

the healthcare field. Has three business segments: Consumer (baby care, skin care, oral care, wound care, etc.), Pharmaceutical (antiinfective, antipsychotic, contraceptive, dermatology, gastrointestinal, etc.), and Medical Devices & Diagnostics (electrophysiol-Johnson & Johnson has made a \$30

billion bid for Actelion Ltd. The all-

cash offer for the Switzerland-based

biotechnology company works out to about

a 23% premium over Actelion's prean-

nouncement closing price. As part of the

transaction, Actelion will spin off its drug

discovery operations and early-stage clini-

standalone company, which would be called R&D NewCo. Holders of Actelion

would receive shares in the new entity. JNJ would start with a 16% stake in the

spinoff, and have the option to increase

What's the attraction for Johnson &

Johnson? The Swiss company will pro-

into a

new

cal development assets

this percentage to 32%.

.1% of common stock; BlackRock, 6.3%; Vanguard Group, 6.3%; State Street, 5.4%. (3/16 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: Alex Gorsky. Inc.: NJ. Address: One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ 08933. Telephone: 732-524-0400. Internet: www.jnj.com.

27747 23230 Past Est'd '13-'15 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 5 Yrs. 2.5% 4.0% 3.5% 7.5% 7.0% 10 Yrs. 5.0% 6.5% 6.0% of change (per sh) to '20-'22 6.0% 7.5% 8.5% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 9.5% 9.0% 8.5% 8.0%

59311

7633

13814

25085

60210

6668 7004

14075

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

2600

63319

597

13816

3443

Cal- endar			ALES (\$ m Sep.Per	ill.) ^A Dec.Per	Full Year
2014	18115	19495	18467	18254	74331
2015	17374	17787	17102	17811	70074
2016	17482	18482	17820	18106	71890
2017	18000	19000	18450	19000	74450
2018	18775	19700	19175	19600	77250
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	
2014	1.64	1.51	1.66	.89	5.70
2015	1.53	1.60	1.20	1.15	5.48
2016	1.54	1.48	1.53	1.38	5.93
2017	1.68	1.70	1.70	1.52	6.60
2018	1.80	1.85	1.85	1.65	7.15
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.61	.66	.66	.66	2.59
2014	.66	.70	.70	.70	2.76
2015	.70	.75	.75	.75	2.95
2016	.75	.80	.80	.80	3.15
2017	1				

d\$1.51; '12, d\$1.24; '13, d71¢. GAAP as of 2015. Next earnings report due late April. (C) Dividends historically paid: March, June,

vide JNJ access to its high-margined offerings that treat rare diseases. The acquisition would also allow the company to widen its portfolio of leading medicines and promising late-stage drugs. The deal was approved by the boards of both companies, but Actelion shareholders must still agree to the purchase. JNJ must acquire at least 67% of the outstanding equity for the deal to be finalized. Regulatory approval is also required. To gain control of Actelion, JNJ

has had to offer to pay a high 30 times Actelion's estimated earnings in 2018. Management apparently believes that the price was appropriate because Actelion will diversify its exiting portfolio, which while strong, is facing pressure from some lowcost alternatives. JNJ believes that the acquisition will be immediately accretive to its earnings. Finally, the \$30 billion payout will not have a major impact on the company's impressive balance sheet.

Meanwhile, the company's guidance for 2017 was lowered. Management's estimates for both revenues and adjusted share earnings have been reduced by \$600 million and \$0.10 a share, respectively. All told, we think JNJ's earnings per share will come in at \$6.60 and \$7.15 in 2017 and 2018. (Our earnings presentation does not include the proposed merger.)

high-yielding These shares neutrally ranked. The price of JNJ stock has declined recently, while the market indices have advanced nicely. As a result, its total return prospects through 2020-2022 are attractive. Hence, patient investors might find this blue chip of interest.

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vestment plan available.
(D) Includes intangibles. On 10/2/16: \$50.8 billion, \$18.67 a share. (E) In millions.

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

(A) Years end on the last Sunday in December. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '01, d7¢; '02, d7¢; '03, d30¢; '04, d26¢; '05, d4¢; '06, d3¢; '07, d52¢; '09, d23¢; '10, 2¢; '11, September, and December. ■ Dividend rein-© 2017 Value Line, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.