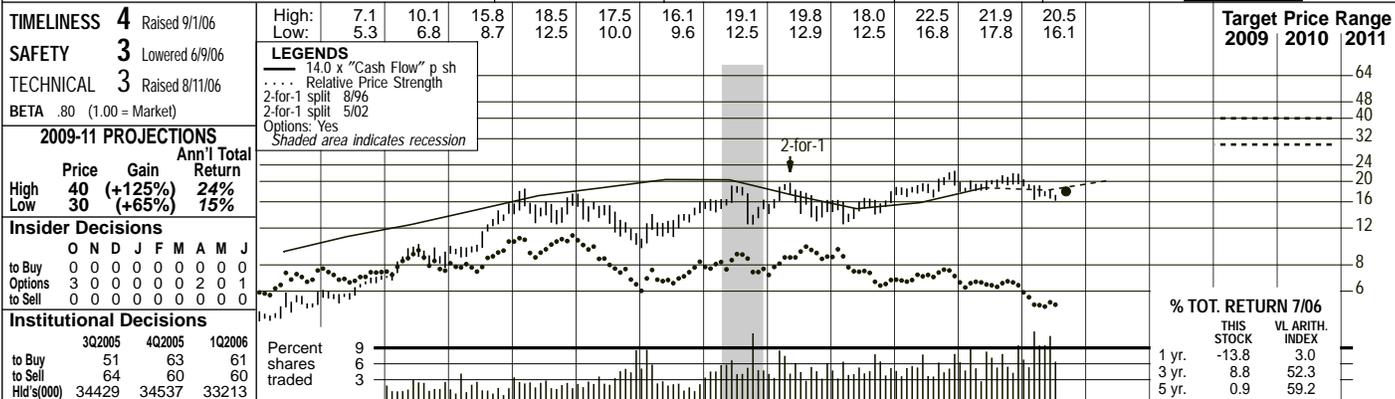


ABM INDUSTRIES NYSE-ABM
RECENT PRICE 17.92 **P/E RATIO 18.3** (Trailing: 19.7; Median: 18.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 1.07** **DIV'D YLD 2.5%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
21.12	22.57	22.25	22.02	24.44	25.77	27.89	30.60	34.76	36.37	39.30	39.98	43.49	46.78	49.61	52.73	55.55	58.35	Revenues per sh ^A	69.00
.52	.55	.51	.56	.66	.78	.89	1.04	1.22	1.33	1.46	1.46	1.23	1.06	1.13	1.33	1.30	1.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	2.50
.31	.34	.32	.36	.41	.46	.53	.61	.72	.83	.93	.90	.92	.73	.84	.91	.90	1.00	Earnings per sh ^{A B}	1.95
.12	.12	.12	.13	.13	.15	.18	.20	.24	.28	.30	.33	.36	.38	.40	.42	.44	.44	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.50
.19	.17	.15	.18	.24	.27	.28	.32	.27	.43	.41	.35	.15	.24	.24	.36	.30	.35	Cap'l Spending per sh	.35
2.47	2.71	2.96	3.14	3.44	3.78	4.22	4.83	5.49	6.18	6.88	7.40	7.67	9.18	9.08	9.70	10.55	11.05	Book Value per sh ^D	14.10
32.16	33.04	34.06	35.11	36.20	37.46	38.98	40.93	43.20	44.81	46.00	48.78	50.40	48.37	48.71	49.05	48.50	49.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^E	50.00
14.1	11.3	14.3	12.6	11.8	12.7	15.5	16.9	20.6	17.5	13.0	17.6	17.6	20.4	21.7	21.4	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.0
1.05	.72	.87	.74	.77	.85	.97	.97	1.07	1.00	.85	.90	.96	1.16	1.15	1.14			Relative P/E Ratio	1.20
2.7%	3.1%	2.7%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.2%	1.9%	1.6%	1.9%	2.5%	2.1%	2.2%	2.5%	2.2%	2.1%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.5%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 4/30/06				1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	
Total Debt None				1086.9	1252.5	1501.8	1629.7	1807.6	1950.0	2192.0	2262.5	2416.2	2595.8	2695	2860	Revenues (\$mill)	3450					
LT Debt None				5.1%	5.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.5%	5.2%	3.9%	3.1%	3.0%	3.2%	3.4%	3.6%	Operating Margin	5.4%					
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$44.0 mill.				13.7	16.1	19.6	20.7	23.5	26.3	15.2	14.8	13.1	19.6	17.0	19.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	23.0					
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				21.7	27.2	33.9	39.7	44.3	45.0	46.7	36.4	42.1	45.9	45.0	51.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	100					
Pfd Stock None				43.0%	42.0%	41.0%	41.0%	39.0%	38.3%	32.6%	33.6%	27.4%	28.7%	36.5%	36.5%	Income Tax Rate	36.5%					
Common Stock 48,751,582 shs. as of 5/31/06				2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.4%	2.5%	2.3%	2.1%	1.6%	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%	1.8%	Net Profit Margin	2.9%					
MARKET CAP: \$875 million (Small Cap)				120.0	137.7	166.5	184.3	224.2	229.5	210.7	244.0	231.7	246.4	285	320	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	495					
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)				33.7	38.4	33.7	28.9	36.8	.9	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil					
Cash Assets				170.7	204.2	243.5	283.4	322.7	361.2	386.7	444.0	442.2	475.9	510	540	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	700					
Receivables				11.3%	11.6%	12.7%	12.9%	12.7%	12.8%	12.1%	8.2%	9.5%	9.6%	9.0%	9.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	14.5%					
Inventory (FIFO)				12.7%	13.3%	13.9%	14.0%	13.7%	12.5%	12.1%	8.2%	9.5%	9.6%	9.0%	9.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	14.5%					
Other				8.8%	9.4%	9.8%	9.6%	9.4%	8.0%	7.5%	4.0%	5.1%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%	Retained to Com Eq	10.5%					
Current Assets				33%	32%	32%	33%	33%	36%	38%	51%	46%	45%	48%	43%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	27%					
Accts Payable				BUSINESS: ABM Industries is the largest, publicly traded facility services contractor in the United States. Company performs air-conditioning, elevator, engineering, janitorial, lighting, mechanical, parking, and security services for thousands of commercial, industrial, and institutional customers in hundreds of cities across North America. Foreign sales (mostly Canada) about 50% of total.																		
Debt Due				Depreciation rate: 11.8%. Has about 70,000 employees. Officers/directors own about 13.6% of stock; Bank of America, 10.2%; T. Rosenberg Trust, 9.9% (4/06 Proxy). Chairman: Maryellen Herlinger. CEO and President: Henrik Slipsager. Incorporated: DE. Address: 160 Pacific Ave., Suite 222, San Francisco, CA 94111. Telephone: 415-733-4000. Internet: www.abm.com.																		
Other				A relatively favorable operating environment augurs well for ABM. We look for the economy to expand at a solid, albeit modest, pace this year. The employment picture is fairly good, personal income is on the rise, firms are lifting capital spending commitments, and manufacturing activity continues to pick up. These fundamentals suggest reasonably good growth in corporate profits over the next 12 months. Supporting this assumption is a decline in commercial real estate vacancy rates, which have clearly peaked and are now trending downward. This measure augurs well for services contractors, such as ABM Industries.																		
Current Liab.				Although demand still may be somewhat mixed across business segments, we generally look for good growth in the coming quarters. The engineering business should prosper as firms increasingly look to outsource specialized functions. After experiencing some softness earlier in the year, the parking operation stands to improve modestly, thanks to growing consumer and travel demand. Some unevenness here wouldn't be a total surprise, though, due to the effects of high fuel prices. The mature janitorial business will likely remain flat. Most growth here will probably come through acquisitions. The weaker lighting unit stands to improve. The sales pipeline there is relatively strong now, thanks partly to growing interest in energy-related tax incentives. Margins stand to gradually widen. Although some price softness is apt to persist, rising volumes and cost-cutting actions ought to more than offset this negative. Stock compensation expense, which is now handled under new accounting rules, will not likely exceed \$0.06 a share next fiscal year (begins November 1st). All told, we look for share profits to rise by 11%, to \$1.00, in fiscal 2007.																		

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11	
of change (per sh)	7.5%	6.0%	4.5%	
Revenues "Cash Flow"	6.0%	-2.5%	12.0%	
Earnings	7.0%	--	14.0%	
Dividends	11.5%	7.5%	4.0%	
Book Value	10.5%	8.5%	5.5%	

Fiscal Year Ends	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Jan.31	Apr.30	Jul.31	Oct.31	
2003	552.4	562.5	569.1	578.5	2262.5
2004	570.8	590.3	623.8	631.3	2416.2
2005	647.4	639.6	650.1	658.7	2595.8
2006	666.6	660.1	675	693.3	2695
2007	695	705	720	740	2860

Fiscal Year Ends	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Jan.31	Apr.30	Jul.31	Oct.31	
2003	.08	.18	.21	.26	.73
2004	.14	.14	.27	.29	.84
2005	.11	.18	.31	.31	.91
2006	.08	.21	.30	.31	.90
2007	.16	.21	.32	.31	1.00

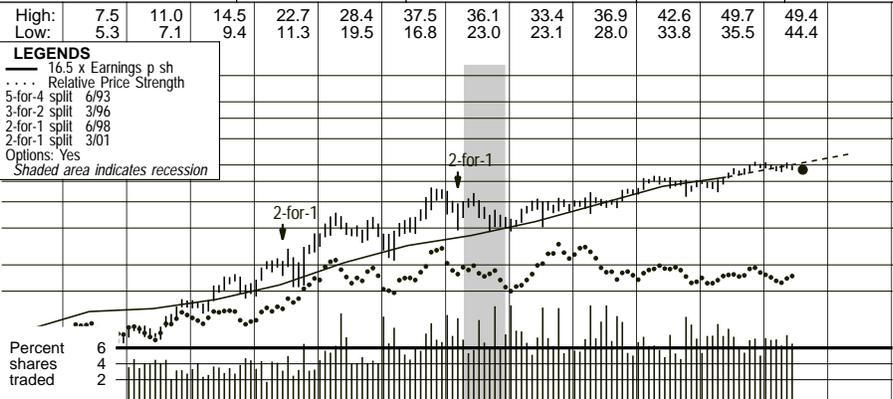
Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.09	.09	.09	.09	.36
2003	.095	.095	.095	.095	.38
2004	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40
2005	.105	.105	.105	.105	.42
2006	.11	.11	.11		

(A) Fiscal year ends October 31st. Quarterly 2002 and 2003 figures were restated to reflect the acquisition of Lakeside and the sale of elevator operations, respectively. (B) Diluted earnings 1998 and thereafter; basic 1997 and earlier. Excludes nonrecurring gains: '92, 9¢; 2001, 50¢. Next earnings report due mid-Sept. (C) Dividends historically paid early February, May, August, and November. (D) Includes intangible assets of \$246 million, or \$5.02/share, at 10/31/05. (E) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	80
Price Growth Persistence	50
Earnings Predictability	85

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AFLAC INC. NYSE-AFL				RECENT PRICE	P/E RATIO	Trailing: 17.5 Median: 19.0	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	DIV'D YLD	VALUE LINE
TIMELINESS	3	Lowered 2/10/06	High: 7.5	45.58	15.7	0.91	1.2%	Target Price Range	
SAFETY	2	Raised 4/25/03	Low: 5.3					2009	2010
TECHNICAL	3	Raised 6/16/06	11.0					2011	
BETA	.90	(1.00 = Market)	14.5						
2009-11 PROJECTIONS			9.4						
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return	11.3						
High	85	(+85%)	19.5						
Low	65	(+45%)	28.4						
Insider Decisions			37.5						
Institutional Decisions			36.1						
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06			33.4						
FINANCIAL POSITION 2004 2005 3/31/06			36.9						
ANNUAL RATES			42.6						
QUARTERLY PREMIUM INC. (\$ mill.)			49.7						
EARNINGS PER SHARE			49.4						
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID									



Year	1 yr.	3 yr.	5 yr.
THIS STOCK	8.2	55.4	54.2
VL ARITH. INDEX	11.8	63.9	59.7

(A) Diluted operating earnings. Excludes non-recurring items: '05, 38¢; '04, 23¢; '03, (37¢); '97, 18¢. Next earnings report due late September.

Quarterly figures may not sum to annual totals due to rounding. (B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, and December.

Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

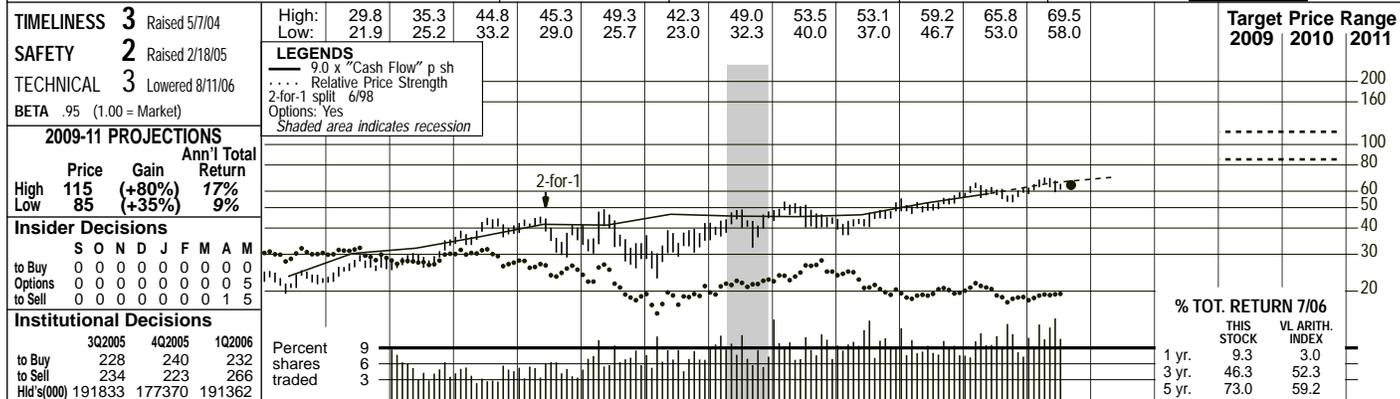
Company's Financial Strength A
Stock's Price Stability 85
Price Growth Persistence 95
Earnings Predictability 100

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AIR PRODUCTS NYSE-APD

RECENT PRICE **64.13** P/E RATIO **17.2** (Trailing: 18.9; Median: 18.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.01** DIV'D YLD **2.1%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
13.01	13.05	14.19	14.58	15.37	17.30	18.13	21.11	23.26	23.56	25.52	26.53	24.72	28.44	32.83	36.70	42.10	43.45	Sales per sh ^A	59.55
2.36	2.49	2.72	2.70	2.62	3.36	3.56	4.04	4.63	4.59	5.17	5.07	5.03	5.14	5.84	6.49	7.30	7.80	"Cash Flow" per sh	11.25
.98	1.05	1.19	1.16	1.03	1.62	1.69	1.95	2.22	2.09	2.46	2.37	2.33	2.22	2.64	3.08	3.55	3.90	Earnings per sh ^B	6.60
.35	.37	.42	.44	.48	.51	.54	.58	.64	.70	.74	.78	.82	.88	1.04	1.25	1.34	1.36	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	1.54
2.10	2.25	1.89	2.15	2.69	3.90	4.30	3.96	3.65	4.17	3.58	3.29	2.87	2.77	3.12	4.19	5.95	4.30	Cap'l Spending per sh	5.25
7.59	8.20	9.25	9.21	9.73	10.74	11.65	12.05	12.61	13.90	13.17	14.41	15.83	17.08	19.68	20.62	23.50	24.95	Book Value per sh ^D	30.60
222.53	224.59	226.73	228.30	226.82	223.37	221.03	219.70	211.47	213.04	214.22	215.46	218.54	221.42	225.77	221.90	215.00	210.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^E	190.00
12.6	14.5	17.2	18.9	21.8	15.4	16.4	19.0	17.7	17.8	12.8	17.2	20.0	19.3	19.0	19.1	19.0	19.1	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
.94	.93	1.04	1.12	1.43	1.03	1.03	1.10	.92	1.01	.83	.88	1.09	1.10	1.00	1.01	1.00	1.01	Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
2.8%	2.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.9%	2.4%	1.9%	1.8%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.6%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06		2004	2005	6/30/06	2004	2005	6/30/06
Total Debt \$2979.5 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1470.0 mill.		24.4%	25.0%	26.8%	24.5%	25.2%	24.4%
LT Debt \$2406.7 mill. LT Interest \$120.0 mill. (LT interest earned: 15.2x; total interest coverage: 10.7x)		412.0	459.1	489.4	527.2	575.7	573.0
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$60.6 mill. Pension Assets-9/05 \$1.78 bill. Oblig. \$2.76 bill. Pfd Stock None Common Stock 221,331,457 shs. ^E		375.0	429.3	488.7	450.5	532.8	519.3
MARKET CAP: \$14.2 billion (Large Cap)		30.8%	31.9%	32.1%	30.4%	25.1%	30.7%
CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)		9.4%	9.3%	9.9%	9.0%	9.7%	9.1%
Cash Assets	146.3	55.8	60.5	112.0	499.7	376.1	475.4
Receivables	1454.7	1506.6	1553.5	1739.0	2291.7	2274.3	1961.6
Inventory (FIFO)	505.9	494.8	581.1	2574.0	2648.1	2667.3	2961.6
Other	310.0	357.5	417.4	10.0%	10.2%	11.4%	10.5%
Current Assets	2416.9	2414.7	2612.5	14.6%	16.2%	18.3%	15.2%
Accts Payable	707.0	728.0	1326.2	10.0%	11.5%	13.3%	10.3%
Debt Due	244.7	447.0	572.8	31%	29%	27%	32%
Other	753.9	768.2	162.2	10.0%	11.5%	13.3%	10.3%
Current Liab.	1705.6	1943.2	2061.2	31%	29%	27%	32%

BUSINESS: Air Products and Chemicals, Inc. supplies a variety of gases to the chemical, steel, electronics, oil, and food industries, as well as to hospitals, clinics, and labs. Produces chemical intermediates used in prod. of pesticides, adhesives, and coatings. Involved in the development, construction, and management of waste-to-energy, cogeneration, and flue gas desulfurization projects.

Air Products is likely headed for its third consecutive year of double-digit sales and earnings growth (fiscal year ends September 30th). In large part, the gains are being driven by increased volumes in the Gases segment and higher Equipment sales. Regarding the former, increased global energy and process industries (EPI) business reflects the five hydrogen plants that the company has brought on line this year. Also, electronics gases and specialty materials continue to benefit from rising sales to the flat panel and semiconductor markets. In the Equipment segment, the company is reporting strong business in the LNG heat exchanger and large air-separation markets. Recent examples of the latter include deals signed with leading steel manufacturers in China and India to supply nitrogen, oxygen, and argon through two new air-separation facilities. All told, we look for earnings growth of about 15% in fiscal 2006, moderating to around 10% the following year. **Several initiatives are under way to restore performance in the Chemicals segment.** Sales have been hurt by contract terminations and customer shut-downs in the Polyurethane Intermediates business. However, improved pricing in polymers and increased volumes in performance materials have provided support to the top line, as has the recent acquisition of a specialty surfactants producer. In the meantime, the company is looking to sell its Amines and Polymers businesses, which generated about \$300 million in revenues in fiscal 2005. In addition, Air Products intends to restructure its remaining Polyurethane Intermediates business. **Stock repurchases are also providing a boost to the company's share-net results.** Air Products repurchased 3.2 million shares in the recently completed quarter under a \$1.5 billion buyback plan initiated in March. It plans to complete \$500 million of the authorization by the end of December, and we have factored the full amount into our presentation. **This issue continues to hold modestly better-than-average price appreciation potential over the 3 to 5 year investment timeframe.** The stock remains an average selection for the year ahead.

Mario Ferro
August 18, 2006

Fiscal Year Ends	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Full Fiscal Year
2003	1447	1578	1629	1642	6297
2004	1684	1856	1892	1977	7411
2005	1991	2003	2079	2071	8144
2006	2099	2317	2320	2314	9050
2007	2300	2300	2275	2250	9125

(A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30. (B) Based on primary shares through '97, diluted thereafter. Excluding net nonrecurring gains/(losses): '90, 6c; '91, 6c; '92, 2c; '93, (28c); '94, 6c; '95, 3c; '96, 18c; '98, 26c; '00, (\$1.89); '01, (25c); '02, 3c; '03, (43c). Incl. deriv. contr. loss: '94, 33c. Next earnings report due late October. (C) Dividends historically paid in early Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. (D) Div. reinv. plan avail. (E) Incl. intang. In '05: \$1018.7 mill., \$459/sh. (F) In mill., adjusted for splits.

ALBANY INT'L 'A' NYSE-AIN **RECENT PRICE 39.13** **P/E RATIO 14.2** (Trailing: 16.7; Median: 15.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.82** **DIV'D YLD 1.0%** **VALUE LINE**

TIMELINESS 4 Raised 4/28/06	High: 25.2 22.0 26.1 28.7 24.5 15.4 23.0 30.7 34.2 35.5 40.4 43.0	LEGENDS 8.0 x "Cash Flow" p/sh Relative Price Strength Options: No Shaded area indicates recession	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011 120 100 80 64 48 32 24 20 16 12 8
SAFETY 3 New 7/27/90	Low: 16.3 16.3 18.8 15.4 13.5 9.6 12.4 16.9 20.2 26.0 29.3 33.7		
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/7/06			
BETA 1.10 (1.00 = Market)			
2009-11 PROJECTIONS			
Price	Ann'l Total		
High 65	Gain (+65%)		
Low 45	Return 14%		
Insider Decisions			
S O N D J F M A M			
to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Options 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
to Sell 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0			
Institutional Decisions			
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to Buy 66 76 68	shares		
to Sell 64 67 67	traded		
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Albany International, originally incorporated in 1895, went private in 1983. In 1987, each common share was exchanged for 16 shares of a new, non-trading Class 'B' stock. Prior to 2/1/88, about 13.7 mill. shares converted into tradable Class 'A' shares. In October, 1987, sold 3.2 mill. Class 'A' shares at \$16 a share, with shareholders selling 3.2 mill. shares. Another 1.4 mill. Class 'A' shares sold by insiders on exercise of stock options. Class 'B' shares have 10x the voting power of the Class 'A' shares and are convertible into Class 'A' shares.	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
	21.63	21.80	22.23	25.55	27.68	26.66	25.19	25.47	25.26	26.16	35.35	38.75	Sales per sh	46.15
	2.93	2.89	2.86	2.83	3.26	3.34	3.32	3.53	2.99	3.47	4.90	5.70	"Cash Flow" per sh	7.40
	1.52	1.49	1.40	.99	1.24	1.51	1.68	1.92	1.62	2.30	2.75	3.20	Earnings per sh A	4.30
	.38	.40	.10	--	--	--	.21	.25	.30	.34	.38	.40	Div'ds Decl'd per sh B	.44
	1.67	1.56	1.25	1.24	1.23	.90	1.02	1.55	1.59	1.23	1.65	2.40	Cap'l Spending per sh C	1.80
	10.26	10.54	9.69	10.68	10.55	10.09	12.37	16.26	15.13	15.37	18.60	21.45	Book Value per sh	31.75
	32.03	32.57	32.51	30.47	30.81	31.38	32.40	34.12	32.56	31.92	29.00	28.00	Common Shs Outst'g D	26.00
	12.9	15.0	15.3	18.6	10.7	12.5	13.9	14.2	19.1	14.9	Bold figures are Value Line estimates	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	13.0	
	.81	.86	.80	1.06	.70	.64	.76	.81	1.01	.80	Relative P/E Ratio	.85		
	1.9%	1.8%	.5%	--	--	--	.9%	.9%	1.0%	1.0%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.8%		
	692.8	710.1	722.7	778.4	852.9	836.7	816.0	869.0	919.8	978.7	1025	1085	Sales (\$mill)	1200
	20.3%	20.4%	19.3%	19.2%	19.4%	19.5%	19.0%	18.8%	17.0%	17.5%	18.0%	19.5%	Operating Margin	21.5%
	45.2	45.0	48.8	55.9	62.2	57.5	52.9	56.1	55.2	55.4	57.0	59.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	67.0
	48.7	49.1	44.1	30.2	38.1	47.1	54.8	64.3	53.8	74.4	85.0	100.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	125
39.0%	39.0%	39.0%	43.0%	40.0%	37.0%	31.5%	29.8%	27.0%	32.6%	30.0%	31.0%	Income Tax Rate	32.0%	
7.0%	6.9%	6.1%	3.9%	4.5%	5.6%	6.7%	7.4%	5.8%	7.6%	8.2%	9.2%	Net Profit Margin	10.4%	
204.3	202.9	189.7	331.1	272.3	179.9	202.4	292.2	234.6	272.1	390	425	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	525	
187.1	173.7	181.1	521.3	398.1	248.1	221.7	214.9	213.6	162.6	325	300	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	200	
328.8	343.1	314.9	325.4	324.9	316.6	400.6	554.7	550.8	574.9	535	600	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	825	
10.5%	10.6%	9.9%	5.0%	7.4%	10.9%	10.1%	8.7%	7.4%	10.4%	11.0%	11.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	12.5%	
14.8%	14.3%	14.0%	9.3%	11.7%	14.9%	13.7%	11.6%	9.8%	12.9%	16.0%	16.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	15.0%	
11.1%	10.6%	12.0%	9.3%	11.7%	14.9%	12.1%	10.2%	8.0%	11.1%	14.0%	15.0%	Retained to Com Eq	14.0%	
25%	26%	14%	--	--	--	12%	12%	18%	14%	13%	11%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	9%	

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06

Total Debt \$349.8 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$200 mill.
 LT Debt \$341.9 mill. LT Interest \$7.0 mill.
 (LT int. earned: 24.3x; tot. int.: 21.2x) (41% Cap'l)
 Pension Assets-12/05 \$230.4 mill. Oblig. \$345.8 mill.

Common Stock 29,751,756 shs
 (Includes 3,236,098 shs. Class B stock.)

