

and sale of healthcare products. Portfolio includes medicines, vaccines, and various consumer healthcare products. Manages commercial operations through two segments: Pfizer Innovative Health (IH) and Pfizer Essential Health (EH), which was previously known

Dirs/Off. own less than 1% of common stock; BlackRock, 7.4%; Vanguard, 6.6%; State Street, 5.3% (3/17 proxy). Chairman/CEO: lan C. Read, Inc.: Del. Addr.: 235 East 42nd St., New York, NY 10017. Tel.: 212-733-2323. Internet: www.pfizer.com

ANNUAL RATES Est'd '14-'16 Past Past 10 Yrs. 1.5% -3.0% -5.0% 5 Yrs. 1.0% 1.0% 2.0% 7.5% -1.0% of change (per sh) to '20-'22 4.0% 8.5% 12.0% Sales "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 3.5% 1.0% 6.0%

43804

10160

15619

29399

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

6091

4536

40291

3480 9448

28217

38949

10688

15891

31115

Cal- endar	QU/ Mar.31	ARTERLY : Jun.30	SALES (\$ Sep.30		Full Year
2014	11353	12773	12361	13118	49605
2015	10864	11853	12087	14047	48851
2016	13005	13147	13045	13627	52824
2017	12779	12896	13168	13757	52600
2018	13100	13300	13600	14000	54000
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE A				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2014	.36	.45	.42	.19	1.41
2015	.38	.42	.34	d.03	1.11
2016	.49	.33	.21	.13	1.17
2017	.51	.51	.47	.31	1.80
2018	.55	.55	.50	.40	2.00
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.26	.26	.26	.26	1.04
2015	.28	.28	.28	.28	1.12
2016	.30	.30	.30	.30	1.20
2017	.32	.32	.32	.32	
2018	.34				

Pfizer was poised to close out 2017 on **solid footing.** The drugmaker's third-quarter results exceeded consensus expectations on both lines, thanks in part to continued strong growth in standout oncology asset *Ibrance* (+60% year over year). Rheumatoid arthritis treatment Xeljanz (+48%) and blood thinner medication Eliquis (+43%) provided additional support, helping to offset competitive pressures in aging blockbusters *Viagra* (-31%) and *En*brel (-13%). While softness in off-patent drugs and some deceleration in the topgrossing Prevnar franchise likely remained key drags in the fourth quarter (results due out later this month), further development of the new product cycle and cost control initiatives should keep comps trending in the right direction. For fullyear 2017, management is guiding for adjusted earnings of \$2.58-\$2.62 a share, on sales of \$52.4 billion-\$53.1 billion.

The consumer health business is likely to generate significant interest. On the Q3 conference call, management indicated that it was mulling a potential sale of its consumer health division, which includes reliable revenue streams such as

pain medication Advil and Centrum multivitamins. The announcement reflects a shift in strategy as the drugmaker attempts to move away from lower-margin products in order to focus more on innovative pharmaceuticals. Several industry including GlaxoSmithKline and Johnson & Johnson are said to be in the mix, but Pfizer isn't expected to make a decision until later in 2018. Current projections suggest the business could fetch as much as \$15 billion.

On the heels of recent tax reform legislation, the board authorized more share buybacks and a dividend hike. Pfizer poured another \$10 billion into its existing share repurchase program (upping the total to \$16.4 billion) and increased its quarterly dividend by 6.3%.

The stock's Timeliness rank has been raised a notch to 2 (Above Average). Based on our system, shares of PFE are now pegged to outperform the broader market in the year ahead. The company's strong finances, high-grade fundamentals, and impressive track record further bolster overall investment appeal. Michael Ratty January 5, 2018

(A) Diluted earnings (GAAP). May not sum due to change in share count. Next earnings report due late January. (B) Dividends paid in early Mar., Jun, Sep., Dec. Div'd reinvest. plan. (C) 10/09, included from 4th qtr. (G) Switched to

Includes intangibles. In '16: \$107.1 bill., \$17.64/sh. (D) In millions. (E) Pharmacia acqd. 4/03, included from 2nd qtr. (F) Wyeth acqd.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 65 **Earnings Predictability** 65