

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '17-'19 Past 10 Yrs. of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. -3.0% to '22-'24 4.5% 7.5% 9.0% Sales "Cash Flow" 1.5% 2.0% 6.5% -.5% .5% 1.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 4.5% 8.0%

Fiscal Year Ends	QUA Sep.30	RTERLY S Dec.31	ALES (\$ m Mar.31	ill.) ^A Jun.30	Full Fiscal Year
2016	16527	16915	15755	16102	65299
2017	16518	16856	15605	16079	65058
2018	16653	17395	16281	16503	66832
2019	16690	17438	16462	17094	67684
2020	17798	18325	16950	17427	70500
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				_Full .
Year Ends	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Fiscal Year
2016	.98	1.04	.86	.79	3.67
2017	1.03	1.08	.96	.85	3.92
2018	1.09	1.19	1.00	.94	4.22
2019	1.12	1.25	1.06	1.10	4.52
2020	1.37	1.35	1.10	1.13	4.95
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2015	.644	.663	.663	.663	2.63
2016	.663	.67	.67	.67	2.67
2017	.67	.69	.69	.69	2.74
2018	.69	.72	.72	.72	2.85
2019	.72	.746	.746	.746	

start in fiscal 2020. (Year ends June 30th). Share earnings advanced 37% year over year, on a 7% sales gain. The household goods conglomerate continued to struggle with an unfavorable foreign exchange environment and other headwinds, such as global economic concerns owing to tariffs and trade tensions. Nevertheless, an improved product mix, stronger shipment volume, and pricing initiatives Too, sales boosted operational results. growth in Japan, where many retailers ramped up their inventories ahead of a planned VAT increase, helped drive the top line in several of Procter's categories.

The company is well positioned for the near term. Ongoing cost controls, productivity enhancements, and supplychain improvements should widen margins. Plus, incremental price hikes may offset inflationary effects and higher input costs. All told, we look for core earnings per share to increase 10%, on a 3%-5% topline gain for the full year.

Procter has been strengthening its operations. Over the past few years, the company has realigned its portfolio. And it

the future. Meanwhile, management will probably invest heavily in its remaining brands, product innovation, and digital improvements. P&G has been boosting its ecommerce arm, which ought to expand its distribution network and market reach. And it may ramp up marketing spending to better promote its branded products.

These top-quality shares offer stellar investment appeal. P&G earns our highest marks for Safety (1) and Financial Strength (A++) adding to its conservative luster. Moreover, the company's defensive properties should help it register slow-butsteady gains over the coming years. Moreover, the stock offers an above-average dividend yield that enhances its risk-adjusted income appeal. This issue has climbed nicely in value over the past few months, and is ranked to outperform the broader market averages in the year ahead (Timeliness: 1). Nevertheless, much of the capital appreciation potential we envision over the next 3 to 5 years already appears to be baked into the recent quota-

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(A) Fiscal years end June 30th. (B) Diluted core earnings. Excludes n/r gains/losses: '03, (39¢); '09, (68¢); '10, 58¢; '12, (73¢); '13, (C) Dividends historically paid it (19¢); '14, (24¢); '15, (96¢); '16, (18¢); '17, (20, Dividends historically paid it (19¢); '14, (24¢); '15, (96¢); '16, (18¢); '17, (19¢); '17, (19¢); '18, (19¢); '19, (

(C) Dividends historically paid in Feb., May,

(23¢) '18, (55¢); '19 (\$3.09). EPS may not sum. Next earnings report due late January. (D) Includes intangibles. In Fiscal '19: \$64.5 bill., \$25.75 a share.

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