

## $\begin{array}{lllll}\text { Cash Assets } & 5457.0 & 6179.0 & 5519.0\end{array}$ Receivables

 Inventory (LIFO) OtherCurrent Asset Accts Payable Debt Due Other
Current Liab.

| ANNUULL RATES | Past | Past | Est'd '155'17 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| of change (per sh) | 10 Yrs. | 5 Yrs. | to'20.22 |
| Sales | $10.5 \%$ | $11.5 \%$ | $11.0 \%$ |
| "Cash Flow" | $13.0 \%$ | $15.5 \%$ | $13.0 \%$ |
| Earnings | $13.0 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $14.0 \%$ |
| Dividends | $15.5 \%$ | $15.0 \%$ | $12.0 \%$ |
| Book Value | $9.0 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ | $7.0 \%$ |


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| Fiscal Year Ends | QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) ${ }^{\text {A }}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Full } \\ & \text { Fiscal } \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Aug. 31 | Nov. 30 | Feb. 28 | May 31 |  |
| 2014 | 6971 | 6431 | 6972 | 7425 | 27799 |
| 2015 | 7982 | 7380 | 7460 | 7779 | 30601 |
| 2016 | 8414 | 7686 | 8032 | 8244 | 32376 |
| 2017 | 9061 | 8180 | 8432 | 8677 | 34350 |
| 2018 | 9070 | 8400 | 8970 | 9360 | 35800 |
| Fiscal Year Ends | EARNINGS PER SHARE AB |  |  |  | Full Fiscal Year |
|  | Aug. 31 | Nov. 30 | Feb. 28 | May 31 |  |
| 2014 | . 43 | . 30 | . 38 | . 38 | 1.49 |
| 2015 | . 54 | . 37 | . 45 | . 49 | 1.85 |
| 2016 | . 67 | . 45 | . 55 | . 49 | 2.16 |
| 2017 | . 73 | . 50 | . 68 | . 60 | 2.51 |
| 2018 | . 57 | . 40 | . 70 | . 73 | 2.40 |
| Calendar | QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID $\mathrm{C}_{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  | Full |
|  | Mar. 31 | Jun. 30 | Sep. 30 | Dec. 31 | Ye |
| 2013 | -- | . 105 | . 105 | . 105 | . 32 |
| 2014 | . 12 | . 12 | . 12 | . 12 | . 48 |
| 2015 | . 14 | . 14 | . 14 | . 14 | . 56 |
| 2016 | . 16 | . 16 | . 16 | . 16 | . 64 |
| 2017 | . 18 | . 18 | . 18 | . 18 |  |

$\begin{array}{lll}5457.0 & 6179.0 & 5519.0 \\ 3241.0 & 36770 & 3871.0\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}3241.0 & 3677.0 & 3871.0 \\ 4838.0 & 50550 & 52110\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lll}4838.0 & 5055.0 & 5211.0 \\ 1489.0 & 1150.0 & 1591.0\end{array}$
$\frac{1489.0}{15025.0} \quad \frac{1150.0}{16061.0} \quad \frac{1591.0}{16192.0}$
$\begin{array}{llll}2191.0 & 2048.0 & 2116.0\end{array}$
$45.0 \quad 331.0 \quad 342.0$
$3122.0 \quad 3095.0 \quad 3598.0$
$\frac{312.0}{5358.0} \quad \frac{30974.0}{5474} \quad \frac{3598.0}{6056.0}$
(A) Fiscal years end May 31st. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '03, (25c); 07, 2¢; '08, 8¢; '09, (13¢); '13, 1¢. Quarterly EPS may not sum due to change in share
count. Next egs. report due late December.
(C) Dividends historically paid in early January,
April, July, and October. - Reinvestment plan
available. April, July,
available.

BUSINESS: NIKE designs, develops, and markets footwear, apparel, equipment, and accessories. Sells products to retail accounts, through NIKE-owned stores and the Internet, and through a mix of independent distributors and licensees in approximately 190 countries. Has 384 domestic and 758 international locations (including factory stores) as of $5 / 31 / 17$. Has about 74,400 employees (in-
NIKE's first-quarter report led to a slow-but-steady dip in its quotation. (Fiscal years end May 31st.) Sales were strong in international geographies, but North American wholesale revenues tapered on a year-over-year basis. Moreover, the company went to the discounting well too much, which led to a noticeable earnings miss. Heavy spending on direct-to-consumer options also took a bite out of the bottom line. All told, EPS registered \$0.57, missing both our and Wall Street's call by roughly $\$ 0.20$. Efforts to trim the cost structure are in full swing, but it's likely shareholders will not look back fondly on results this fiscal year at the swoosh.
Earnings for fiscal 2018 are now likely to only peak at about $\$ 2.40$ a share. That figure is a full $\$ 0.35$ below our initial call, and below the $\$ 2.51$ posted in fiscal 2017. The groundwork needs to be laid for the transitioning retail space, which NKE is doing via its direct-to-consumer option and its pairing up with Amazon. Those types of expenditures do not usually draw the ire of the investment community. Con-
versely, the dedining revenue picture is versely, the declining revenue picture is
troubling. Top-line growth in the first
cluding part-timers). Swoosh, LLC, owns $78.1 \%$ CI. A shares, $16.4 \% \mathrm{Cl}$. B (representing director Travis Knight's holdings); other officers/directors, $3.9 \%$ of CI. B; The Vanguard Group, 7.0\%; BlackRock, 5.9\% (7/17 proxy). Chairman \& CEO: Mark G. Parker. Inc.: Oregon. Address: One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005. Telephone: 503-671-6453. Internet: www.nikeinc.com.
quarter was flat, and our full-year tally is being cut from $\$ 37.0$ billion, to $\$ 35.8$ billion, given the struggles in the domestic market. Skateboarding sneakers are pilfering some market share, and bloating inventory, which in turn leads to markdowns, a scenario NIKE needs to limit.
Recent survey data from teenagers are not good for NIKE. Not only is the swoosh losing some of its luster with the demographic, rival Adidas is on the rise. In fact, Adidas has passed NIKE's J ordan brand to move into the number-two position in sports footwear. Still, the eponymous NIKE brand maintains the top spot. The start of the NBA season should provide a bounce, as it has a number of top stars in that sport under contracts. Separately, the U.S. soccer team missing out on the World Cup in Russia comes at a time when results are struggling, but the overall impact of this situation was initially overblown in the media.
This blue chip is now untimely. But the recent haircut has made this selection attractive as a total return play for the stretch to early next decade.
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(D) Includes 21¢ dividend paid Decembe
2012 (E) In millions, adjusted for splits 2012. (E) In millions, adjusted for splits. (F) Each share of Class $A$ is convertible to one
share of Class B.

