

Cash Assets 131943 121711 116610 Securities Owned Other 295952 442502 300926 512596 436448 Total Assets 861395 860165 930132 ST Financings 42787 39265 45357 175422 556458 LT Borrowings 189086 211852 544921 Total Liab. 774667 773272 843840

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '14-'16 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '20-'22 Revenues 6.0% 11.5% 8.0% 7.5% 9.5% 10.0% Dividends 18.5% **Book Value** 18.0% 18.5% 6.5%

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2014	10885	10704	9635	8861	40085
2015	11793	10556	8138	8721	39208
2016	7803	9708	9943	10258	37712
2017	10256	10319	11007	10918	42500
2018	10500	11000	11500	12000	45000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Year
2014	4.02	4.10	4.57	4.38	17.07
2015	5.94	4.75	2.90	4.68	18.32
2016	2.68	3.72	4.88	5.08	16.36
2017	5.15	3.95	5.02	5.38	19.50
2018	4.50	5.00	6.00	6.50	22.00
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.55	.55	.55	.60	2.25
2015	.60	.65	.65	.65	2.55
2016	.65	.65	.65	.65	2.60
2017	.65	.75	.75	.75	2.90
2018					

BUSINESS: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. is a global investment banking and securities firm. Operates in four business segments: Investment Banking (21% of '16 revenues), Institutional Client Services (47%), Investing & Lending (13%), and Investment Management (19%). 40% of '16 revenues came from outside the Americas. Has over \$1 trillion in assets under management. Acq. Ayco, 7/03.

Shares of Goldman Sachs have risen slightly in value since our October report. This was likely driven by the solid third-quarter performance. Revenues from that period came in just north of \$11.0 billion, above our earlier call of \$10.8 billion, and marked a noteworthy increase over the \$9.943 billion figure the company posted in the previous-year period. Likewise, earnings per share of \$5.02 were just a couple of pennies ahead of our \$5.00 forecast, as well as the \$4.88 that was recorded in the third quarter of last year.

Performance has varied substantially by operating segment. The Investment Banking segment saw a 17% year-over-year increase, driven by a 38% surge in financial advisory revenues. The Investing & Lending segment registered an even greater surge of 35%, year over year, on a 51% expansion in equity securities revenues, reflecting an increase in net gains from investments in private equities.

Policy factors are in the spotlight. Congress recently passed a tax reform bill, which the President promptly signed. The primary focus of the legislation was a substantial reduction in the top corporate in-

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come tax rate, from 35% to 21%. This will likely increase Goldman's net profit margin, and could increase the top line by improving prospects for the American corporations that the company serves. However, Goldman estimates that in the fourth quarter, the company will take a \$5 billion hit to earnings, mainly due to the newly enacted repatriation tax for cash and assets held overseas, as well as from a remeasurement of U.S. deferred tax assets due to the lower corporate tax rate. We intend to separate these nonrecurring charges from fourth-quarter earnings, which we expect the company to report on January 17th. Additionally, the President has nominated a new chairman of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell, who appears to hold a somewhat more relaxed view on financial regulation than the outgoing Fed Chair, Janet Yellen.

These high-quality shares hold solid long-term appreciation potential. The stock boasts our Highest rank (1) for Safety. These shares are expected to perform in line with the broader market averages over the next year.

Adam J. Platt January 12, 2018

(A) Fiscal year ends on last Friday in Dec. Prior to fiscal 2009, year ended on last Friday in Nov. Data for stub period (Nov. 28, 2008 - Dec. 27, 2008) incl.: Revenues, \$1,185 million; earn-

ings, (\$2.15).
(B) Dil. egs. Excl. n/r gains/(losses): '10, (C) Div'd hist (\$1.72). Earnings may not sum due to changes in the number of shares out. Next egs. report (D) In millions.

due mid Jan.

(C) Div'd historically paid in late Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.

(D) In and Nov.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 75
Price Growth Persistence 35
Earnings Predictability 45

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