

ness mix was evident in the June quarter. Consumer & Community Banking profits advanced 22% in the period, helping to offset mid-single-digit profit declines in its other three segments. Investment banking and market activity fell

short of the very strong year-earlier levels. Lower asset yields and higher deposit costs compressed margins. Reported share net included \$0.23 of tax benefits.

The going probably will get more difficult in the next several quarters. Loan growth is apt to remain modest, even if economic activity doesn't slow, due to ongoing sales of mortgage loans, as well as balance-sheet management actions that favor investment securities. Too, in the expectation that the Federal Reserve will reduce interest rates in the second half, JPMorgan has lowered its forecast for net interest income in 2019, from \$58 million to around \$57.5 million, perhaps less. The company sees opportunities to increase credit card revenue, even if the number of card holders doesn't rise. But investment banking activity seems to have reverted to normal, rather than the 2018 record remains sound. And expenditures to build up JPMorgan's businesses should level off as old projects are completed and the out-

Including the June-period tax benefits, we expect JPMorgan to earn \$10.10 a share in 2019. That assumes a 4% reduction in our second-half estimates. We also have lowered our share-net call for 2020, from \$10.60 to \$10.15, which represents a 3% increase if one factors out

the second-quarter tax benefits.

lays are redirected to new initiatives.

Nonetheless, among banks, JPMorgan Chase stands out. Its significant market shares in the credit card and investment banking businesses may be hard to replicate. The heavy investment in investment bankers, online offerings, new markets, and the like over the years has created a lot of earning power. Although the timely stock's continued strength discounts much of JPMorgan's long-term earnings prospects, the dividend yield is attractive. The company plans to raise the quarterly payout to \$0.90 a share, pending board approval.

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(A) Diluted earnings. Quarterly earnings per share in '18 do not sum due to rounding. Excludes unusual expenses: '04, \$1.31; '05, \$0.57; '17. \$0.56. Excludes income from dis-

5 Yrs. 7.5% 12.5% 13.0%

6.0%

to '22-'24

5.5% 6.0%

7.0%

Full

Year

6.19

6.87

9.00

10.10

10.15

Full

Year

1.68

1.84

2.04

2.48

10 Yrs.

6.0%

11.0%

6.5%

LOANS (\$ mill.) Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

833319 858577 873850 880989

882561 895404 900222 917093

921049 935164 941190 971109

942712 943723 945000 950000

952000 953000 955000 960000

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=

Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

.44

.50

.56

.80

1.76

2.34

2.45

.48

.50

.56

.80

1.76

1.98

2.18

.48

.56

.80

1.55

1.70

2.29

2.82

2.65

of change (per sh)

Loans

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2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

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2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

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2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

1.35

1.65

2.37

.44 .48

.56

.80

Earnings

Dividends

Book Value

cally paid late Jan., Apr., July, Oct. ■ Div'd rein-

continued operations: '06, \$0.17. Excl. extraordinary gain: '08, \$0.53; '09, \$0.02. Next earnings report mid-Oct. **(B)** Dividends historilions.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 85 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 70