenues may not sum, as reported.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 85 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**