

and services commercial and military aircraft engines; Otis (\$11.9 billion) the world's largest manufacturer and servicer of elevators and escalators; UTC Climate (\$16.9 billion) makes heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment; UTC Aerospace

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ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '14-'16 Past 10 Yrs. 5.0% 8.0% 7.5% 11.5% 8.0% 5 Yrs. 3.0% 7.5% 6.5% of change (per sh) to '20-'22 6.0% 7.0% 8.0% Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings Dividends Book Value 8.0% 8.0% 5.5% 7.0%

26706

6875

1105

14638

22618

28550

7483 2204

12219

21906

32963

8999

3197

13053

25249

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30		\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2014	14745	17191	16168	16996	65100
2015	13320	14690	13788	14300	56098
2016	13357	14874	14354	14659	57244
2017	13815	15280	15062	15483	59640
2018	14550	16200	15875	16345	62970
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	1.32	1.84	2.04	1.62	6.82
2015	1.58	1.73	1.61	1.37	6.29
2016	1.47	1.82	1.76	1.56	6.61
2017	1.48	1.85	1.73	1.54	6.60
2018	1.45	1.92	1.80	1.68	6.85
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.59	.59	.59	.59	2.36
2015	.64	.64	.64	.64	2.56
2016	.64	.66	.66	.66	2.62
2017	.66	.66	.70	.70	2.72
2018					

United **Technologies** high-quality stock is now timely. Trading at record levels near the \$130-a-share mark, we still think UTX will outpace the overall market over the coming year. The Rockwell Collins addition (more below) is being viewed in a positive light, even with the lofty price tag. The investment community is high on United's multifaceted approach with divisions in aerospace, defense, and construction. Too, it has a sizable position in the aftermarket business. With that, once its equipment is in place, the revenue streams continue via spare parts and servicing for elongated periods of time. Elsewhere, UTX's yield is north of the Value Line median and therefore merits investment consideration on its own.

Earnings for 2017 are likely to come in on par with the previous year's showing. Funding continues to be earmarked for programs that will reap strong returns in the years to come, notably on the engine front. Also, capital outlays in the Otis segment will take a bite out of EPS. It was already expected to be a transition year before the Rockwell deal and, now with that undertaking coming

into the picture, costs should arise tied to that pact for certain.

For 2018, earnings should flirt with all-time high levels. The foundation has been laid and now it is time for the various arms that are already performing admirably to step up their respective games. If so, EPS should rise to the \$6.85 mark this year and ramp up at a steady pace to the \$10.00 milestone by early next decade. We think the Rockwell Collins pact will clear all regulatory hurdles necessary. UTX is purchasing the airplane equipment maker in a deal valued at \$30 billion. The marriage would give United an aerospace arm that should generate about \$38 billion in receipts per annum. That would put the combined entity among the largest suppliers in the world. For that reason, other players in the space are likely to challenge the tie-up, and antitrust concerns should come into play. The market echoes our sentiment that the deal will be sealed, and the Senate's approval of President Trump's nomination to head the DOJ's antitrust division is being viewed as another positive step. Erik M. Manning January 12, 2018

(A) Diluted EPS. Excludes discontinued operations: '04, 15¢, '05, 6¢, '12, 32¢, '13, 4¢, '16, 49¢. Quarterly figures may not sum due to

earnings report due between January 23rd and | reinvestment plan available (B) Dividends historically paid in early March,

(C) Includes intangibles. In 2016: \$42.7 billion,

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 55 **Earnings Predictability** 90

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