

'17-'19 4.0% 7.0% The beverage giant recently reported 2014 third-quarter results, whereby sales prog-8.5% 5.5% 7.5% ressed at a low single-digit rate on a yearover-year basis. A decline in demand for carbonated beverages, particularly soda, continues to be a major headwind. This is Full notable primarily in North America (the company's main market), as consumers 66504 65492 66415 are becoming more aware of the ill effects of drinks that are high in sugar content 67250 and/or have artificial sweeteners. Al-though growth in emerging economies is better, political instability overseas and lower consumer spending tend to limit the Full Year 3.98 3.92

pace.
The snack business is facing its share of challenges. A somewhat high inflationary environment will likely continue to cause a spike in manufacturing costs. Also, consumers are displaying caution regarding unhealthy snacks, reflecting obesity and other health concerns. In light of these hurdles, we project single-digit sales

expansion over the next two years.

Share net should advance at a more commendable rate. We are estimating

respectively, representing mid- single-digit progress on a year-over-year basis. Notably, the company's three-year, \$3 billion cost-savings program ought to be a contributor to profitability, and Pepsi is on target to realize \$1 billion in annualized savings in 2014. In addition, significant share repurchases ought to buoy earnings. Product innovation is a clear catalyst. Pepsi is well aligned with the shift in consumer preferences. And its diverse array of drink and beverage selections highlights this fact. Indeed, the company continues to debut offerings that cater to many palates. Pepsi's gilt-edged financial position will readily support expansion. Also, contributions from emerging markets, such as Turkey and Latin America, should prove beneficial to top- and bottom-line growth. The equity ought to suit multiple in-

vestors. The above-average dividend yield should attract income-oriented types. And the solid trademark of well-known brands suggests decent 3- to 5-year total return potential to conservative investors. October 24, 2014 Nira Maharaj

8.5% 8.0% 13.5% 9.5%

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A

Mar.Per Jun.Per Sep.Per Dec.Pe

EARNINGS PER SHARE A B

Mar.Per Jun.Per Sep.Per Dec.Per

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C =

Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31

17582

16652

16909

17218

17550

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1.43

48

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16894

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5.0%

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20118

20515

21350

85

1.06

1.05

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1.20

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4.90

Full

1.86

2.03

Earnings Dividends

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2012

2013

2014

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2011

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2010

2011

2012

2013 1.07

2014 1.13

Book Value

11937

12428

12581

12623

12800

.71

.77

.79

.85 1.42

90

.995

1.03

(A) Qrtrs. are 12, 12, 12 and 16 wks. (B) Dil. egs. ref. costs due to the acquisitions of its two egs. Excl. nonrecur. gains (losses): '98, 15¢; largest bottlers. May not sum due to rounding, '99, 14¢; '01, (14¢): '02, (11¢): '04, (12¢): '05, Next egs. rpt. due early Feb. (C) Divs. hist. (27¢); '06, 34¢; '07, 7¢; '11, 4¢; '13, (5¢). '10 paid Jan., Mar., Jun., Sept. ■ Reinvest. plan.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 50 Earnings Predictability