MARKET CAP: \$1.2 bill. (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)	2004	2005	3/31/06
Cash Assets	59.0	72.7	129.8
Receivables	145.0	132.2	136.5
Inventory (LIFO)	185.5	194.4	211.0
Other	54.3	47.7	50.1
Current Assets	443.8	447.0	527.4
Accts Payable	43.4	36.8	42.7
Debt Due	16.0	7.2	7.9
Other	149.8	131.1	155.8
Current Liab.	209.2	175.1	206.4

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh)

	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '09-'11
Sales	3.5%	0.5%	10.5%
"Cash Flow"	4.5%	2.5%	14.0%
Earnings	8.5%	10.0%	14.0%
Dividends	-1.5%	--	7.0%
Book Value	6.0%	8.5%	12.5%

QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	210.4	223.6	208.7	226.3	869.0
2004	231.3	227.2	222.9	238.4	919.8
2005	241.1	247.4	242.3	247.9	978.7
2006	251.2	261.6	252.2	260	1025
2007	265	275	270	275	1085

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.47	.51	.50	.44	1.92
2004	.39	.33	.41	.49	1.62
2005	.55	.63	.66	.46	2.30
2006	.59	.63	.75	.78	2.75
2007	.67	.74	.86	.93	3.20

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.05	.05	.05	.05	.20
2003	.055	.055	.055	.07	.24
2004	.07	.07	.07	.08	.29
2005	.08	.08	.08	.09	.33
2006	.09	.09	.10		

BUSINESS: Albany International Corp. is the world's largest maker of paper machine clothing, with about 30% of the worldwide market. Paper machine clothing consists of custom designed & engineered fabrics that carry paper stock through the forming, pressing, and drying stages of paper production. The company also manufactures high performance doors. Foreign: 64% of '05 sales. R&D: 2.9% of sales. '05 depr. rate: 6.2%. Has roughly 5,900 employees, about 5,400 shareholders. Dir. & off. own 4.6% of 'A' shs.; J. Spencer Standish, 8.3%; LSV Asset Management., 5.7%; Mellon Financial, 5.3%; (Proxy, 3/06). Chairman: Frank Schmeler. President and CEO: Joseph Morone. Inc.: DE. Address: P.O. Box 1907, Albany, NY 12201. Tel: 518-445-2253. Internet: www.albint.com.

Albany International looks to be poised for strong earnings growth in the second half of the year . . . The company is the world's largest producer of paper-machine clothing (PMC), the fabric that carries paper stock through the paper-making process. Although it ran into some trouble in the second quarter, we believe that there are better days on the horizon. Indeed, the company has been gaining back volume at a steady pace of late, a trend that we envision continuing going forward thanks to new product innovations. It has introduced Aeopulse, a paper-making machine drying fabric in North America. The fabric, which requires less time and energy during the drying process because of better ventilation, has been successfully marketed in Europe for the past two years and should see strong domestic demand, given elevated energy costs. Meanwhile, share repurchases have been healthy. In all, we look for AIN to earn \$2.75 a share this year, marking 20% year-over-year growth. . . . and thereafter. With a solid foothold in developed markets, AIN is now focusing its efforts on expanding its breadth to Asia

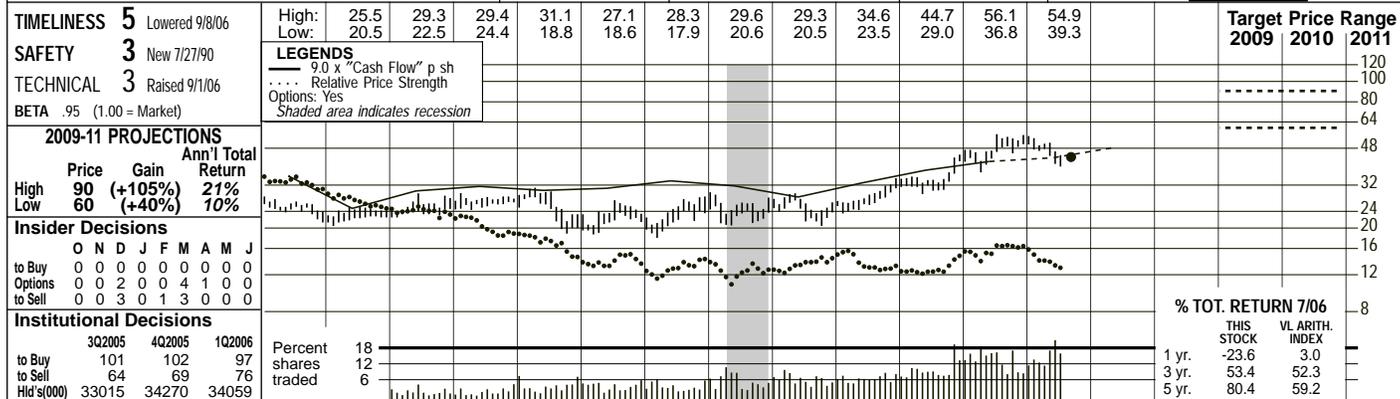
and Latin America. The company plans to invest roughly \$150 million in the construction of new PMC facilities over the next couple of years. We believe that the endeavor is a wise move, as both regions hold wide growth potential due to less saturated markets and growing populations. Meanwhile, we also take a positive view of the company's purchase of Texas Composite Inc., a designer and manufacturer of lightweight, high-strength composite structures for aerospace applications. The deal helps diversify the company's business via increasing its materials and insulation segment. This should be accretive to earnings beginning in 2007. **However, these shares do not stand out at this time.** They are untimely for the coming six to 12 months, based on our momentum-based ranking system and hold below-average 3- to 5-year appreciation potential. Although we think that the company will post strong bottom-line annual advances out to late decade, the bulk of the gains we envision already appear to be factored into the stock's current quotation.

Andre J. Costanza
July 28, 2006

(A) Primary egs. until '94; diluted thereafter. Nonrecurring gains (losses) excluded: '96, (\$0.04); '98, (\$0.39); '99, (\$0.32); '01, (\$0.45); '03, (\$0.31); '04 (\$1.30). Next egs. report due late July. (B) Stock div'ds: 0.5%; 7/3/98; 10/5/98; 2.0%; 1/6/99. Stock div'ds discontinued 11/00. Cash dividend resumed Nov. 7, 2001. Dividends historically paid in early Jan., Apr., July, and Oct. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '05: \$165.1 mill., \$5.09/sh. (D) In millions.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	60
Price Growth Persistence	45
Earnings Predictability	65

ALEXANDER & BWN, NDQ-ALEX **RECENT PRICE 43.58** **P/E RATIO 16.7** (Trailing: 17.0; Median: 17.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.98** **DIV'D YLD 2.3%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
16.41	16.19	16.28	21.11	26.44	22.54	27.19	28.42	29.79	22.56	26.48	26.27	26.39	29.21	34.51	36.52	39.90	44.35	Revenues per sh	51.20
3.88	3.66	3.49	3.72	3.93	2.76	3.34	3.51	3.36	3.43	3.73	3.53	3.12	3.65	4.19	4.61	4.80	5.40	"Cash Flow" per sh	6.95
2.50	2.00	1.65	1.62	1.62	.88	1.38	1.52	1.33	1.67	1.91	1.44	1.41	1.94	2.33	2.70	2.65	3.10	Earnings per sh ^A	4.30
.86	.88	.88	.88	.88	.88	.88	.88	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.90	.98	1.00	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	1.40
4.25	6.05	4.39	3.29	2.09	2.20	4.14	1.08	2.54	1.85	2.09	2.45	1.08	5.07	3.49	5.25	7.25	2.65	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.15
14.78	15.90	12.07	12.65	13.85	14.35	15.09	16.03	15.78	15.78	17.19	17.53	17.54	19.22	20.88	23.05	24.45	26.65	Book Value per sh	34.00
46.20	46.23	46.33	46.40	45.69	45.28	45.34	44.88	44.03	42.53	40.35	40.53	41.27	42.20	43.30	44.00	41.50	41.50	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	41.00
11.0	12.7	14.9	15.3	15.4	26.4	18.0	17.6	19.0	13.5	12.2	17.0	17.8	14.4	14.8	17.4	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
.82	.81	.90	.90	1.01	1.77	1.13	1.01	.99	.77	.79	.87	.97	.82	.78	.92			Relative P/E Ratio	1.15
3.1%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.8%	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	4.0%	3.9%	3.7%	3.6%	3.2%	2.6%	1.9%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.9%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06		1232.6	1275.4	1311.6	959.3	1068.6	1064.6	1088.9	1232.5	1494.3	1606.8	1655	1840	Revenues (\$mill)	2100
Total Debt \$407 mill.	Due in 5 Yrs \$241 mill.	18.1%	17.6%	15.9%	21.1%	20.5%	18.7%	13.8%	15.7%	16.4%	16.5%	14.0%	15.5%	Operating Margin	17.5%
LT Debt \$353 mill.	LT Interest \$12.8 mill.	89.0	88.6	88.5	73.9	72.3	75.4	70.7	73.0	80.3	84.0	85.0	95.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	105
(LT interest earned: 13.0x; total interest coverage: 12.8x)	(26% of Cap'l)	62.4	68.9	59.5	72.2	78.3	67.6	58.2	81.0	101	119	115	130	Net Profit (\$mill)	180
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$19 mill.		37.9%	35.7%	37.5%	35.0%	36.2%	35.8%	33.0%	36.7%	37.7%	38.4%	37.5%	38.0%	Income Tax Rate	38.0%
Pension Assets-12/05 \$315 mill. Oblig. \$294 mill.		5.1%	5.4%	4.5%	7.5%	7.3%	6.3%	5.3%	6.6%	6.8%	7.4%	6.9%	7.1%	Net Profit Margin	8.6%
Pfd Stock None		101.5	114.8	67.1	59.9	55.9	24.4	82.6	64.0	53.0	49.0	75.0	100	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	100
Common Stock 43,067,453 shs.	MARKET CAP: \$1.9 billion (Mid Cap)	357.7	292.9	255.8	277.6	330.8	207.4	247.8	330.0	214.0	296.0	410	380	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	390
		684.3	719.6	694.6	671.0	693.7	710.7	723.6	811.0	904.0	1014.0	1015	1105	Return on Total Cap'l	11.0%
		7.5%	8.1%	7.4%	8.5%	8.8%	8.4%	6.5%	7.6%	9.6%	9.6%	8.5%	9.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	13.0%
		3.3%	4.0%	2.8%	5.0%	6.0%	4.4%	2.9%	5.4%	7.0%	7.9%	7.0%	8.0%	Retained to Com Eq	8.5%
		64%	58%	68%	54%	47%	54%	63%	46%	38%	33%	37%	32%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	32%

BUSINESS: Alexander & Baldwin, Inc. has three major segments: Transportation (82% '05 revs., 65% operating profit); the dominant carrier of cargo and autos between the U.S. Mainland and Hawaii and logistics services under the Matson name. Real Estate (10%, 32%); property development and mgmt. (owns 89,810 acres, 5.1 mill. sq. ft. of income properties). Food Products (8%, 3%); Hawaii's largest cane sugar plantation and coffee producer. Sold majority interest in C&H Sugar, 12/98. Has about 2,175 employees. FMR Corp. owns 14.9% of stock; officers/directors, 3.6% (3/06 proxy). Chrmn.: Charles M. Stockholm. Pres. and CEO: W. Allen Doane. Inc.: HI. Address: 822 Bishop St., P.O. Box 3440, Honolulu, HI 96801. Tel.: 808-525-6611. Internet: www.alexanderbaldwin.com.

Alexander & Baldwin's new China service is progressing nicely. Profit at the ocean transportation segment fell 37%, year to year, in the recent second quarter, to \$24.4 million. The weaker results largely reflected start-up costs on a wholly owned Guam/China service. This service began early in 2006, when a Guam-only joint venture was terminated. Freight rates from Asia to the U.S. west coast have been stagnant, and we expect them to rise only modestly during the current peak season, restrained by excess vessel capacity. Volumes on the new route, however, have ramped up faster than expected. A&B's Matson subsidiary can offer superior transit times and has a dedicated terminal in Long Beach, minimizing port congestion. We estimate that Matson's earnings will be down only modestly in the second half of the year, and that profits from the new service will exceed those of the old joint venture in two or three years. **The logistics business is on a roll.** The unit's June-quarter revenue and operating income rose 9% and 47%, to \$116 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. A shift to higher-margin highway and expedited traffic has bolstered profitability. The outlook for this business is positive. **Real estate activity remains strong.** A&B's leasing portfolio on both the mainland and Hawaii is benefiting from nearly full occupancy. The company also has six owned or joint venture development projects underway and several more in the planning stages. The timing of property sales is uncertain, though. Consolidated earnings in the June quarter handily beat our expectations, thanks the sale of two shopping centers for \$35.6 million. We expect third-quarter sales to be relatively light. Sales on a large residential project begin in the fourth quarter, but initial profits will be modest due to percentage-of-completion accounting. **The company has aggressively repurchased shares.** Over 1.3 million common shares were bought back in June and July through an accelerated stock repurchase program. **This untimely issue is down more than 20% from its peak in 2005.** We think this provides a good entry point for long-term investors.

