

parel, 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 numerous countries. Offerings are focused in six categories: running, basketball, the Jordan brand, football (soccer), training, and sportswear. There

cluding part-timers). Swoosh, LLC, owns 77.5% Cl. A shares, 16.7% Cl. B; officers/directors, 3.9% of Cl. B; The Vanguard Group, 7.8%; BlackRock, 6.1% (7/18 proxy). Chairman & CEO: Mark G. Parker. Inc.: Oregon. Address: One Bowerman Drive, Beaverton, OR 97005. Telephone: 503-671-6453. Internet: www.nikeinc.com.

ANNUAL RATES Est'd '16-'18 Past Past 5 Yrs. 10.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '21-'23 10.0% 12.5% 12.0% Sales "Cash Flow" 10.0% 14.5% 14.5% 15.0% 4.0% 13.0% 15.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 12.0% 3.5%

1150.0

2048.0 331.0

5474.0

16061.0 15134.0

2279.0 342.0

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

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Fiscal Year Ends	QUA Aug.31	RTERLY S Nov.30	ALES (\$ m Feb.28		Full Fiscal Year
2015	7982	7380	7460	7779	30601
2016	8414	7686	8032	8244	32376
2017	9061	8180	8432	8677	34350
2018	9070	8554	8984	9789	36397
2019	9948	9160	9630	10432	39170
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				_Full .
Year Ends	Aug.31	Nov.30		May 31	Fiscal Year
2015	.54	.37	.45	.49	1.85
2016	.67	.45	.55	.49	2.16
2017	.73	.50	.68	.60	2.51
2018	.57	.46	.68	.69	2.40
2019	.67	.45	.73	.80	2.65
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2014	.12	.12	.12	.12	.48
2015	.14	.14	.14	.14	.56
2016	.16	.16	.16	.16	.64
2017	.18	.18	.18	.18	.72
2018	.20	.20	.20	.20	

NIKE's latest advertising campaign was a lightning rod for controversy. For the 30th anniversary of the ubiquitous 'Just do it" slogan, the company selected Colin Kaepernick to be front and center in its new commercials. Mr. Kaepernick is the former NFL quarterback that kneeled for the national anthem. The initial reaction was lukewarm on Wall Street and main street, but NIKE has been stirring up a public reaction for years, and it appears that its advertising department knew what it was doing. The ads struck a chord with millennials, a customer group that NKE covets, and needs on board as it heads into the next decade. Several days after the commercials started, and positive polling results came in, NIKE shares reached a new all-time high.

Earnings growth in fiscal 2019 (ends May 31st) should eclipse the 10% mark. The company kicked off the fiscal year by trumping expectations in terms of both sales and revenues. Too, it appears the swoosh has gotten its groove back in the vital North American market, where comps have been positive now for two linked quarters. Globally, receipts are

looking handsome and that should contribute to annual sales growth greater than 7%. NIKE has numerous NBA players under contract and basketball's rise on the global scene has been a sizable boost to overall sales tallies. This should aid the bottom line in climbing to \$2.65 a share in fiscal 2019, which equates to a record high for this sneaker juggernaut.

The stock's excellent performance thus far in 2018 makes it vulnerable to the Dow Jones' recent selloff. NKE was the best performer of the Dow 30 through the first three quarters of calendar 2018. In recent trading sessions, investors, who are likely taking profits, have bid down fast-growing companies that were at or near all-time high quotations. NIKE was likely lumped into this group.

NIKE shares are now timely. This highquality stock should outpace the broader market indices in the coming six to 12 months. Also, given its rock-solid financials and well-defined path to future growth, conservative accounts may like the potential 3- to 5-year total return here

on a risk-adjusted basis. Erik M. Manning

October 26, 2018

(A) Fiscal years end May 31st. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring: '03, (25¢); '07, 2¢; '08, 8¢; '09, (13¢); '13, 1¢; '18, (\$1.23) due to tax law change. Next egs. report due

late December. (C) Dividends historically paid in early January, April, July, and October. Reinvestment plan available.

(D) Includes 21¢ dividend paid December 2012. (E) In millions, adjusted for splits. (F) Each share of Class A is convertible to one share of Class B.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 80 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 90

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