

BUSINESS: Intel is a leading manufacturer of integrated circuits. Markets served: primarily makers of personal computers; also communications, industrial automation, military, and other electronic equipment. Main products: microprocessors (notably, the Pentium series), microcontrollers, and memory chips. Also sells computer modules and boards, and network products. Foreign business:

about 80% of '17 sales. R&D: 20.9% of sales. '17 dep. rate: 6.8%. Has 103,700 empl. Off./dir. own less than 1% of common shares; The Vanguard Group, 7.3%; BlackRock, 6.3%. (4/18 proxy). Chair.: Andy Bryant. Pres.: Venkata Renduchintala. Interim CEO: Robert Swan. Inc.: DE. Address: 2200 Mission College Blvd., Santa Clara, CA 95054. Tel.: 408-765-8080. Internet: www.intc.com.

 ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh) Sales
 Past (Cash Flow)
 Past (Past)
 Est'd '15-'17 to '21-'23 to '21-'23

35508

2475 4634

20302

29500

2928 1776

17421

27603

4143

3510

17571

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Cal-	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2015	12781	13195	14465	14914	55355
2016	13702	13533	15778	16374	59387
2017	14796	14763	16149	17053	62761
2018	16066	16962	18100	18372	69500
2019	17000	17400	18500	18950	71850
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2015	.40	.55	.64	.74	2.33
2016	.54	.59	.80	.79	2.72
2017	.66	.72	1.01	1.08	3.47
2018	.87	1.04	1.13	1.16	4.20
2019	.95	1.03	1.15	1.17	4.30
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B .				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.225	.225	.225	.225	.90
2015	.24	.24	.24	.24	.96
2016	.26	.26	.26	.26	1.04
2017	.26	.273	.273	.273	1.08
2018	.30	.30	.30		
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Intel reported generally positive results for the second quarter of 2018. Looking at it with more granularity, the top line clocked in at nearly \$17 billion, which was a tad above our estimate of \$16.9 billion. Furthermore, earnings per share dialed in at \$1.04, which was \$0.04 above our estimate and markedly higher than the previous year's \$0.72. Intel's results were strong across the board. The PC-centric business posted a sales increase of 6%, reflecting healthy demand for gaming and commercial products. Too, average selling prices for desktop items climbed 13% on a year-over-year basis. What's more, sales at the data centric unit catapulted 26%, thanks to a 27% advance at the Data Center division.

Healthy earnings growth ought to continue over the remainder of this year before likely moderating in 2019. During its second-quarter conference call, management gave optimistic guidance for the September quarter, whereby it called for sales of \$18.1 billion, plus or minus \$500 million, which ought to result in earnings per share of about \$1.15. However, it should be noted Intel's share price

has fallen over the past several weeks. We believe that this may be due to datacentric sales not quite living up to Wall Street's lofty expectations during the June period. Specifically, "whisper numbers" for that division were in the neighborhood of \$5.6 billion, while actual figures were about \$5.5 billion. While not a significant miss, this segment is generally viewed as the company's fastest-growing unit and a harbinger of earnings growth.

Earnings per share ought to increase at a low double-digit clip over the pull to 2021-2023, assuming economic conditions cooperate. Intel appears to be headed in the right direction, with a growing percentage of its business focused on faster-growing segments of the semiconductor market.

These shares are ranked to be top performers in the year ahead. This largely reflects the company's recent strong earnings momentum. Though the stock's share price has taken a step back since our September report, we believe that this breather is warranted, given its generally strong showing over the past year.

Alan G. House September 28, 2018

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrecurr. gains (losses): '02, (5¢); '03, (1¢); '10, (4¢); '16, (60¢). Next egs. report due late Oct.
(B) Dividends historically paid in early March,

June, September, and December. Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions. (D) Excludes amortization of goodwill and other acquisition-related intangibles.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 75
Price Growth Persistence 55
Earnings Predictability 75