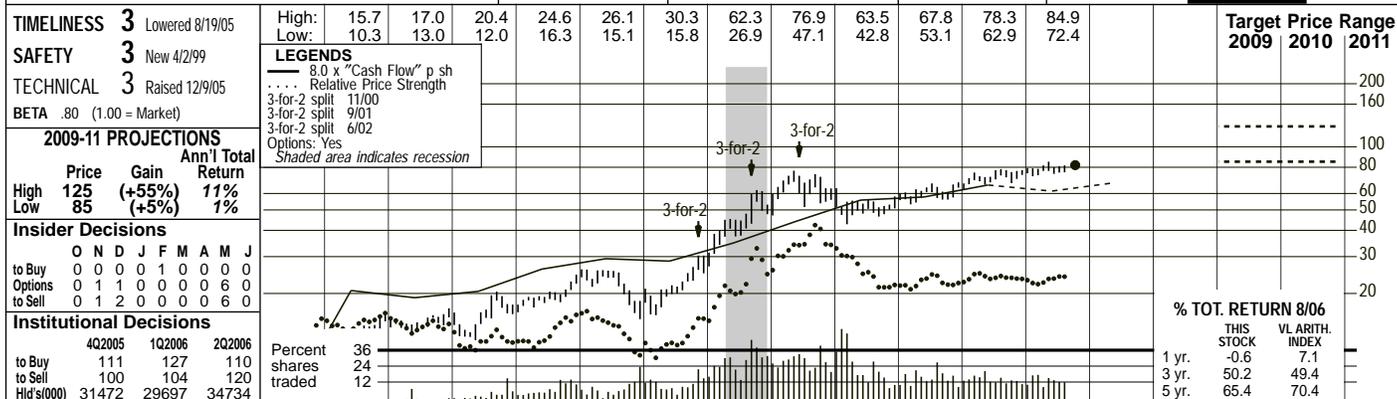
Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	273.4	314.7	316.7	327.7	1232.5
2004	342.4	375.4	382.5	394.0	1494.3
2005	364.6	391.9	451.8	398.5	1606.8
2006	362.2	418.2	430	444.6	1655
2007	420	460	490	470	1840

(A) Based on average shares outstanding through 1997, then diluted. Excl. net nonrec. gains (losses): '92, (\$1.24); '93, (17c); '95, 24c; '96, 6c; '97, 28c; '98, (77c); '99, (22c); '00, 30c; '01, \$1.28; '05, 16c. Excl. discontinued ops.: '95, 11c; '01, 22c. Due to a change in accounting rules, real estate sold is excl. from revenues, but incl. in reported EPS; '02, 28c; '03, 28c; '04, 5c; '05, 23c; '06, 44c. Next earnings report due late October. (B) Dividends historically paid early March, June, Sept., and Dec. (C) In millions. © 2006, Value Line Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product. To subscribe call 1-800-833-0046.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	85
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	65

Craig Sirois September 8, 2006

ALLIANT TECH. NYSE-ATK RECENT PRICE **81.83** P/E RATIO **16.4** (Trailing: 19.4 Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.94** DIV'D YLD **Nil** VALUE LINE



2009-11 PROJECTIONS		Ann'l Total	
Price	Gain	Return	
High 125	(+55%)	11%	
Low 85	(+5%)	1%	

Insider Decisions								
O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
to Buy	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Options	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
to Sell	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0

Institutional Decisions				
4Q2005	1Q2006	2Q2006	Percent	36
to Buy	111	127	shares	24
to Sell	100	104	traded	12
Hld's(000)	31472	29697		

Alliant Techsystems Inc. was incorporated as a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Honeywell, Inc. on May 2, 1990 in connection with Honeywell's plan to spin off certain businesses. On September 28, 1990, Honeywell declared a distribution payable to holders of record of one share of Alliant stock for every four shares of Honeywell common stock. Honeywell transferred to Alliant all of the assets and liabilities of the relevant businesses.												© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Revenues per sh ^A	123.60
26.24	25.27	31.42	35.19	36.07	47.61	61.33	71.01	85.04	111.46	97.70	102.45	"Cash Flow" per sh	10.45
2.39	2.56	3.27	3.67	3.57	4.35	5.53	6.97	7.22	8.23	7.70	8.45	Earnings per sh ^{AB}	7.00
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.69	.48	1.26	1.49	.78	--	1.53	1.76	1.90	2.26	2.05	1.85	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.20
5.27	6.25	3.42	3.75	6.26	14.71	13.49	16.93	20.84	21.77	33.15	38.60	Book Value per sh	54.30
41.51	42.56	34.71	30.62	31.66	37.84	35.42	33.32	32.94	28.86	35.00	35.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	35.00
12.2	11.1	12.8	10.8	11.7	20.8	19.0	14.3	15.7	18.3	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
.76	.64	.67	.62	.76	1.07	1.04	.82	.83	.98			Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
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1089.4	1075.5	1090.4	1077.5	1141.9	1801.6	2172.1	2366.2	2801.1	3216.8	3425	3585	Revenues (\$mill) ^A	4325
12.2%	12.4%	13.7%	15.6%	15.9%	16.8%	15.8%	14.7%	13.2%	12.8%	13.2%	13.5%	Operating Margin	14.5%
45.1	41.0	45.9	47.8	45.0	78.7	67.1	69.9	84.3	83.6	90.0	100	Depreciation (\$mill)	120
54.1	68.0	67.6	64.5	67.9	86.1	128.8	162.3	153.5	153.9	180	195	Net Profit (\$mill)	245
--	--	15.0%	26.1%	34.3%	39.8%	39.0%	25.3%	30.2%	32.2%	34.0%	34.0%	Income Tax Rate	38.0%
5.0%	6.3%	6.2%	6.0%	5.9%	4.8%	5.9%	6.9%	5.5%	4.8%	5.3%	5.5%	Net Profit Margin	5.7%
94.0	95.6	56.6	d5.5	40.8	299.2	284.2	377.3	401.7	348.6	465	525	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	800
237.1	180.8	306.0	277.1	207.9	867.6	820.9	1076.0	1131.4	1096.0	1000	900	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	700
218.8	265.8	118.7	114.9	198.3	556.8	477.9	564.2	686.4	628.4	1160	1350	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1900
15.7%	18.3%	18.8%	20.7%	20.7%	9.0%	12.4%	11.7%	10.2%	11.8%	10.0%	10.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	10.0%
24.7%	25.6%	57.0%	56.1%	34.2%	15.5%	27.0%	28.8%	22.4%	24.5%	15.5%	14.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	13.0%
24.7%	25.6%	57.0%	56.1%	34.2%	15.5%	27.0%	28.8%	22.4%	24.5%	15.5%	14.5%	Retained to Com Eq	13.0%
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06	
Total Debt	\$1116.3 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$30.0 mill.
LT Debt	\$1089.3 mill. LT Interest \$60.0 mill.
(Total interest earned: 4.2x; LT interest earned: 4.4x) (46% of Cap'l)	
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$47.9 mill. Pension Assets-3/06 \$1.7 bill. Oblig. \$2.1 bill.	
Pfd Stock None	
Common Stock 29,342,900 shs. MARKET CAP: \$2.4 billion (Mid Cap)	

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)			
2004	2005	6/30/06	
Cash Assets	12.8	9.1	11.5
Receivables	626.7	738.9	789.7
Inventory (FIFO)	125.2	139.9	160.0
Other	68.7	131.6	129.7
Current Assets	833.4	1019.5	1090.9
Accts Payable	147.3	166.0	146.1
Debt Due	2.7	29.6	27.0
Other	281.7	475.3	491.4
Current Liab.	431.7	670.9	664.5

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)		Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Revenues	15.0%	21.0%	5.5%	
"Cash Flow"	16.5%	16.5%	5.5%	
Earnings	17.0%	15.5%	10.0%	
Dividends	--	--	Nil	
Book Value	20.5%	34.5%	19.0%	

Fiscal Year Begins	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	June.30	Sept.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	
2003	559.1	566.6	563.8	676.7	2366.2
2004	644.3	673.1	684.5	799.2	2801.1
2005	757.0	772.1	770.0	917.7	3216.8
2006	822.4	832.6	840	930	3425
2007	845	875	885	980	3585

Fiscal Year Begins	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	
2003	.84	.93	.94	1.01	3.72
2004	.81	.78	1.18	1.26	4.03
2005	.91	1.07	1.26	.79	4.03
2006	1.09	1.21	1.22	1.48	5.00
2007	1.20	1.30	1.34	1.66	5.50

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					

Business: Alliant Techsystems has three business groups: Conventional Munitions, Aerospace, and Defense Systems. Conventional Munitions (34% of '05 sales) develops ammunition, gun powders, warheads, and solid rocket propulsion systems. Defense (17%) supplies "smart" munitions, fuses, and electronic systems. Aerospace (43%) makes rocket propulsion components for space launch vehicles and missiles. Other (6%). Alliant Techsystems is a Honeywell spinoff, which was incorporated 5/90. Has about 15,200 employees. Officers & directors own 1.0% of common, Wellington Management Company has 10.7% (6/06 proxy). Chairman and CEO: Daniel J. Murphy, Inc.: DE. Addr.: 5050 Lincoln Drive, Edina, MN 55436-1097. Telephone: 952-351-3000. Internet: www.atk.com.

Alliant Techsystems' June-quarter earnings were in line with our estimate. (Fiscal years end March 31st). Share net came in at \$1.09. Ammunition revenues grew by 16% on a sequential basis, a much quicker pace than we had expected. The anticipation of a future price increase was likely the main culprit behind this phenomenon. With that, we expect ammunition comparisons to weaken as fiscal 2006 progresses. Too, profitability in this arena continues to be squeezed by higher amounts of civil ammunition sales, whose margins are only about 8%. Therefore, we have trimmed a dime from our fiscal-year bottom-line expectation, which now sits at \$5.00 per share.

Free cash flow guidance for fiscal 2006 should be about \$185 million. The company has a five-million-share buyback program, which will be used primarily to offset option dilution. Too, a \$90 million pension contribution has been set for this year, with a large chunk of this likely coming in the current quarter. Additionally, a sizable portion of this cash flow will be used to buy back debt.

The company closed out the summer by signing a flurry of new contracts. A five-year, \$22 million pact with the Air Force to develop automated composite technologies for launch vehicle structures was announced in late August. Also in that month, a \$38 million agreement with the Joint Munitions Committee to produce lightweight ammunition used on the Apache AH-64 helicopter, and a \$90 million arrangement with Orbital Sciences for the construction of Orion solid rocket motors, were disclosed. The wide array of deals coming in demonstrates the across-the-board strength of ATK, and adds a level of support to our fiscal 2007 estimates of \$3.6 billion in revenues with EPS of \$5.50.

We currently have a neutral view on these shares. Our capital appreciation projections out to decade's end, as well as our Timeliness ranking for the year ahead, are both lackluster. However, takeover rumblings surrounding the company have gotten somewhat louder in the last few months. Still, management has made no indication that a sale is something that is currently being discussed.

Erik M. Manning September 22, 2006

ALLIED CAPITAL NYSE-ALD
RECENT PRICE **29.42** P/E RATIO **13.1** (Trailing: 7.1 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.74** DIV'D YLD **8.3%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Raised 5/13/05	High: 13.3 15.9 22.5 29.3 24.0 21.6 26.5 29.0 28.2 31.1 30.8 32.2	Low: 9.5 12.7 13.9 12.0 16.5 15.5 18.0 16.9 19.5 21.6 24.5 25.7	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011
SAFETY 2 Raised 2/27/04	LEGENDS --- 12.0 x Earnings p sh ... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		120 100 80 64 48 32 24 20 16 12 8
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 3/10/06	2009-11 PROJECTIONS Price Gain Ann'l Total High 60 (+105%) 25% Low 40 (+35%) 15%		
BETA .85 (1.00 = Market)	Insider Decisions O N D J F M A M J to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 3 0 Options 1 1 1 1 0 3 0 0 4 to Sell 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
	Institutional Decisions 3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006 to Buy 111 127 122 to Sell 67 73 91 Hld's(000) 42905 43013 44147		% TOT. RETURN 7/06 THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX 1 yr. 7.3 3.0 3 yr. 56.7 52.3 5 yr. 86.7 59.2

Allied Capital was formed by the December 31, 1997 merger of Allied Capital Corporation, Allied Capital Corporation II, Allied Capital Commercial Corporation, Allied Capital Advisers, and Allied Capital Lending Corporation. Immediately following the merger, the new entity, which was previously four investment funds and an investment adviser, became known as Allied Capital Corporation. Over the last five years, the company has raised about \$900 million of equity capital to fuel its growth.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$1208.8 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1095 mill.
LT Debt \$1208.8 mill. LT Interest \$114.8 mill.
(31.0% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: None
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 140,312,000 shs.

MARKET CAP: \$4.1 billion (Mid Cap)

ASSETS(\$Mill.)	2004	2005	6/30/06
Loans	3013.4	3606.4	3593.5
Funds Sold	--	--	--
Securities	--	222.3	223.8
Other Earning	--	--	--
Other	247.6	197.2	193.9

LIABILITIES(\$Mill.)

Deposits	--	--	--
Funds Borrowed	--	--	--
Long-Term Debt	1176.6	1284.8	1208.8
Shr. Equity	1979.8	2620.5	2690.0
Other	104.6	120.6	112.3
Total	3261.0	4025.9	4011.2
Loan Loss Reserv.	--	--	--

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '03-'05
of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '09-'11

Loans	--	5.0%	13.0%
Earnings	--	14.0%	11.0%
Dividends	--	7.0%	10.0%
Book Value	--	10.0%	3.0%
Total Assets	--	6.5%	12.0%

PORTFOLIO (\$mill.)

