

and services commercial and military aircraft engines; Otis (\$12.9 billion) the world's largest manufacturer and servicer of elevators and escalators; Carrier (\$18.9 billion) makes heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) equipment; Collins Aerospace (\$16.6

Dirs. & offs. own less than 1% of common; State Street, 10.4%; Vanguard, 7.6%; BlackRock, 6.3% (3/19 proxy). Employees: 240,200. CEO: Gregory J. Hayes. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 1 Financial Plaza, Hartford, CT 06101. Tel.: 860-728-7000. Web: www.utc.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '16-'18 Past 5 Yrs. 2.5% 5.0% 4.0% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. to '22-'24 3.0% 5.5% 5.0% Revenues "Cash Flow" 11.0% 9.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value

32858

9579

2496

12316

24391

35503

11080

31368

4345

37816

10840

17905

35567

6822

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31	TERLY RE Jun.30	VENUES (Sep.30	\$ mill.) Dec.31	Full Year
2016	13357	14874	14354	14659	57244
2017	13815	15280	15062	15680	59837
2018	15242	16705	16510	18044	66501
2019	18365	19634	19496	19315	76810
2020	19000	20550	20425	20165	80140
Cal-	Cal- EARNINGS PER SHARE A Fu				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2016	1.47	1.82	1.76	1.56	6.61
2017	1.48	1.85	1.73	1.60	6.60
2018	1.77	1.97	1.93	1.95	7.61
2019	1.91	2.20	2.21	1.83	8.15
2020	1.95	2.30	2.35	2.15	8.75
Cal-	. QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2016	.64	.66	.66	.66	2.62
2017	.66	.66	.70	.70	2.72
2018	.70	.70	.70	.735	2.84
2019	.735	.735	.735	.735	2.94
2020					

The **Timeliness ranking of United** Technologies stock remains suspended. Subscribers will recall that this Dow-30 component is heading towards a breakup. The Otis elevator operations and Carrier HVAC arm will be spun off into separate units. Soon thereafter, the remaining aerospace pieces will combine with Raytheon, in what is being called a merger of equals, to form Raytheon Technologies. The combination is expected to have roughly \$74 billion in annual revenue, which would make it the second largest aerospace and defense company in the United States. Clearly, with so many moving parts it is unlikely that fundamentals will be the driving force behind UTX's share-price performance in the year ahead. Therefore, keeping the Timeliness rank suspended seemed like the prudent move, and we will continue to do so through the breakup and subsequent marriage.

With the share price now having hit north of \$150, the naysayers have been quieted. The quotation had been stagnating around \$100 when activist investors clamored for a separation of the company's parts to unlock value. In the

time frame following the announcement, the share price is roughly 50% higher. Yes, many investors do not like the fact that the Kaytheon pact seemed rushed, but the proof is in the pudding. Wall Street and main street alike are applauding the move. Some still raise concerns about earnings quality in the short term, and the concerns may well be warranted. Still, we like the deal long term on the financials and complimentary technologies alone.

Our 2019 earnings expectation is now a dime higher, or \$8.15 a share. The Boeing 737 Max situation should sting cash flow for all parties. Regardless, UTX is large enough to take the hit. Annual EPS growth of about 7% appears to be in the cards this year and next as the port-folio is currently constructed, though we realize the 2020 finish line will probably never be reached by the UTX of this page.

We think potential investors have missed the boat with regard to this **play.** Capital appreciation from recent price points is below average, and the yield has fallen a tick below the *Value Line* median given the now higher divisor. Erik M. Manning January 10, 2020

(A) Diluted EPS. Excludes charges and discontinued operations: '04, 15¢, '05, 6¢, '12, 32¢, '13, 4¢, '16, 49¢; '17, 90¢; '18, \$1.11. Quarterly figures may not sum due to rounding and/or

changes in share count. Next earnings report due between January 21st and 27th. reinvestment plan available (C) Includes intangibles. In (B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December. ■ Dividend (D) In millions.

(C) Includes intangibles. In 2018: \$74.5 billion, \$86.47 a share.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 60 **Earnings Predictability** 95

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