

to '22-'24

**solid operating results.** (Fiscal years end on September 30th.) During the fiscal fourth quarter, the Dow-30 component registered \$6.137 billion in revenues and in adjusted share earnings, representing respective advances of 13% and 20% from the comparable year-earlier totals. (Our forecasts were for \$6.160 billion in revenues and \$1.42 per share in earnings.) For the full year, the top and bottom lines expanded 11% and 23%, respectively, establishing new highs of \$22.98 billion and \$5.44 per share.

Transaction data have been strong domestically and abroad. On point, total dollar volumes in Europe, Latin America, Asia/Pacific, and the segment comprised of Central Europe, the Middle East, and Africa increased 8.8%, 18.4%, 5.4%, and 24.5%, respectively, from the prioryear figures. Too, dollar volumes in North America were not too shabby, rising 8.2% and 7.6%, respectively, in the United States and Canada during the latest threemonth stretch. (All figures are presented on a constant-dollar basis.)

We've added \$0.10 to our fiscal 2020

year of record-setting results, driven by its vast, geographically diverse operations. Our year-ahead targets, at \$25.50 billion in revenues and \$6.50 in adjusted share earnings, would represent annual growth of 10%-12% and 18%-20%, respectively.

There's a lot to like here from an investment perspective. The company is returning more capital to stockholders, including a recent 20% raise to the quarterly dividend, and \$8.6 billion of share buybacks in fiscal 2019. On the operating front, Visa's continued expansion is backed by a strong balance sheet, with debt-tototal equity at a respectable 33% in the September term. In addition, the company earns a stellar mark for Financial Strength (A++), the equity is top ranked for Safety (1, Highest), and features excellent scores for Price Stability, Price Growth Persistence, and Earnings Predictability. In sum, timely Visa shares would make a fine addition to most portfolios, and offer decent risk-adjusted total return potential to early next decade. November 8, 2019 Sharif Abdou

.25 .30 .25 (A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30th. (B) Earnings based on adjusted diluted class-A shares. Excludes nonrecurring charges: '12, (\$1.03); '16,

10 Yrs.

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) AD

Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 Sép.30

EARNINGS PER SHARE ABD

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID E

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

.12

.14

.165

.21

4477

5073

5494

6100

Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30

.68

.86

1.11

1.56

3630

4565

5240

5840

6475

.69

.86

1.00

1.37

1.63

.12

.14

.165

.21

5 Yrs.

21.0%

29.0%

7.0%

4261

4855

5434

6137

6825

Sep.30

.78

.90

1.23

1.47

1.75

.14

.165

.195

.25

13 0% 15.0% 15.0%

10.5%

Full

5082

18358

20609

22977

25500

Full

Fisca

2.84

3.48

4.42

5.44

6.50

Full

Year

.50

.59

.69

.88

of change (per sh)

Revenues 'Cash Flow'

Earnings

Dividends

Fiscal

Year Ends

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Fiscal Year Ends

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

Cal-

endar

2015

2016

2017

2018

2019

Book Value

4461

4862

5506

6100

.69

.86

1.08

1.30

1.56

.12

.14

.165

.21

late January. **(C)** Includes intangibles. As of 9/30/19: \$42.4 billion, \$21.05 per share. **(D)**May not sum due to rounding and/or change in \$0.36; '19, \$0.17. Next earnings report due in share count. (E) Div'd historically paid in mid-

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 95 100 **Earnings Predictability** 100