Calendar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2003	2377	2546	2601	2584	
2004	2400	2785	2980	3013	
2005	3195	2714	3224	3606	
2006	3691	3593	3900	4000	
2007	4150	4300	4450	4600	

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Calendar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Full Year
2003	.18	.52	.28	.62	1.60
2004	.15	.72	.66	.35	1.88
2005	.89	2.29	.82	2.36	6.36
2006	.70	.29	.60	.66	2.25
2007	.65	.70	.75	.80	2.90

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=C

Calendar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.53	.55	.56	.56	2.20
2003	.57	.57	.57	.57	2.28
2004	.57	.57	.57	.59	2.30
2005	.57	.57	.58	.58	2.30
2006	.59	.60			

1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
--	--	1.50	1.64	1.94	2.16	2.20	1.62	1.88	6.36	2.25	2.90	Earnings per sh ^A 4.25
--	--	1.43	1.60	1.82	2.01	2.23	2.28	2.30	2.30	2.40	2.50	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^{B=C} 4.10
--	--	8.55	10.12	12.07	13.57	14.22	14.94	14.87	19.17	19.55	19.60	Book Value per sh 19.75
--	--	56.73	65.93	85.29	99.61	108.70	128.12	133.10	136.70	140.00	143.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C 150.00
--	--	14.2	12.0	9.6	10.9	10.9	14.5	14.2	4.3	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio 12.0
--	--	.74	.68	.62	.56	.60	.83	.75	.23			Relative P/E Ratio .85
--	--	6.7%	8.1%	9.8%	8.6%	9.3%	9.7%	8.6%	8.3%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield 8.0%
--	--	856.1	1290.0	1853.8	2460.7	2794.3	3019.9	3261.0	4025.9	4000	4600	Total Assets (\$mill) 6800
--	--	800.3	1228.5	1788.0	2329.6	2488.2	2584.6	3013.4	3606.4	3700	4300	Portfolio (\$mill) 6500
--	--	80.0	99.2	141.0	177.9	196.4	221.7	249.5	246.6	285	350	Net Interest Inc (\$mill) 425
--	--	3.2	6.1	13.1	--	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Loan Loss Prov'n (\$mill) Nil
--	--	32.9	40.8	56.6	67.4	87.5	27.2	90.5	786.3	150	175	Noninterest Inc (\$mill) 185
--	--	30.8	35.2	41.5	45.0	54.6	59.3	89.4	148.6	155	180	Noninterest Exp (\$mill) 195
--	--	78.1	98.6	143.1	200.7	228.3	192.0	249.5	872.8	315	415	Net Profit (\$mill) 635
--	--	1.0%	--	--	--	4%	--	4%	1.3%	4%	Nil	Income Tax Rate Nil
--	--	9.12%	7.64%	7.72%	8.16%	8.17%	6.36%	7.65%	21.68%	8.0%	9.0%	Return on Total Assets 9.5%
--	--	239.4	487.4	704.6	876.1	794.2	954.2	1176.6	1284.8	1300	1300	Long-Term Debt (\$mill) 1300
--	--	492.1	674.5	1036.7	1359.1	1553.1	1920.6	1979.8	2620.5	2740	2800	Shr. Equity (\$mill) 2960
--	--	57.5%	52.3%	55.9%	55.2%	55.6%	63.6%	60.7%	65.1%	69%	61%	Shr. Eq. to Total Assets 44%
--	--	93.5%	95.2%	96.4%	94.7%	89.0%	85.6%	92.4%	89.6%	93%	94%	Portfolio to Tot Assets 96%
--	--	15.9%	14.6%	13.8%	14.8%	14.7%	10.0%	12.6%	33.3%	13.0%	15.0%	Return on Shr. Equity 21.5%
--	--	1.7%	.5%	1.2%	1.5%	.5%	NMF	NMF	21.7%	1%	2%	Retained to Com Eq 1%
--	--	89%	97%	92%	90%	97%	NMF	117%	35%	96%	86%	All Div'ds to Net Prof 97%

BUSINESS: Allied Capital Corp. is the nation's largest business development company, primarily invests in middle-market private firms, offering long-term investment capital mainly through mezzanine debt (60% of its portfolio, 12/05) and equity financing (40%). It also participates in the real estate capital markets (26%) as an investor in commercial mortgage-backed securities. Allied is a regu-

lated investment company that is not subject to corporate taxation. Non real estate holdings are concentrated in consumer, business, and financial services. Has 131 empl. (12/05). Off/dir. own 8.5% of stock (3/06 Proxy). Chrmn/CEO: William Walton. Inc.: Maryland. Address: 1919 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 2006-3434. Tel.: 202-721-6100. Web.: www.alliedcapital.com.

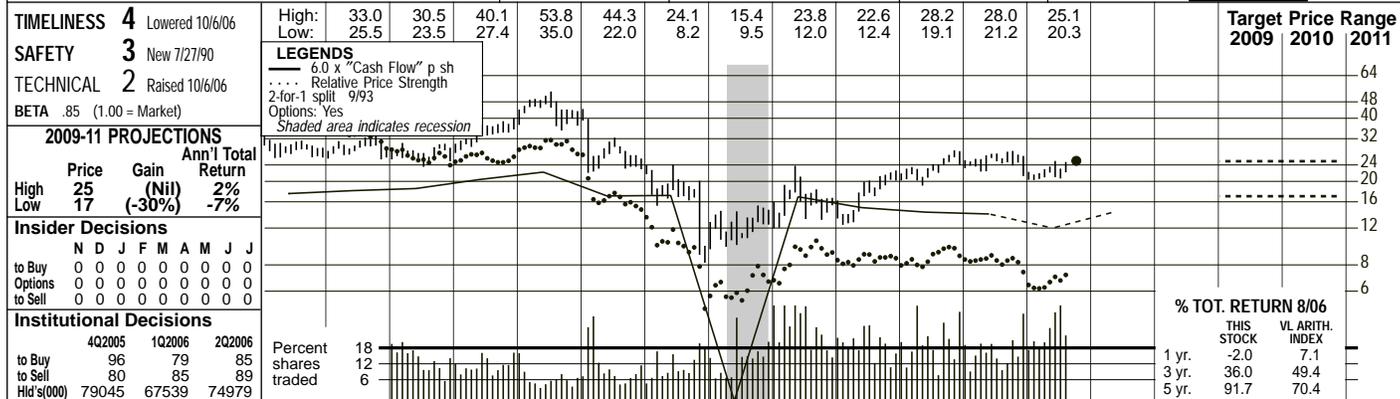
Good economic fundamentals suggest continued strong results at Allied Capital this year and next. True, things are competitive in the middle market. To illustrate, the average purchase price multiple of private equity acquisitions is currently about 8.0 times EBITDA, above the historical norm of 6.0-7.0. But opportunities still seem fairly plentiful, thanks to a high number of deals coming through the pipeline. Despite leveraged buyout activity setting a record in 2005, the market has done even better this year. **Several trends should benefit the company.** First, Allied has become increasingly involved in its portfolio companies. This has given management better control over exit timing, which has increased the liquidity of investments and allowed the redeployment of capital when more-lucrative opportunities present themselves. Second, the company has gained greater say over the capitalization structure of its portfolio companies. Third, Allied now uses a uni-tranche structure that allows it to direct more capital on single senior subordinated debt for middle-market firms when attractive pricing op-

portunities come along. Finally, Allied's reach in the private equity marketplace continues to extend further afield into faster-growth areas. **Decent yields on the interest-bearing portion of the private finance portfolio should be possible.** We look for about 12.5% for the next several quarters, versus 13.0% last year. **Allied should be able to maintain its dividend at least at the current level.** The company has an undistributed earnings surplus of roughly \$570 million, which gives management about a seven-quarter buffer on funding future dividends. **Relatively safe Allied shares have 3- to 5-year appeal.** The recent valuation does not appear to fully reflect the good earnings growth that we project for the company over the pull to 2009-2011. The high yield should be of special interest to those investors seeking income. All told, the issue has above-average long-term total return potential. *Quarterly share earnings are subject to significant volatility due to the timing of asset sales.*
Warren Thorpe August 25, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings per share. Includes net realized and unrealized gains (losses): '98, 45¢; '99, 46¢; '00, 41¢; '01, 23¢; '02, 42¢; '03, (3¢); '04, (18¢). Quarters may not sum to total due to rounding. Next earnings report due mid-Oct. (B) Dividend historically paid late March, June, Sept., Dec. A portion (est'd '06: 50%) of dividends are usually taxed at the capital gains rate. Declared special dividends: \$0.02, paid 1/28/05; \$0.03, 1/27/06. (C) Dividend reinvestment plan available. (D) In millions.

AMER. GREETINGS NYSE-AM

RECENT PRICE **25.04** P/E RATIO **33.4** (Trailing: 22.4; Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.89** DIV'D YLD **1.3%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
22.35	21.65	22.93	23.88	25.15	26.81	28.82	30.89	31.92	33.71	39.67	36.95	30.29	29.78	27.57	30.52	31.10	34.55	Sales per sh ^A	45.90
1.97	1.99	2.20	2.57	2.92	3.02	3.09	3.41	3.70	2.84	2.86	d.60	2.82	2.50	2.39	2.34	1.85	2.40	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.55
1.31	1.40	1.55	1.77	2.00	2.01	2.23	2.37	2.62	1.81	1.31	d1.92	1.63	1.40	1.40	1.23	.75	1.15	Earnings per sh ^{A B}	1.95
.35	.38	.42	.48	.55	.62	.67	.71	.74	.78	.82	.40	--	--	.12	.32	.32	.44	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.55
.72	.94	1.06	1.39	1.31	1.23	1.24	.95	.88	.79	1.17	.45	.48	.53	.69	.75	1.40	1.10	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.00
10.39	12.05	13.07	14.21	15.61	16.53	18.16	18.90	19.49	19.41	16.49	14.15	16.35	18.79	20.09	19.75	20.50	22.60	Book Value per sh ^D	30.15
63.22	71.77	72.90	74.12	74.30	74.71	74.98	71.18	69.09	64.52	63.49	63.76	65.90	67.47	69.03	61.79	58.00	55.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^F	49.00
12.7	13.2	14.3	16.4	14.2	14.4	12.4	15.1	16.6	14.2	12.4	--	10.0	13.3	17.1	19.9	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	11.0
.94	.84	.87	.97	.93	.96	.78	.87	.86	.81	.81	--	.55	.76	.90	1.06			Relative P/E Ratio	.75
2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%	2.1%	2.4%	2.0%	1.7%	3.0%	5.1%	3.1%	--	--	.5%	1.3%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.6%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 5/26/06		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
Total Debt \$399.1 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$175.0 mill.		2161.1	2198.8	2205.7	2175.2	2518.8	2355.7	1995.9	2008.9	1902.7	1885.7	1805	1900	Sales (\$mill) ^A				2250
LT Debt \$240.0 mill. LT Interest \$50.0 mill.		15.7%	15.7%	17.8%	13.0%	10.7%	3.2%	15.9%	13.0%	7.8%	11.0%	9.5%	11.0%	Operating Margin				12.0%
Includes \$175 mill. 7.0% conv. sub. notes (due 7/06), each conv. into 12.60 common shares at \$13.90.		64.6	65.9	67.0	64.3	98.1	84.3	64.8	64.1	57.0	54.2	55.0	55.0	Depreciation (\$mill)				55.0
(Total interest coverage: 5.1x) (20% of Cap'l)		167.1	176.9	188.6	119.1	83.5	d122.3	121.1	104.7	107.6	90.1	55.0	75.0	Net Profit (\$mill)				120
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$34.0 mill.		34.3%	34.8%	36.2%	33.6%	15.3%	--	39.7%	38.7%	15.4%	35.1%	35.0%	35.0%	Income Tax Rate				35.0%
Pensions Assets-5/06 \$105.0 mill. Oblig. \$102.0 mill.		7.7%	8.0%	8.5%	5.5%	3.3%	NMF	6.1%	5.2%	5.7%	4.8%	3.0%	4.0%	Net Profit Margin				5.5%
Pfd Stock None		562.2	506.1	728.1	518.2	94.4	350.2	535.1	754.0	793.9	578.1	505	490	Working Cap'l (\$mill)				600
Common Stock 52,962,609 shs.		219.6	148.8	463.2	442.1	380.1	853.1	726.5	665.9	486.1	300.5	240	220	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)				150
Includes 4,227,153. Class B shs. ^E		1361.7	1345.2	1346.6	1252.4	1047.2	902.4	1077.5	1386.8	1220.0	1190	1245	1475	Shr. Equity (\$mill)				1475
MARKET CAP: \$1.2 billion (Mid Cap)		11.1%	12.2%	11.2%	8.0%	6.3%	NMF	8.6%	7.6%	8.1%	7.0%	5.5%	7.0%	Return on Total Cap'l				9.0%
		12.3%	13.1%	14.0%	9.5%	8.0%	NMF	11.2%	8.3%	7.8%	7.4%	4.5%	6.0%	Return on Shr. Equity				8.0%
		8.6%	9.3%	10.1%	5.4%	2.9%	NMF	11.2%	8.3%	7.2%	5.7%	3.0%	4.5%	Retained to Com Eq				6.5%
		30%	29%	28%	43%	63%	NMF	--	--	8%	24%	35%	31%	All Div'ds to Net Prof				22%

CURRENT POSITION	2004	2005	5/26/06
Cash Assets	459.0	422.4	288.6
Receivables	200.4	142.1	122.8
Inventory (LIFO)	222.9	217.3	237.7
Other	399.3	380.3	386.6
Current Assets	1281.6	1162.1	1035.7
Accts Payable	143.0	126.1	123.5
Debt Due	--	174.8	159.1
Other	344.7	283.1	242.3
Current Liab.	487.7	584.0	524.9

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-11
of change (per sh)			
Sales	1.5%	-3.5%	4.0%
"Cash Flow"	-1.5%	-5.0%	4.5%
Earnings	-3.5%	-7.0%	5.5%
Dividends	-12.5%	-28.5%	NMF
Book Value	2.5%	1.0%	6.0%

Fiscal Year Begins	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	May 31	Aug.31	Nov.30	Feb.Per.	
2003	454.3	403.6	616.0	535.0	2008.9
2004	433.5	392.1	586.2	490.9	1902.7
2005	439.5	384.9	552.0	509.3	1885.7
2006	406.6	360.1	535	503.3	1805
2007	450	395	555	500	1900

Fiscal Year Begins	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	May 31	Aug.31	Nov.30	Feb.Per.	
2003	.27	d.15	.70	.62	1.40
2004	.35	.10	.55	.40	1.40
2005	.35	.05	.14	.69	1.23
2006	.24	d.23	.35	.40	.75
2007	.30	Nil	.40	.45	1.15

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	--	--	--	--	--
2003	--	--	--	--	--
2004	--	--	--	.06	.06
2005	.06	.08	.08	.08	.30
2006	.08	.08	.08		

BUSINESS: American Greetings Corporation is the second-largest U.S. producer of greeting cards (59% of 2005 sales). Also markets giftwraps and accessories (16%), and other items (25%—including candles, giftware items, party goods, calendars). Licensing characters (Strawberry Shortcake, Care Bears). Acquired: Gibson Greetings, 3/00; Collage Designs, 2/05. Sold Acme Frame, 8/97;

A top-line decline at American Greetings is likely to lead to a 33% share-net contraction in fiscal 2006 (year ends next February). We expect revenue to be hurt by a reduced product count stemming from the corporation's restructuring program (see below). Greeting card receipts are in a downward trend owing to competition from the Internet and Hallmark Cards, Inc. Also, licensing revenue, after a surge beginning a few years ago, has declined. The company's *Care Bear* and *Strawberry Shortcake* brands experienced a revival with children until last year.

