

15345 8032 32401 Past Est'd '14-'16 to '19-'21 2.5% 7.0% 9.0%

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Past

10 Yrs.

2.5% 4.5% 4.5%

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Full Fiscal Year **Fiscal** QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A Year Ends Sep.30 Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 20739 22175 20598 20655 84167 2013 20178 21897 20157 83062 2014 20830 2015 20186 20161 18142 76279 17790 2016 16915 65299 16527 15755 16102 16020 65800 2017 16518 16975 16287 Full Fiscal Year **EARNINGS PER SHARE AB** Year Ends Sep.30 Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 2013 1.06 1.22 .79 4.05 1.05 1.20 1.02 .95 4.22 2014 2015 1.04 1.06 92 1.00 4.02 .86 .98 1.04 3.67 2016 .79 2017 1.03 .82 3.85 1.05 .95 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C= Cal-Full

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

ANNUAL RATES

of change (per sh)

Sales "Cash Flow"

Dividends Book Value

Earnings

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Mar.31

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2014 .602 .644 .644 644 2.53 .663 2015 .644 .663 .663 2.63 2016 663 .67 .67 (A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted core earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '00, (24¢); '01, (53¢); '02, (25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (12¢); '09, (64¢); '10, 58¢; '11, (61¢); '12,

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to its slimmed-down portfolio. In the last few months, P&G exited the battery business and sold its Beauty brands. Moving forward, it will likely continue to rely on productivity improvements and cutting measures to offset headwinds from

Beauty/Hair/Personal care (18% of fiscal 2016 sales); Grooming (11%); Health Care (11%); Fabric Care & Home Care (32%); Baby, Feminine & Family Care (28%). International sales accounted for

Procter & Gamble's bottom should begin to rebound this year. The company began fiscal 2017 on a betterthan-expected note (year began July 1st). Even though revenues made very little progress in the September quarter, share earnings increased 5% year to year. And we expect a similar pattern for the full year. Indeed, the unfavorable foreign currency exchange environment, lost sales from its Venezuelan subsidiary, recent divestitures and management's outlook for a "relatively slow growth volatile world" will likely hinder top-line growth in the near term. Nevertheless, P&G's ongoing restructuring efforts and business investments should widen margins and spur profitability in the coming months. Thus, we look for the bottom line to recover about 5% for the full year.

Management has been hard at work.

The company will likely focus on adjusting

input expenses and currency translation rates. What's more. P&G will likely try to widen its foot-

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print. Brand-building efforts ought to remain a key priority. And it will probably invest in research & development and product innovation to maintain its market position. Too, the company will likely ramp up its marketing campaign to help gain shelf space.

The company has been increasing

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shareholder returns. The board of directors will probably continue to allocate resources to buying back shares or to increase the quarterly payout. Indeed, this equity's current dividend yield is comfortably above the Value Line median.

These shares offer good, conservative appeal. The blue chip earns our Highest scores for Safety (1) and Financial Strength (A++). Further, the company's defensive characteristics will likely tempt investors seeking more-stable equities. But even though the issue is favorably ranked for the year ahead, much of the good news we foresee over the long haul is already baked into the recent quotation. Orly Šeidman December 23, 2016

(73¢); '13, d19¢; '14, d21¢. EPS may not sum. Next earnings report due late January. (C) Dividends historically paid in Feb., May,

cost-

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

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