

180 countries around the world. Has five reportable segments: 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

own less than 1% of common stock; BlackRock, 5.8%; Vanguard, 6.3% (8/16 proxy). Chairman/President/CEO: David S. Taylor. Inc.: Ohio. Address: 1 Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Telephone: 513-983-1100. Internet: www.pg.com

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

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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	15605	15371	64350
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	.96	.83	3.90
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	.69			L

Procter & Gamble will probably put in a mixed showing for fiscal 2017. (Year ends June 30th.) All in all, the consumer goods conglomerate likely made a fair amount of progress this year. Its restructuring efforts and margin expansion helped spur profits, while pricing initiatives and an improved product mix offset the negative impact from recent brand divestitures and aided organic revenues. That said, continued headwinds, mainly the currency fluctuations and geopolitical concerns interrupting certain overseas business, overshadowed some of the good news. Consequently, we believe profits will rebound about 6%, to \$3.90 a share, while the top line comes in flat.

The company is well positioned for next year. Share earnings ought to advance at an upper-single-digit clip in fiscal 2018. Moreover, the top line ought to rehound 3%

P&G has been strengthening its portfolio. Over the past several months, management focused on a widescale restructuring campaign. And we believe it will continue to rely on productivity improvements and cost-savings initiatives to wid-

en margins. Procter divested a few minor brands over the past couple of years, and ought to invest the proceeds of these asset sales in its remaining segments. Looking ahead, we would not be surprised if it sought some tuck-in acquisitions or other streamlining moves to better position its operations.

The company has been widening its footprint. Brand-building efforts help Procter & Gamble capture additional market share. Too, the company has been bolstering its e-commerce arm, which should better diversify its revenue streams moving forward.

These shares appear to be well valued at this juncture. The stock is already trading near the low end of our 2020-2022 Target Price Range, thereby limiting much of its long-term capital gains potential. Nevertheless, the blue chip carries a fair amount of conservative appeal. Plus, income-oriented investors may want to take a closer look. The board of directors recently raised the quarterly payout by nearly 3%, to \$0.69 a share. And PG offers an above-average dividend yield.

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(A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted core earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '01, (53¢); '02, (25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (12¢); '09, (64¢); '10, 58¢; '11, (61¢); '12, (73¢); '13, Aug., and Nov. ■ DRIP available. (D) Includes intangibles. In '16: \$68.9 bill., \$25.82 a share. (E) In millions, adjusted for split.

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

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