Implementation of the \$100 million "Win at Cards" restructuring plan has been initiated. Approximately two-thirds of the expenditure is allocated towards acquiring 30% of its retail partner's inventory, replacing all remaining backlog with "improved" products, and creative development. The remainder is aimed at converting all retail partners to its scan-based trading system (to improve operating efficiency). The initiative's purpose is to boost weak revenue trends through better card assortments and displays at stores

and to streamline its supply chain. However, we are skeptical about the impact of the plan. The initiative requires a high single-digit price hike on most of its "improved" products to generate more meaningful share-net advances. We are not sure if this is likely since the company operates in a highly competitive industry. Consumers may refuse to pay higher prices.

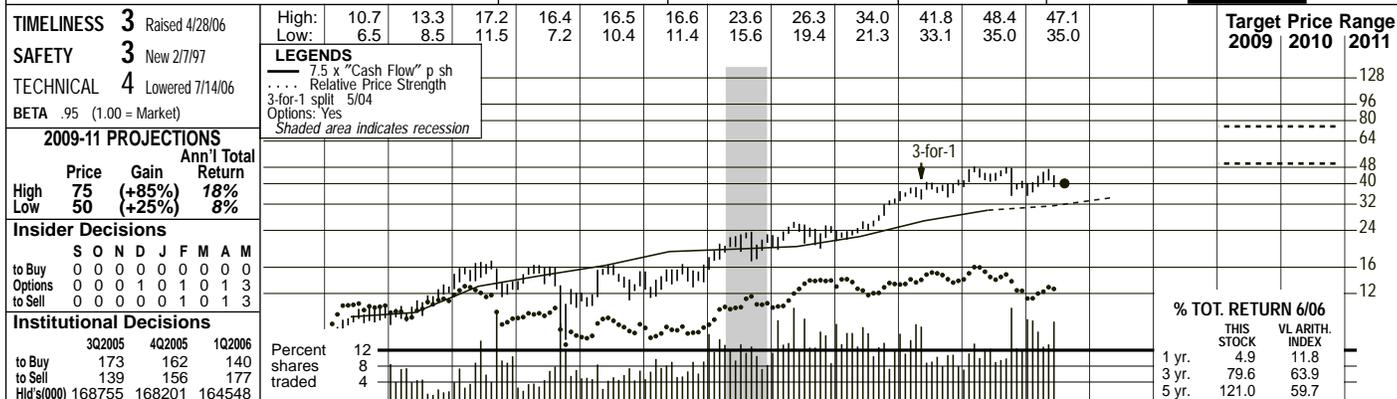
Management is seeking to reverse the negative licensing revenue trend. Last December, American Greetings made a major investment in Hatchery, an entertainment business that produces and distributes family and children's entertainment. Earlier this year, the company added new members to its sales team that have considerable experience in digital media. The recent appointments reflect the division's commitment to increase licensing through mobile devices and the Internet.

This equity has little if any appeal out to 2009-2011. In fact, these shares are already trading well within the 3- to 5-year Target Price Range we think probable.

Dominic B. Silva
October 6, 2006

(A) Fiscal yr. ends last day in Feb. of following cal. yr. (B) Primary eqs. through '96, dil. thereafter. Excludes nonrecurring gains (losses): '04, (28¢); '03, (13¢); '01, (\$2.89); '00, (15¢); '99, (44¢); '98, (14¢); '97, 18¢; '93, (24¢); SFAS 121 charge: '95, 47¢. Next eqs. rpt. due early Jan. (C) Dividends suspended 2/02; resumed 10/04. (D) Incl. intangibles. In '05: \$203.6 mill., \$3.08/sh. (E) Class B: 10 votes per share. (F) In mill., adj. for stock split.	Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence Earnings Predictability	B+ 60 20 10
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AMER. STANDARD COS. NYSE-ASD RECENT PRICE **40.17** P/E RATIO **14.6** (Trailing: 15.9 Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.84** DIV'D YLD **1.8%** VALUE LINE



Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
Price	24.63	27.83	31.72	33.88	36.43	34.53	35.78	39.32	44.24	49.65	55.75	60.10	Sales per sh
High	1.30	1.73	1.95	2.18	2.54	2.61	2.68	2.99	3.55	3.99	4.05	4.60	"Cash Flow" per sh
Low	.81	.92	.99	1.20	1.45	1.51	1.68	1.83	2.27	2.56	2.75	3.15	Earnings per sh A
Options	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	.60	.72	.76	Div'ds Decl'd per sh B
to Buy	.90	1.14	1.22	1.29	1.36	1.04	.97	.99	1.00	1.42	1.45	1.25	Cap'l Spending per sh
to Sell	d1.61	d2.82	d3.34	d2.34	d1.88	d.42	1.05	3.28	4.33	4.46	4.55	5.30	Book Value per sh D
Hld's(000)	235.72	215.89	209.77	212.23	208.60	216.22	217.84	217.92	214.95	206.74	200.00	198.00	Common Shs Outst'g C
Percent	13.3	15.8	13.4	11.2	9.8	13.4	13.9	14.3	16.5	16.8	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio
shares	.83	.91	.70	.64	.64	.69	.76	.82	.87	.90	1.4%	1.9%	Relative P/E Ratio
traded	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield

American Standard Companies was formed in 1988 through a leveraged buyout by Kelso & Company, L.P. of American Standard Inc. to fend off a hostile takeover bid by Black & Decker. The name was changed from ASI Holding Corp. in 11/94. An IPO of 45,336,900 shares at \$6.67 (both figures split adjusted) was completed on 2/3/95.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$1,759.8 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$813.1 mill.
LT Debt \$1,756.3 mill. LT Interest \$125.0 mill.
(66% of Capital)
Leases, Uncapitalized \$181.4 mill.

Pension Assets-12/05 \$1.0 bill. **Oblig.** \$1.6 bill.
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 200,461,208 shares

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
5804.6	6007.5	6653.9	7189.5	7598.4	7465.3	7795.4	8567.6	9508.8	10264	11150	11900	15000	Sales (\$mill)			
11.0%	11.8%	11.2%	11.5%	12.1%	12.6%	11.6%	10.8%	11.7%	11.6%	10.5%	11.0%	12.0%	Operating Margin			
118.0	164.0	190.0	202.1	213.4	232.3	212.7	246.8	261.9	267.7	250	270	300	Depreciation (\$mill)			
188.5	210.2	219.4	260.4	316.0	331.0	371.0	405.2	501.4	556.6	565	640	995	Net Profit (\$mill)			
35.6%	35.7%	40.0%	40.3%	39.4%	37.5%	33.3%	26.2%	25.2%	28.0%	28.0%	30.0%	30.0%	Income Tax Rate			
3.2%	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%	4.7%	5.3%	5.4%	5.1%	5.4%	6.6%	Net Profit Margin			
149.5	d447.2	d759.3	d561.0	71.9	208.1	348.8	457.2	543.1	837.3	1045	1065	2050	Working Cap'l (\$mill)			
1741.8	1550.8	1527.5	1886.7	2375.6	2142.0	1918.4	1626.8	1429.1	1676.1	1755	1465	945	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)			
d380.4	d609.8	d701.0	d496.5	d392.9	d90.1	229.8	713.8	930.3	922.5	910	1050	2215	Shr. Equity (\$mill) D			
20.4%	29.5%	36.0%	24.1%	20.9%	20.5%	20.3%	19.8%	23.5%	23.7%	21.5%	25.5%	31.5%	Return on Total Cap'l			
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MARKET CAP: \$8.1 billion (Large Cap)
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 6/30/06 (\$MILL)
Cash Assets 229.4 390.7 233.1
Receivables 1154.5 1161.3 1472.6
Inventory (LIFO) 1087.2 1078.2 1243.6
Other 418.7 436.0 515.6
Current Assets 2889.8 3066.2 3464.9
Accts Payable 887.2 844.5 1016.8
Debt Due 78.8 2.6 3.5
Product Warranties 155.1 181.9 198.7
Other 1225.6 1199.9 1442.4
Current Liab. 2346.7 2228.9 2661.4

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh)
Sales 7.0% 5.5% 10.0%
"Cash Flow" 11.0% 9.5% 12.0%
Earnings 13.5% 13.0% 15.0%
Dividends -- -- 31.0%
Book Value -- -- 20.0%

Business: American Standard is composed of three lines of business: Air Conditioning Systems (59% of 2005 sales), Bath & Kitchen (24%), and Vehicle Control Systems (17%). Brands include Standard, Trane, Porcher, Wabco, LARA, and Copalis. In 11/95, acquired remaining 67% of Porcher. Foreign sales accounted for 47% of total in 2005. Depreciation rate in 2005: 9.8%. Has manufacturing operations in 29 countries; 61,200 employees. Officers and directors own 4.2% of stock; employee plan, 6.9%; Capital Group International, 12.0% (3/06 proxy). Chairman and CEO: Frederic M. Poses. Incorporated: DE. Address: One Centennial Ave., P.O. Box 6820, Piscataway, NJ 08855-6820. Telephone: (888) ASD-NEWS. Internet: www.americanstandard.com.

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	1950	2265	2234	2117	8567.6
2004	2185	2575	2396	2352	9508.8
2005	2340	2755	2624	2545	10264
2006	2552	2990	2875	2733	11150
2007	2750	3225	3000	2925	11900

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.29	.61	.55	.38	1.83
2004	.38	.73	.71	.45	2.27
2005	.47	.89	.74	.46	2.56
2006	.40	.93	.77	.65	2.75
2007	.45	1.05	.95	.70	3.15

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	---	---	---	---	---
2003	---	---	---	---	---
2004	---	---	---	---	---
2005	.15	.15	.15	.15	.60
2006	.18	.18	---	---	---

(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring items: '95, d14c; '96, d\$1.01; '97, d50c; '98, d\$1.07; '01, d16c; '04, d85c. Next earnings report due late Oct.
(B) Quarterly dividend initiated on 1/31/05. Dividends paid in late March, June, September, and December.
(C) In millions, adjusted for stock split.
(D) Includes intangibles. 2005: \$1,152.9 million, \$.531 a share.

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Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	85
Price Growth Persistence	85
Earnings Predictability	95

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Tom Nikic July 28, 2006

AMERISOURCE NYSE-ABC
RECENT PRICE **44.08** P/E RATIO **19.3** (Trailing: 21.2; Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.15** DIV'D YLD **0.2%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 9/2/05	High: 8.6 12.1 16.6 20.2 20.7 26.8 36.0 41.4 36.7 32.0 42.2 49.0	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011
SAFETY 3 New 6/12/98	Low: 4.9 7.0 10.3 11.1 5.5 6.0 20.1 25.1 22.8 24.9 26.5 40.2	
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 2/17/06	LEGENDS 17.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 3/99 2-for-1 split 12/05 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession	
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)		
2009-11 PROJECTIONS		
Ann'l Total		
Price Gain Return		
High 80 (+80%) 16%		
Low 55 (+25%) 6%		
Insider Decisions		
O N D J F M A M J		
to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		
Options 0 2 1 6 1 0 0 2 0		
to Sell 0 2 1 6 1 0 0 2 0		
Institutional Decisions		
3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006		
to Buy 162 175 164		
to Sell 142 144 167		
Hld's(000) 210458 192610 178320		

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
58.63	81.88	88.48	95.03	111.40	76.41	188.14	203.04	232.46	239.85	275.95	306.55	306.55	Sales per sh ^A	411.15
.57	.63	.84	.98	1.10	.77	2.00	2.32	2.59	2.10	2.70	3.00	3.00	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.05
.46	.49	.69	.81	.95	1.16	1.65	2.00	2.03	1.69	2.12	2.40	2.40	Earnings per sh ^{A B}	3.40
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.17	.17	.11	.15	.16	.11	.30	.40	.90	.98	.90	.95	.95	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.00
d.39	.15	.78	1.62	2.71	13.71	15.51	17.86	20.64	20.53	20.15	22.05	22.05	Book Value per sh	31.55
94.69	95.46	96.92	102.70	104.22	207.07	213.89	224.28	210.23	208.52	204.00	202.00	202.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	200.00
17.5	23.8	21.3	18.9	11.6	22.8	20.5	15.2	14.1	18.7	18.7	18.7	18.7	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	19.5
1.10	1.37	1.11	1.08	.75	1.17	1.12	.87	.74	.99	.99	.99	.99	Relative P/E Ratio	1.30
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AmerisourceBergen was formed in 2001 by the merger of AmeriSource and Bergen Brunswig. Prior to that, AmeriSource was formed to acquire Alco Health Services Corp. in a \$545 million leveraged buyout of that company in 1988. In April of 1995 the company issued 6.6 million shares at an offering price of \$5.25 a share. That offering was led by Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette. A subsequent offering of 4.8 million shares was made in May of '96 at \$8.75 a share.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$1084.7 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$458.4 mill.
LT Debt \$1082.2 mill. LT Interest \$48.0 mill.
(Total interest coverage: 11.0x) (20% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized \$64.3 mill.
Pension Assets-9/05 \$73.2 mill. Oblig. \$117.0 mill.
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 201,564,381 shs.

