

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

(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.

29790 30770 28891 Current Liab. Past Est'd '14-'16 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 5 Yrs. -.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '20-'22 2.5% 4.5% 4.5% 2.5% 6.0% 7.5% Sales "Cash Flow" 1.0% 1.5% 7.5% 1.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 9.5% 8.0% 6.5% 2.0%

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Fiscal Year Ends	QUA Sep.30	RTERLY S Dec.31	ALES (\$ m Mar.31	nill.) A Jun.30	Full Fiscal Year
2014	20830	21897	20178	20157	83062
2015	20186	20161	18142	17790	76279
2016	16527	16915	15755	16102	65299
2017	16518	16856	15725	16051	65150
2018	16600	16875	16000	17025	66500
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				_Full .
Year Ends	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Fiscal Year
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	1.08	.94	.80	3.85
2018	1.05	1.10	1.00	1.00	4.15
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
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	2.67
2017	67				

Procter & Gamble's earnings ought to **begin to rebound in fiscal 2017.** (Fiscal year ends June 30th.) The company got off to a strong start this year, and share net increased roughly 4% during the first six months of fiscal 2017. Much of its recent progress was spurred by management's efforts (discussed below). Revenues, on the other hand, limped along during the first half. P&G continued to face headwinds from unfavorable currency exchange rates and tough operating environment. We imagine a similar story will unfold for the full year. As a result, we look for the bottom line to rebound 5%, while the top line remains virtually flat. And share earnings will likely climb another 5%-10%, on a 2% revenue advance next year.

Margin improvements have been a **key priority of late.** The company has made several divestitures over the last couple of years, and most recently sold its beauty brands to Coty. We think these as-set sales will enable P&G to focus on its core operating segments. Meanwhile, management has been implementing supplychain improvements to increase the productivity of its operations. Likewise, careful

cost controls have also helped bolster profitability.

P&G ought to expand its market The company has also been reach. strengthening its distribution network, to offset sagging sales. Too, it may ramp up its advertising campaign as part of brandbuilding efforts. Likewise, P&G will likely turn to product development and technological innovation to enhance its roster. All told, we look for organic sales to make decent progress in the near term, even though much of this will be negated by the currency drag.

These shares are fairly valued at this juncture. This issue has trended upward nicely over the past few months and is favorably ranked for year-ahead price per-formance. But it is already trading within our 2020-2022 Target Price Range, thereby limiting its long-term appreciation potential. That said, this blue chip offers good conservative appeal. And its tendency to trade within a narrow band, perfect score for Price Stability, and worthwhile dividend yield add to its risk-adjusted total return prospects. Orly Seidman March 24, 2017

(ore earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '01, ings report due late April. (53¢); '02, (25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (12¢); '09, (C) Dividends historically paid in Feb., May, (64¢); '10, 58¢; '11, (61¢); '12, (73¢); '13, Aug., and Nov. • DRIP available. (D) Includes

(A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted d19¢; '14, d21¢. EPS may not sum. Next earn-core earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '01, lings report due late April. (E) In millions, adjusted for split.

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