

billion) the world's largest manufacturer and servicer of elevators and escalators; UTC Climate (\$16.9 billion) makes heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment; UTC Aerospace 11.8%; Vanguard, 6.5%; BlackRock, 5.4% (3/17 proxy). Employees: 201,600. CEO: Gregory J. Hayes. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 1 Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06101. Tel.: 860-728-7000. Web: www.utc.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '14-'16 Past 10 Yrs. 5.0% 8.0% 7.5% 5 Yrs. 3.0% 7.5% 6.5% of change (per sh) to '20-'22 5.5% 7.0% 7.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings 11.5% 8.0% Dividends Book Value 8.0% 8.0%

29758

6967

14006

22895

1922

26706

6875

1105

14638

22618

28550

7483 2204

12219

21906

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30		\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2014	14745	17191	16168	16996	65100
2015	13320	14690	13788	14300	56098
2016	13357	14874	14354	14659	57244
2017	13480	15170	14800	15310	58760
2018	14210	15875	15525	16000	61610
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE A				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2014	1.32	1.84	2.04	1.62	6.82
2015	1.58	1.73	1.61	1.37	6.29
2016	1.47	1.82	1.76	1.56	6.61
2017	1.40	1.75	1.70	1.70	6.55
2018	1.50	1.85	1.85	1.80	7.00
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B■				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2013	.535	.535	.535	.59	2.20
2014	.59	.59	.59	.59	2.36
2015	.64	.64	.64	.64	2.56
2016	.64	.66	.66	.66	2.62
2017	66				

United Technologies 2017 earnings will probably come in down a few cents from last year's tally. Capital spending to get new aircraft programs off the ground has been sizable. UTX makes numerous parts on these vessels, and the initial spend is upfront and takes a toll on margins during the early stages. Boeing and Airbus are two huge customers with new models in the pipeline, and the windfall that could come into United's aerospace branches is worth some nearterm crimps to the bottom line. The same can be said for other industrial components, like the Otis division, which has had large capital outlays to remedy market coverage problems. In a similar vein, this funding should be recouped down the line and factors into our earnings growth trajectory that should peak around \$10.25 out to 2020-2022. For the current year, however, our EPS call is actually being trimmed by a nickel, to \$6.55 a share.

In a recent interview, CEO Gregory Hayes spoke well of the U.S. operating **environment.** While citing increased spending and a near full-employment backdrop, Mr. Hayes also intimated that

sentiment is up in a number of the company's end markets. This should lead to better sales in areas like HVAC and Otis. Also, the top executive was bullish about the Trump Administration's plans for tax reform. Of note, Mr. Hayes liked how the new regime was reaching out to American businesses. He also made note of the \$6 billion that UTX has parked overseas, and said that if given favorable terms on the repatriation of these funds, additional investments would be made and capital would be returned to shareholders in the form of share repurchases/dividends.

This high-quality equity has investment merit from several angles. The Dow-30 component is currently only neutrally ranked for year-ahead relative performance. But our recently raised Target Price Range over the pull to early next decade results in about-average appreciation potential over that span. Too, the dividend payout exceeds the Value Line median on its own, but when added to the capital appreciation projections, a solid total return picture over the next three to five years starts to take shape. Erik M. Manning April 14, 2017

(A) Diluted EPS. Excludes discontinued operations: '04, 15¢, '05, 6¢, '12, 32¢, '13, 4¢, '16, 49¢. Quarterly figures may not sum due to rounding and/or changes in share count. Next

earnings report due between April 25th and reinvestment plan available May 1st. (B) Dividends historically paid in early March,

(C) Includes intangibles. In 2016: \$42.7 billion, June, September, and December. Dividend (D) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 60 **Earnings Predictability** 90

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