MARKET CAP: \$8.9 billion (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION	2004	2005	6/30/06
(\$MILL.)			
Cash Assets	871.3	1315.7	1658.3
Receivables	2261.0	2640.6	3146.6
Inventory (LIFO)	5135.8	4003.7	4471.2
Other	27.3	27.7	28.5
Current Assets	8295.4	7987.7	9304.6
Accts Payable	4947.0	5292.3	6529.9
Other	1156.9	759.8	910.1
Current Liab.	6103.9	6052.1	7440.0

ANNUAL RATES	Past	Past	Est'd '03-'05
of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '09-'11
Sales	15.5%	18.0%	11.0%
"Cash Flow"	18.5%	19.0%	9.5%
Earnings	17.5%	18.5%	11.0%
Dividends	--	--	12.0%
Book Value	--	63.0%	8.0%

Fiscal Year Ends	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	
2003	11107	11214	11482	11733	45536
2004	12266	12344	12115	12145	48870
2005	12204	12240	12604	12965	50013
2006	13536	14049	14446	14264	56295
2007	14890	15460	15890	15685	61925

Fiscal Year Ends	EARNINGS PER SHARE^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	
2003	.42	.53	.52	.53	2.00
2004	.47	.61	.54	.41	2.03
2005	.30	.45	.46	.48	1.69
2006	.44	.55	.57	.56	2.12
2007	.52	.63	.62	.63	2.40

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.013	.013	.013	.013	.05
2003	.013	.013	.013	.013	.05
2004	.013	.013	.013	.013	.05
2005	.013	.013	.013	.013	.05
2006	.025	.025	.025		

BUSINESS: AmerisourceBergen was created by the merger of AmeriSource Health and Bergen Brunswig. The company is a full-service wholesale distributor of pharmaceutical products and related health-care services in the U.S. It operates in two segments: Pharmaceutical Distribution and PharMerica, its international pharmacy. Acquired Gulf Dist. Inc. and Diabetic Shoppe, Inc., in

AmerisourceBergen is putting the finishing touches on what should be a record year. During the June interim (fiscal year ends September 30th), the company posted a nifty 24% year-over-year earnings advance, on record sales of \$14.4 billion. As throughout much of the year, ABC's fortunes benefited from solid results in pharmaceutical distribution, driven, in part, by vibrant growth in its speciality pharmaceutical business. What's more, the PharMerica segment is rebounding nicely, as its long-term care pharmacy business continues to transition due to the implementation of Medicare Part D. Separately, \$11.3 million in net interest expense in the prior-year third quarter was changed into \$600,000 of net interest income, thanks to an increase in cash invested at higher interest rates and reduced rates on ABC's long-term debt. As a result, we now look for the company to post fiscal 2006 earnings of about \$2.12 a share, with roughly a 13% share-net advance the following year. **The company's balance sheet is in great shape.** The company finished off the June quarter with \$1.7 billion in cash, leaving it well positioned to make addi-

tional acquisitions, pare its long-term debt, or improve shareholder value through the repurchase of its common stock. Notably, ABC repurchased \$374 million of its stock in the second quarter, and through the first nine months, it has bought back \$506 million of its stock, handily exceeding its target of \$400 to \$450 million for the fiscal year. \$244 million remains available under the current authorization.

AmerisourceBergen's long-term prospects are quite appealing. Over the next few years, we expect that ABC's fortunes will benefit from selective price increases, the accelerated development of new drugs, and the graying of the baby-boomer generation. What's more, the consolidation of AmeriSource and Bergen Brunswig's facilities has resulted in about \$150 million in annual cost savings, auguring well for earnings growth through 2009-2011.

Although ranked only to mirror the year-ahead market, this stock offers solid appreciation potential through the latter years of this decade.
Kenneth A. Nugent September 1, 2006

(A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30th. (B) Primary earnings through fiscal 1997, diluted thereafter. Excludes n/r losses: '96, \$0.60; '97, \$0.28; '98, \$0.34; '99, \$0.07; '01, \$0.21; '02, \$0.13; '03, \$0.07; '04, \$0.07; '05, \$0.33; '06, Q3, \$0.01. Next egs. report due late Oct. (C) Dividend historically paid in early March, June, Sept, and Dec. (D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.	Company's Financial Strength B++
	Stock's Price Stability 75
	Price Growth Persistence 30
	Earnings Predictability 75

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AMETEK, INC. NYSE-AME

RECENT PRICE **42.37** P/E RATIO **17.3** (Trailing: 20.2 Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **.99** DIV'D YLD **0.6%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 2 Raised 5/26/06
SAFETY 3 Lowered 1/27/06
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 7/28/06
BETA 1.15 (1.00 = Market)

High: 9.8 11.1 14.0 15.7 12.9 13.5 17.0 20.4 24.4
 Low: 7.9 8.0 9.9 7.9 8.3 7.8 10.7 13.1 14.7

LEGENDS
 — 11.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh
 ... Relative Price Strength
 2-for-1 split 3/04
 Options: Yes
 Shaded area indicates recession

2009-11 PROJECTIONS

Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High 80	(+90%)	18%
Low 55	(+30%)	7%

Insider Decisions

S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Options	0	3	4	1	0	1	0	2
to Sell	0	3	5	2	1	1	0	2

Institutional Decisions

302005	402005	102006
to Buy	129	106
to Sell	89	108
Hlds(000)	57893	58546

Percent shares traded: 12, 8, 4

% TOT. RETURN 6/06
 THIS STOCK VS. ARITH. INDEX
 1 yr. 13.9 11.8
 3 yr. 163.7 63.9
 5 yr. 220.2 59.7

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
7.55	8.13	8.70	8.39	11.64	12.74	13.28	12.84	14.45	14.45	15.79	15.53	15.35	15.80	17.50	20.01	24.85	28.70	Sales per sh	40.00
.81	.85	.92	.71	.99	1.07	1.21	1.26	1.46	1.57	1.72	1.72	1.72	2.12	2.45	3.00	3.50	3.50	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.00
.43	.44	.51	.30	.53	.66	.79	.75	.82	.93	1.06	.99	1.25	1.30	1.63	1.99	2.45	2.80	Earnings per sh ^A	3.90
.32	.33	.34	.29	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.24	.24	.24	.24	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.28
.41	.21	.27	.44	.33	.48	.63	.62	.78	2.30	.46	.45	.26	.31	.30	.32	.40	.50	Cap'l Spending per sh	.70
2.28	2.41	2.38	1.89	1.05	1.32	1.98	2.41	2.71	3.38	4.33	5.11	6.20	7.66	9.37	11.24	13.70	16.35	Book Value per sh ^C	26.40
87.46	87.92	88.43	87.28	69.41	65.72	65.41	66.00	64.18	64.00	64.89	65.63	67.77	69.09	70.42	71.70	70.00	70.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	70.00
13.6	13.9	15.7	24.0	14.2	13.3	12.2	16.0	15.3	11.1	9.7	14.4	13.9	15.4	17.7	20.1	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
1.01	.89	.95	1.42	.93	.89	.76	.92	.80	.63	.63	.74	.76	.88	.94	1.07			Relative P/E Ratio	1.15
5.5%	5.5%	4.3%	4.0%	1.6%	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.2%	1.2%	.8%	.7%	.6%	.8%	.6%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.4%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06
 Total Debt \$617.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$502.0 mill.
 LT Debt \$478.4 mill. LT Interest \$30.2 mill.

868.7	847.8	927.5	924.8	1024.7	1019.3	1040.5	1091.6	1232.3	1434.5	1740	2010	Sales (\$mill)	2800
14.1%	14.7%	15.4%	17.1%	17.5%	15.3%	17.5%	17.5%	18.9%	19.1%	19.2%	19.4%	Operating Margin	19.5%
27.8	32.9	38.4	39.6	43.3	46.5	33.0	34.2	36.8	35.0	38.0	44.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	56.0
51.2	50.3	55.2	60.8	68.5	66.1	83.7	87.8	87.8	140.6	175	200	Net Profit (\$mill)	280
34.9%	35.7%	35.3%	35.7%	35.4%	21.6%	31.9%	32.5%	32.0%	31.1%	32.5%	33.0%	Income Tax Rate	35.0%
5.9%	5.9%	6.0%	6.6%	6.7%	6.5%	8.0%	8.0%	9.1%	9.8%	10.1%	10.0%	Net Profit Margin	10.0%
61.0	69.8	33.9	66.6	5.4	43.2	89.2	92.9	189.1	150.5	180	240	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	380
150.3	152.3	227.0	231.8	233.6	303.4	279.6	317.7	400.2	475.3	500	500	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	500
129.5	159.0	174.0	216.2	280.8	335.1	420.2	529.1	659.6	805.6	960	1145	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1850
20.8%	18.6%	16.0%	15.6%	15.2%	11.8%	13.4%	11.6%	11.8%	12.1%	13.0%	13.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	12.5%
39.5%	31.6%	31.7%	28.1%	24.4%	19.7%	19.9%	16.6%	17.1%	17.5%	18.0%	17.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	15.0%
33.5%	26.6%	27.2%	24.5%	21.7%	17.4%	18.0%	15.1%	14.6%	15.4%	16.5%	16.0%	Retained to Com Eq	14.0%
15%	16%	14%	13%	11%	12%	9%	9%	14%	12%	10%	8%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	7%

Business: Ametek, Inc. is a manufacturer of electrical and electro-mechanical products and materials. Has operations in the United States, Europe, Asia, and Mexico. About 45% of the company's sales are from markets outside the U.S. Two operating groups: Electro-mechanical, 44% of 2005 sales, 46% of operating income; Electronic Instruments, 56%, 54%. Sold water filtration business in July, 1997. 2005 depreciation rate: 5.1%. Estimated plant age: 6 years. Has about 9,800 employees, 2,240 stockholders. Officers and directors own 4.4% of stock; GAMCO, 5.6%; T. Rowe Price, 6.4%; (4/06 proxy). Chairman, Pres. & CEO: Frank S. Hermance. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 37 North Valley Road, Paoli, PA 19301. Telephone: 610-647-2121. Internet: www.ametek.com.

Ametek's performance is exceeding our expectations. During the second quarter, share earnings jumped 30% year over year, to \$0.65. Demand from the company's end markets steadily improved over the last few quarters. This, in addition to ongoing strategic acquisitions, helped lift sales by 28% in the period. Specifically, the Electronic Instruments Group's revenues climbed 28% from a year earlier, aided by strength in the process and analytical instruments markets, and contributions from the takeovers of SPECTRO, Solartron, and Pulsar. Meanwhile, the Electromechanical Group's sales rose 29%, as the unit benefited from the contributions of HCC Industries and Penn Engineering Motion Technologies. Due to these solid gains, we have raised our 2006 share-net estimate by \$0.15, to \$2.45.

We project further improvement in Ametek's operating environment over the next year. Management continues to focus on developing new products with higher margins of profitability. Also, the company is penetrating further into the analytical instruments, laboratory, and industrial markets, among others. We think these initiatives, along with increased consumer and commercial spending, will drive top-line growth in 2007. These factors, along with benefits from cost-cutting efforts, should help the company's bottom-line to advance almost 15% in 2007.

Earnings will likely increase annually at a low double-digit pace out to the end of the decade. A brighter economic landscape over this period should improve results in the aerospace, electric motors, and power businesses. Moreover, we believe that Ametek will continue to use acquisitions to add a significant amount to its annual sales growth. Nonetheless, we will exclude the effects of potential deals in our projections until their completion.

