

'24 sales) incl. Linear Networks (ABC, Disney, Freeform, FX, Na-Hotstar. tional Geographic) and Direct-to-Consumer (Disney+, Hulu) and Content Sales/Licensing; Sports (19%) incl. ESPN and Star; and Experiences (36%), incl. theme parks and resorts,

own less than 1% of stock; Vanguard, 8.4%; BlackRock, 6.8% (1/25 proxy). Chairman: James P. Gorman. CEO: Robert A. Iger. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 500 South Buena Vista Street, Burbank, CA 91521. Tel.: 818-560-1000. Internet: www.thewaltdisneycompany.com.

**ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '22-'24 Past 10 Yrs. **5 Yrs.** 5.0% -11.0% of change (per sh) to '28-'30 6.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" 15.5% 25.0% -6.0% Earnings -22.5% Dividends Book Value 51.5% 7.5% 8.5%

32763

15125

4367

11647

31139

**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

4490

23667

21635

6620

659

34846

25241

21070

6845

6684

34599

Fiscal Year Ends			/ENUES (\$ Jun.Per	mill.) <sup>A</sup> Sep.Per	Full Fiscal Year
2022	21819	19249	21504	20150	82722
2023	23512	21815	22330	21241	88898
2024	23549	22083	23155	22574	91361
2025	24690	22950	23850	23260	94750
2026	25450	23825	24575	23750	97600
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE A BFull .				
Year Ends	Dec.Per	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Fiscal Year
2022	.63	.26	.77	.09	1.75
2023	.70	.69	d.25	.14	1.29
2024	1.04	d.01	1.43	.25	2.72
2025	1.40	.75	2.15	.50	4.80
2026	1.45	.80	2.25	.50	5.00
Cal-	QUAR	TERLY DI	VIDENDS F	PAID C	Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Year
2021					
2022					
2023					
2024	.30		.45		.75
2025	.50				

The Walt Disney Company got off to a **decent start this year.** (Fiscal 2025 ends September 27th.) Earnings per share jumped 35%, on a 5% revenue gain. Much of the recent performance was spurred by its Entertainment segment, thanks to success at the box office combined with improving profits at its direct-to-consumer (DTC) operations. Price hikes boosted average revenue per user at its streaming services, but the subscriber base fell 1% during the December period (from the prior quarter), and higher rates may lead to additional customer attrition.

The media giant ought to make progress in the near term. Management's cost-cutting measures, including plans to slash its workforce by 6% and the reduction of its capital program should help counter rising operating expenses. Even so, the House of Mouse has been investing in quality content and strengthening other parts of its business, including the Experience division, which should bolster totals. The bottom line was held back by a large goodwill impairment charge in the fiscal second quarter of 2024. As such, we look for earnings to advance 75%-80% this

vear, while revenues climb 3%-5%. Looking out to fiscal 2026, the top and bottom lines should continue upward at a low single-digit clip.

This issue has been under pressure of late. In early April, the stock price declined sharply amidst a broader market downturn combined with a somewhat contentious annual general meeting, where several shareholder proposals were rejected, as per management's recommendation. Disney has had a challenging run over the past few years. Nelson Peltz attempted a proxy battle in 2024, and even though the company retained control of the boardroom, there has been a lot of speculation as to whether the media giant's efforts will be enough to turn things around. Still, the recent pullback may provide a worthwhile entry point for patient investors, as these shares offer wide capital appreciation over the 18month and 3- to 5-year spans. Separately, the board reinstated the dividend program last year (following the suspension in 2020) and recently upped the payout, though the equity has a modest yield. Orly Seidman April 25, 2025

(A) Fiscal year ends Saturday closest to Sept. 30th. Fiscal 2009 contained 53 weeks. (B) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses): ′10, (4¢); ′11, (2¢); ′19, 37¢; ′20, (1¢); |

'21, 2¢; '22, (3¢). Next egs. report due early May.

(C) Div'ds hist. paid in mid Jan. and July

**(D)** Incl. intang., in fiscal '24: \$116,377 bill., \$62.80/sh.

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