

Daily refinery input, 1.7 million barrels (-1% vs. '15). Daily sales of refinery products, 2.7 million barrels (-2% vs. '15). Reserves at 12/31/15: 11.2 billion barrels of oil equivalent, 56% liquids, 44%

6.0%; State Street, 5.8% (4/16 proxy). Chairman and CEO: John S. Watson. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 6001 Bollinger Canyon Rd., San Ramon, CA 94583. Tel.: 925-842-1000. Internet:www.chevron.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '13-'15 5 Yrs. of change (per sh) to '20-'22 -1.0% 3.0% -2.0% -.5% 4.0% 3.0% 3.5% 8.0% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 4 0% 10.0% 14.0% 9.0% 11.5%

Current Liab.

19000

31926

13516

4928

8020

26464

12205

24744

6057

Cal- endar	QUA Mar.31	RTERLY S Jun.30	ALES (\$ m Sep.30		Full Year
2014	53265	57938	54679	46088	211970
2015	34558	40357	34315	29247	138477
2016	23553	29282	30140	31497	114472
2017	32500	33000	34500	35000	135000
2018	35000	35500	37000	37500	145000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	2.36	2.98	2.95	1.85	10.14
2015	1.37	.30	1.09	d.31	2.45
2016	d.39	d.78	.68	.22	d.27
2017	.90	.95	1.05	1.10	4.00
2018	1.25	1.50	1.55	1.65	5.95
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.90	1.00	1.00	1.00	3.90
2014	1.00	1.07	1.07	1.07	4.21
2015	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.07	4.28
2016	1.07	1.07	1.07	1.08	4.29
2017					
1	l				ľ

Chevron should enjoy moderate production growth in 2017. Increased domestic drilling and the completion of two projects in Australia could pave the way for a 3%-6% increase in combined oil and gas production, after asset sales. And given the likelihood of higher average annual oil prices, the extra barrels should help lift earnings per share to around \$4.00, That would be a significant turnaround from the \$0.27-a-share loss in 2016. Note: We are assuming stable oil prices in the mid-\$50-a-barrel range will allow the refining segment to pass along the higher cost of crude, year over year.

Further volume gains are quite likely in 2018. The full ramp-up of one of the LNG projects in Australia is set for next year, while the other should be close to full capacity. Meantime, Chevron is stepping up operations in the Permian Basin of West Texas, where it holds a major position. All told, 2018 is shaping up as another good year of production growth, perhaps in the 5%-7% range. Assuming oil quotations perk up a bit more, profits have the potential to reach close to \$6.00 next year. The strategy is to spend less and focus on shorter-duration projects. Specifically, that means concentrating on developing assets in the Permian Basin, where Chevron plans to add a rig every couple of months. Importantly, the expansion is tied to the strength of oil prices. Out to 2020-2022, our projection is for \$9.75 a share in profits, based on modestly rising production and oil reaching \$60 a barrel.

The company is in a good spot, terms of spending requirements. The near-completion of upfront expenditures for the LNG projects is a plus for cash flow, as is the bounce in oil prices. An estimated \$5 billion in asset sales should also help cash balances and allow Chevron to keep debt as a percentage of capital close to current levels, too.

These top-quality shares are timely (Rank: 2) and can be held long term. The stock's good 3- to 5-year risk-adjusted total return potential ought to appeal to conservative investors in particular, given its high Safety rank. For the incomeminded, we note that the pace of dividend growth should quicken as the oil market recovery gains further traction.

Robert Mitkowski March 3, 2017

(A) Based on diluted shares. Includes non-recurring loss of \$1.41 in '01. Next earnings report due late April. (B) Dividends historically paid on or about 10th of March, June, September, and December. • Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adj. for stock split.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 80 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 15