

12947 12680 Current Liab. 19985 30717 31479 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '05-'07 Past 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. 8.5% of change (per sh) to '11-'13 6.5% 8.0% 9.5% 6.0% 9.0% 10.0% Sales "Cash Flow" 8.5% 11.0% 11 0% 9 0%

6291

448

24329

4910

2128

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Earnings

6819

24031

5710 12039

26960

5230

13569

Dividends Book Value 16.0% 30.0% 13.0% Full Fisca Year **Fiscal** QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A Year Ends Sep.30 Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 13744 14452 14287 14258 56741 2005 14793 68222 2006 18337 17250 17842 18785 18694 76476 2007 19725 19272 82250 21575 20200 20276 2008 20199 21750 21620 21740 85920 2009 20810 Full Fisca Year EARNINGS PER SHARE A B F Year Ends Sep.30 Dec.31 Mar.31 Jun.30 2005 .70 2.53 .77 .55 .72 .63 2.64 2006 2007 .79 .84 .74 .67 3.04 .81 .81 3.50 2008 .90 .98 2009 .98 .99 .93 3.85 .95 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C= Cal-Full endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2004 .228 .98 .25 .25 .25 2005 .25 .28 .28 .28 1.09 .28 .31 2006 .31 31 1.21 .35 .35 2007 1.36

soaps, toiletries, foods, paper, & industrial products. Brands include: Always, Head & Shoulders, Olay, Pantene, Wella, Actonel, Dawn, Downy, Tide, Bounty, Charmin, Pampers, Folgers, lams, Pringles, Gillette, MACH3, Braun and Duracell. Acq. Gillette (10/05). Wal-Mart Stores accounted for 15% of total revenues.

Procter & Gamble continues to im**press.** The blue chip posted 8% and 15% top- and bottom-line gains, respectively, for the first half of fiscal 2008 (year began July 1st). Despite a more difficult competitive and market environment, P&G's focus on global markets, coupled with its branding and cost-control initiatives, ought to enable the household goods conglomerate to post an almost 8% revenue advance this year. Its success in developing markets seems to have set the pace this year, and lower international tax rates ought to help boost profits, as well. Too, Procter commenced an aggressive stock-buyback program that ought to help the company post double-digit share-net growth in 2008 and 2009.

Margins should remain relatively stable over the next couple quarters, though higher commodity and energy pricing somewhat pressured the company during the first half of the year. Volume leverage and cost savings projects helped counter the negative impact. And, to further improve profitability, P&G implemented a number of price increases during the March period.

Baby & Family Care (16%), Health Care (11%), Snacks & Bev. (6%), Gillette (12%). About 135,000 employed. '07 depreciation rate: 9.0%. Off./dir. own .5% of common stock (8/07 proxy). CEO & Pres.: Alan Lafley. Inc.: Ohio. Address: 1 Procter & Gamble Plaza, Cincinnati, OH 45202. Tel.: 513-983-1100. Internet: www.pg.com.

Some changes are brewing. During the second quarter, Procter completed the Western European tissue and towel divestiture. P&G plans to separate its coffee business, creating an independent entity, The Folgers Coffee Company. We like this move, as it should help the consumer goods conglomerate focus on its other brands and should augur well for the stand-alone brewer. Management will likely decide the final deal structure during the third quarter, and ought to complete the transaction during the first quarter of 2009. This spin- or split-off may be somewhat dilutive to next year's results.

Conservative accounts may want to take a closer look here. PG possesses our Highest Safety and Financial Strength ratings. The blue chip's price performance could steadily improve as the year goes on, should skittish investors flock toward this defensive-behaving equity. But for now, this issue is only ranked to mirror the broader market averages. As a longer-term holding, much of its 3- to 5-year capital gains potential is already reflected in the current quotation. Orly Seidman April 4, 2008

(A) Fiscal year ends June 30th.
(B) Based on avg. shares through '96, diluted thereafter. Excl. nonrecurring gains (losses): '93, (98¢); '99, (13¢); '00, (24¢); '01, (53¢); '02,

.35

2008

Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. ■ Div'd reinvestment | expenses beginning in 2004.

(25¢); '03, (19¢); '08, (02¢). Egs. may not sum due to changes in share count. Next egs. rpt due late April. **(C)** Dividends hist, paid in mid- **(F)** Restructuring costs are incl. in operating

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

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