

incl. ABC and ESPN (43% of '16 revs.); Parks and Resorts: Disneyland, Walt Disney World (Magic Kingdom, Epcot, Hollywood Studios, Animal Kingdom), and a cruise line (30%); Studio Entertainment (17%): Consumer Products and Interactive Media (10%). Earns Tokyo Disneyland royalties. Manages Disneyland Paris and

Films, 12/12. Div. ABC Radio, 6/07. '16 depr. rate: 4.7%. Employs 195,000. Off. and dir., less than 1% of common stock; Vanguard, 5.5% (1/17 proxy). Chairman/CEO: Robert A. Iger. Inc.: DE. Address: 500 S. Buena Vista St., Burbank, CA 91521-7320. Telephone: 818-560-1000. Internet: www.thewaltdisneycompany.com.

19317 Past Est'd '14-'16 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 10 Yrs. 7.5% 12.5% 14.0% 5 Yrs. 9.0% of change (per sh) to '20-'22 4.0% 6.0% 7.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" 15.5% 18.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value 19.0% 7.0% 30.0% 6.5%

16758

7844

4563

3927

16334

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3640

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Book value		7.070 0.		370 7.070	
Fiscal Year Ends			ENUES (\$ Jun.Per	mill.) ^A Sep.Per	Full Fiscal Year
2014	12309	11649	12466	12389	48813
2015	13391	12461	13101	13512	52465
2016	15244	12969	14277	13142	55632
2017	14784	13436	14750	14030	57000
2018	15000	14575	14850	14675	59100
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B _Full				
Year Ends				Sep.Per	Fiscal Year
2014	1.03	1.08	1.28	.87	4.26
2015	1.27	1.23	1.45	.95	4.90
2016	1.73	1.30	1.59	1.10	5.73
2017	1.55	1.40	1.70	1.25	5.90
2018	1.75	1.45	1.75	1.40	6.35
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C Full				
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Year
2013					
2014	.86				.86
2015	1.15		.66		1.81
2016	.71		.71		1.42
2017	.78				

The Walt Disney Company's growth begin to moderate this year? The media conglomerate got off to a slug-gish start in fiscal 2017 (year ended September 30th). In fact, the company experienced softness in all of its categories, save for its Parks & Resorts segment. In all, share earnings decreased 10%, to \$1.55, for the December period, on a 3% revenue decline. That said, some of the soft comparisons may be due to the tremendous gains Disney experienced in the year-ago period, spurred by the box office success of Star Wars Episode VII. And we imagine the tailwinds from the Jedi franchise and Frozen merchandising will continue to subside, but the reboot of Beauty and the Beast, and a strong summer movie slate may offset some of that decline in the back half of the year. Even so, we look for the top and bottom lines to eke out 2%-3% gains for fiscal 2017. On the other hand, we think the pace will pick up again next year, and share net will climb 5%-10%, on a 3%-5% revenue advance.

The company is strategically investing in its business. Indeed, Disney has been bolstering its core brands and con-

tent. Over the last few years, the company has expanded its Parks & Resorts segment, opening Shanghai Disney, and will likely further expand its international and domestic theme parks in the coming months. Too, we imagine the company will focus on technological innovation, especially to support its Media Networks division. Disney plans to launch a new ESPN streaming service, with the help of its BAMTech partnership, and we would not be surprised if the company concentrated on strengthening its mobile capabilities or multiplatform opportunities to capture cord-cutting viewers. Meanwhile, the board will likely also use funds to improve shareholder returns through stock repurchases and dividends.

These quality shares are fairly valued at this juncture. Although DIS stock has trended up nicely over the past few months, it is ranked to perform in tandem with the broader market averages in the year ahead. Furthermore, much of the good news we anticipate from the mature company out to 2020-2022 is already baked into the recent quotation

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(A) Fiscal year ends Saturday closest to Sept. 30th. Fiscal 2009 contained 53 weeks. (B) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses):

'06, 3¢; '07, 32¢; '08, 2¢; '09, 6¢; '10, (4¢); '11, (2¢). Excl. disc. ops.: '07, 1¢. Next egs. report due early May.

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(D) Incl. intang., in fiscal '16: \$34.8 bill.,

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

01, (\$1.00); 02, 8¢; 03, (4¢); 04, 4¢; 05, (9¢); (**C**) Div'ds hist. paid in mid-Jan. Two div'ds \$21.75/sh. (E) In millions. © 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. A++ 90

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