

Travelers) is a leading provider of commercial property/casualty insurance and asset management services. Following the April 1, 2004 acquisition of Travelers, the company is now a leading underwriter of homeowners insurance and automobile insurance through independent agents. Has approximately 30,600 employees

standing; The Vanguard Group, 8.6%; BlackRock, 8.0%; State Street Corporation, 6.5% (4/21 Proxy). Chief Executive Officer: Alan D. Schnitzer. Chairman: John H. Dasburg. Incorporated: Minnesota. Address: 485 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10017. Telephone: 917-778-6000. Internet: www.travelers.com

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '18-'20 **Past** 5 Yrs. 8.5% 2.5% -1.5% of change (per sh) Premium Inc 10 Yrs. to '24-'26 10.0% 4 0% 5.0% 5.0% 6.0% 8.0% Invest Income Earnings 9.5% 7.0% Dividends Book Value 8.0% 25% 8.5% 6.0% Cal- NET PREMIUMS EARNED (\$ mill.) A Full

104233

13555

50668

17116

81339

116764

15222

54521

17820

87563

119759

16210

55906

33077

90603

Total Assets

Reserves

Unearned Prems

Total Liabilities

endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	6537	6695	6882	6945	27059
2019	6855	6988	7179	7250	28272
2020	7229	6955	7380	7480	29044
2021	7385	7616	7900	8099	31000
2022	8075	8200	8275	8400	32950
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	2.46	1.81	2.54	2.13	8.94
2019	2.83	2.02	1.43	3.32	9.60
2020	2.62	d.20	3.12	4.91	10.45
2021	2.73	3.45	2.75	2.87	11.80
2022	3.05	3.15	3.00	3.05	12.25
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C■				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018	.67	.72	.72	.72	2.83
2019	.72	.77	.77	.77	3.03
2020	.77	.82	.82	.82	3.23
2021	.82	.85	.85	.85	3.37
2022	.85	.88			

Travelers reported very healthy results for the June quarter. On point, earnings from operations, which exclude capital gains and losses from the investment portfolio, clocked in at \$3.45, which was much better than the previous year's loss of \$0.20 a share and our \$2.85 expectation. The combined ratio dialed in at 95.3% for the period, which was a vast improvement over last year's comparable-period tally of 103.7%. Too, this implies that the company generated \$4.70 in pretax income for every \$100 in policies insured. Total revenues (includes items in addition to net premiums earned) increased 17% on a year-to-year basis, which further helped advance the bottom line. It should be noted that the largest contributor to the increase in share net for the interim was investment income. This line item was up from \$268 million to \$818 million on a year-over-year basis. A stellar increase in private-equity partnership returns was the key driver to growth there. As a result of the solid performance during the June quarter, we have boosted our topand bottom-line expectations for this year. We now look for net premiums earned of

\$31 billion, a slight improvement over our previous estimate of \$30.86 billion. We now expect share earnings of \$11.80, a \$0.60 increase over our tally of three months ago.

We look for a moderate earnings advance next year, assuming continued healthy conditions in the broader in**surance market.** While we are optimistic about the company's prospects for next year, we note that it will be up against difficult comparisons in 2021. This year many factors have been in the industry's favor, and the tide may begin to shift at any time.

We forecast share net will climb at a high single-digit clip, on average, over the pull to 2024-2026. Our cautious optimism is based on a decent economic backdrop over that time frame.

These shares are a middling choice for the year ahead based on our Timeliness Ranking System. However, they are a more attractive choice for the 3to 5-year time frame, especially on a riskadjusted basis. A decent dividend helps to sweeten the pot.

Alan G. House

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(A) P/C only. (B) Dil. egs. Excl. cap gains and losses after '02. Excl. nonrec. (charges)/gains in '06, 3¢; '07, 14¢; '08, (42¢); '09, 1¢; '10, 31¢; late Oct. (C) Div'ds. paid in late March, June, Sept., Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. (D) '11, 11¢; '12, 9¢; '13, 28¢; '14, 14¢; '15, 3¢; lntang. '19: \$4,291 mill., \$16.76/sh. (E) In mill. '16, 15¢; '17, 6¢; '19, 35¢; '20, 1¢. Next egs. rpt. late Oct. **(C)** Div'ds. paid in late March, June, Sept., Dec. ■ Div'd reinv. plan avail. **(D)** Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence 80 **Earnings Predictability** 70