

| (\$MILL.) |  | 2016 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash Assets | 11612 | 13348 | 15941 |
| Receivables | 4861 | 4373 | 4713 |
| Inventory (FIFO) | 5454 | 4716 | 4999 |
| Other | 7719 | 11345 | 9518 |
| Current Assets | $\underline{29646}$ | $\frac{33782}{}$ | 35171 |
| Accts Payable | 8257 | 9325 | 9024 |
| Debt Due | 12021 | 11653 | 15345 |
| Other | 9512 | 9792 | 8032 |
| Current Liab. | $\underline{29790}$ | $\underline{30770}$ | 32401 |


| ANNUAL RATES <br> of change (per sh) <br> Sales <br> "Cash Flow" <br> Earnings <br> Dividends <br> Book Value |  | Past Past Est'd '14-'16 <br> 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '19'21 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 10 \text { Yrs. } \\ 2.5 \% \end{gathered}$ |  | 5\% | \% 2.5\% |
|  |  | 4.5\% |  | 0\% |  |
|  |  | 4.5\% |  | 9.0\% |  |
|  |  | 9.5\% |  | 5\% | 5.0\% |
|  |  | 8.0\% |  | 4.0\% |  |
| Fiscal Year Ends | QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  |  |  | Full Fiscal Year |
|  | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 |  |
| 2013 | 20739 | 22175 | 20598 | 20655 | 84167 |
| 2014 | 20830 | 21897 | 20178 | 20157 | 83062 |
| 2015 | 20186 | 20161 | 18142 | 17790 | 76279 |
| 2016 | 16527 | 16915 | 15755 | 16102 | 65299 |
| 2017 | 16518 | 16975 | 16020 | 16287 | 65800 |
| Fisca Year Ends | EARNINGS PER SHARE AB |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Full } \\ & \text { Fiscal } \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 |  |
| 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 | . 86 | . 79 | 3.67 |
| 2017 | 1.03 | 1.05 | . 95 | . 82 | 3.85 |
| Calendar | QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID Cı |  |  |  | Full Year |
|  | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 |  |
| 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 | 67 | 67 | 67 |  |

> BUSINESS: The Procter \& Gamble Company makes branded consumer packaged goods, which are marketed and sold in more than 180 countries around the world. Has five reportable segments: 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
> $59 \%$ of fiscal 2016 sales and Wal-Mart Stores accounted for 15\%. Div. battery business in $2 / 16$. Has 105,000 employees. Off. \& dir. own less than $1 \%$ of stock; BlackRock, $5.8 \%$; Vanguard, $6.3 \%$ (8/16 proxy). Chairman: A. G. Lafley. President/CEO: David S. Taylor. Inc.: Ohio. Address: 1 Procter \& Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Tel.: 513-983-1100. Internet: www.pg.com.

Procter \& Gamble's bottom line should begin to rebound this year. The company began fiscal 2017 on a better-than-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 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 costcutting measures to offset headwinds from

## input expenses and currency translation

 rates. What's more,P\&G will likely try to widen its footprint. 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 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 ( $\mathrm{A}++$ ). 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 Seidman

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[^0]:    (A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted (73¢); 13, d19¢; '14, d21c. EPS may not sum. intangibles. In '15: $\$ 74.1$ bill., $\$ 27.30$ a share. core earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '00, Next earnings report due late January.
    (E) In millions, adjusted for split (24¢); '01, (53¢); '02, (25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (C) Dividends historically paid in Feb., May, (12¢); '09, (64¢); '10, 58¢; '11, (61¢); '12, Aug., and Nov. ■ DRIP available. (D) Includes

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    Price Growth Persistence
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