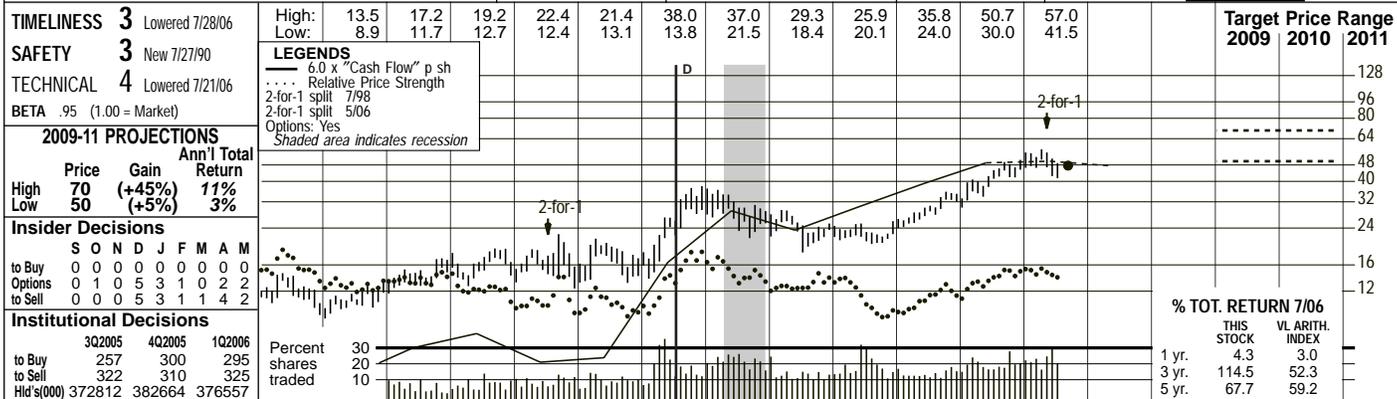
This stock is ranked to outperform the broader market averages over the coming year. Stronger demand from Ametek's end markets along with its ability to make beneficial acquisitions will probably be the main catalysts behind earnings growth in the years ahead. Furthermore, these shares offer decent capital appreciation potential over the 3- to 5-year horizon.

Randy Shrikishun
 July 28, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings (primary through 1996). Excl. nonrecurring losses: '93, 77¢; '98, 40¢. Excl. net extraordinary charge: '94, 21¢. Excl. disc. ops.: '95, 33¢. Next earnings report due late October.	(B) Dividends historically paid in late March, June, September, and December.	(C) Includes intangibles. In 2005: \$903.2 million, \$12.60/sh.	(D) In millions.	Company's Financial Strength	B++
				Stock's Price Stability	75
				Price Growth Persistence	85
				Earnings Predictability	90

ANADARKO PETRO. NYSE-APC

RECENT PRICE **47.49** P/E RATIO **9.2** (Trailing: 9.3 Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.54** DIV'D YLD **0.8%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB, INC.	09-11
1.77	1.53	1.70	2.03	2.05	1.84	2.39	2.76	2.29	2.70	11.22	16.47	7.75	10.19	12.92	15.25	17.45	17.30	Sales per sh	18.25
.85	.70	.79	.93	.94	.79	1.07	1.26	.92	.96	2.74	4.84	3.91	5.05	6.49	8.18	8.30	7.90	"Cash Flow" per sh	8.50
.26	.15	.19	.23	.20	.09	.37	.45	.08	.13	2.08	2.61	1.61	2.46	3.38	5.20	5.15	4.50	Earnings per sh ^A	4.00
.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.08	.10	.10	.10	.12	.17	.22	.28	.36	.36	.40	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.54
.97	.77	1.64	1.11	1.80	1.40	1.79	2.82	3.74	2.62	3.37	6.52	4.80	5.51	6.53	7.32	6.85	6.50	Cap'l Spending per sh	6.95
2.81	2.90	2.97	3.68	3.82	3.85	4.26	4.59	5.14	5.92	13.40	12.52	14.00	17.10	19.78	23.73	28.20	30.55	Book Value per sh	35.95
219.71	220.56	221.25	234.67	235.43	236.06	238.10	243.54	244.87	259.24	506.61	508.21	497.85	502.80	469.410	465.66	460.00	455.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	430.00
32.7	45.9	34.5	44.4	59.0	NMF	38.1	36.2	NMF	NMF	12.1	11.1	15.1	9.2	9.2	7.9	7.9	7.9	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
2.43	2.93	2.09	2.62	3.87	NMF	2.39	2.09	NMF	NMF	.79	.57	.82	.52	.49	.42	.42	.42	Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
.9%	1.1%	1.2%	.8%	.6%	.7%	.5%	.5%	.6%	.6%	.4%	.4%	.7%	1.0%	1.0%	.9%	.9%	.9%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.8%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06				1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Debt \$3614 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$227 mill.				569.0	673.2	560.3	701.1	5686.0	8369.0	3860.0	5122.0	6067.0	7100.0	8020	7870	Sales (\$mill)	7850				
LT Debt \$3387 mill. LT Interest \$209 mill.				61.3%	59.7%	47.7%	54.6%	37.5%	38.0%	72.5%	77.0%	72.5%	77.4%	76.0%	73.0%	Operating Margin	58.0%				
(Total interest coverage: 5.7x) (22% of Cap'l)				167.2	198.8	204.5	218.1	593.0	1154.0	1121.0	1297.0	1447.0	1343.0	1455	1535	Depreciation (\$mill)	1930				
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$78.2 mill.				88.4	107.3	20.7	42.6	796.0	1305.0	825.0	1240.0	1601.0	2466.0	2370	2050	Net Profit (\$mill)	1720				
Pension Assets-12/05 \$334 mill. Oblig. \$526 mill.				36.1%	34.7%	--	59.4%	44.2%	30.3%	31.6%	37.2%	35.4%	36.7%	36.0%	36.0%	Income Tax Rate	36.0%				
Preferred Stock None.				15.5%	15.9%	3.7%	6.1%	14.0%	15.6%	21.4%	24.2%	26.4%	34.7%	29.5%	26.0%	Net Profit Margin	21.9%				
Common Stock 463,108,285 shs. as of 7/23/06				d15.5	d33.3	d58.8	d31.3	218.0	d600.0	d581.0	d391.0	410.1	512.6	490	460	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	400				
MARKET CAP: \$22 billion (Large Cap)				731.0	955.7	1425.4	1443.3	3984.0	4638.0	5171.0	5058.0	3671.0	3555.0	3300	3300	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	3500				
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)				1014.1	1116.8	1259.5	1534.6	6786.0	6365.0	6972.0	8599.0	9285.0	11051	12960	13900	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	15450				
Cash Assets				6.7%	6.7%	2.3%	2.8%	8.9%	13.5%	8.3%	10.3%	13.7%	17.6%	14.5%	12.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	8.0%				
Receivables				8.7%	9.6%	1.6%	2.8%	11.7%	20.5%	11.8%	14.4%	17.2%	22.3%	18.5%	15.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	11.0%				
Inventory (Avg Cst)				7.0%	8.0%	NMF	4%	11.0%	19.5%	10.7%	13.1%	15.7%	20.7%	16.5%	13.5%	Retained to Com Eq	9.5%				
Other				20%	17%	NMF	85%	6%	5%	10%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	13%				
Current Assets				BUSINESS: Anadarko Petroleum Corp. explores for and produces oil & natural gas in the U.S. Also has an active int'l exploration & development program. Operations include gas gathering and processing. Proved reserves 12/31/05: liquids, 1.21 billion bls.; gas, 9.12 Tcf. 5-year avg. worldwide finding cost: \$8.11/bbl. versus industry average: \$7.67/bbl. 5-year average reserve replacement ratio: 617%. '05 daily production: liquids, 116.2 mmbbls.; gas, 1.312 bcf. Employs about 2,245. Stock owners: Officers & Directors, 1.2%; Barclays Fin'l., 6.3%; CAM N. America, 5.9%; Neuberger, 5.8% (3/06 proxy). Chairman: R.J. Allison Jr. Pres. & CEO: Jim Hackett, Inc.: DE. Address: 1201 Lake Robbins Drive, The Woodlands, TX 77380. Telephone: 832-636-1000. Web: anadarko.com.																	
Accts Payable				ANADARKO stock has fallen over 15% since our May report. There are a few reasons for this. First, at the time of our previous report, many investors felt it was time to take some money off the table as most of the good news had been factored in, and it appeared energy stocks had reached a cyclical high. Second, investors were skeptical as to APC's ability to digest two major acquisitions (Kerr McGee and Western Resources) and were concerned about the premium prices it was paying for them. Third, the company seemed vague regarding its intent to pay off the additional \$2.2 billion in debt it borrowed to help pay for these acquisitions. Indeed, the stock had been as low as \$40. However, pursuant to good second-quarter profits (see below), and the announcement that the company intends to sell off its Canadian operations to help pay off debt, the stock has partially recovered. We look for the company to generate share net of \$5.15 this year. This is slightly below the 2005 figure. Anadarko reported second-quarter share earnings of \$1.26, 19% above the year-ago tally, due to higher production in Algeria, greater NGL production, and strong oil and gas prices. Despite this, our second-half estimate is lower owing to higher operating costs and the exclusion of the Canadian assets (now classified as discontinued). Furthermore, transportation costs will likely increase due to high fuel costs. Too, delays at the Genghis Khan site (due to hurricanes) are a setback, and reserve development expenses are liable to remain elevated. (APC's cost inflation index is one of the highest among its peer group.) Gas profits should remain strong in 2007. This is thanks to higher natural gas prices (about \$7.80 per mmbtu), and more-favorable trends at the K2 operation. We also look for an additional \$0.75 a share to be generated by the Kerr-McGee and Western Gas Resources acquisitions. Although the recent pullback has made the stock's long-term appeal a little more attractive, it is still below average. We don't expect oil and gas prices to drop appreciably anytime soon, but costs will likely remain on the high side and production increases are liable to become more hard-won. <i>Jeremy J. Butler August 18, 2006</i>																	
Debt Due				ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11																	
Other				Sales 20.5% 19.0% 6.0%																	
Current Liab.				"Cash Flow" 22.0% 33.5% 4.5%																	
				Earnings 35.5% 36.5% 1.5%																	
				Dividends 14.5% 24.0% 11.0%																	
				Book Value 18.0% 20.0% 10.0%																	

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	1227	1277	1340	1278	5122.0
2004	1460	1443	1562	1602	6067.0
2005	1530	1590	1756	2245	7100.0
2006	1954	1826	1890	2350	8020
2007	1960	1780	1880	2250	7870

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.72	.60	.55	.59	2.46
2004	.78	.80	.79	1.02	3.38
2005	1.02	1.06	1.26	1.86	5.20
2006	1.42	1.26	1.20	1.27	5.15
2007	1.20	1.10	1.15	1.05	4.50

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.03	.04	.04	.05	.16
2003	.05	.05	.05	.07	.22
2004	.07	.07	.07	.07	.28
2005	.09	.09	.09	.09	.36
2006	.09	.09			

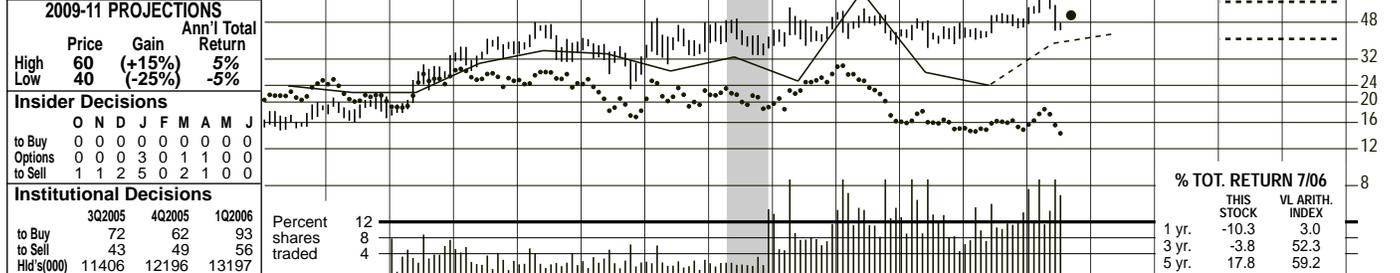
(A) Primary egs. thru 1996, diluted thereafter. Excl. nonrec. items: '93, d4c; '94, d3c; '96, 5c. Excl. extra. item: '93, 34c (FAS 106 & 109); '01, d\$3.13. Incl. extra. item: '00, d5c. Next earnings report due mid-October. (B) Dividends historically paid late March, June, September, and December. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits. (D) Acquired Union Pacific Resources in July 2000.

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Company's Financial Strength	
Stock's Price Stability	A
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	35

ANALOGIC CORP. NDQ-ALOG RECENT PRICE **51.81** P/E RATIO **39.0** (Trailing: 42.1; Median: 26.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **2.32** DIV'D YLD **0.8%** **VALUE LINE**

TIMELINESS 5 Lowered 6/30/06	High: 21.8	33.5	41.0	48.0	40.5	50.3	50.0	56.5	55.8	50.2	53.0	67.5	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011	
SAFETY 3 New 9/12/97	Low: 16.0	17.3	28.1	31.0	23.0	30.3	33.4	36.7	37.6	36.2	39.7	43.8		120
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 9/1/06	LEGENDS — 13.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh ... Relative Price Strength Options: No Shaded area indicates recession													80
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)													64	



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
8.97	10.12	12.37	14.39	15.69	16.81	18.44	20.37	23.28	22.00	23.11	27.27	23.62	34.94	25.97	26.40	26.35	28.25	Sales per sh (A)	38.15
1.17	1.42	1.43	1.63	1.84	1.71	1.71	2.35	2.70	2.61	2.17	2.52	1.93	5.16	2.13	1.85	2.95	3.25	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.15
.85	.91	.69	1.01	1.18	1.02	1.04	1.66	1.89	1.54	1.10	1.35	.80	3.70	.62	.42	1.15	1.45	Earnings per sh (B)	2.30
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3.36	.55	.38	.36	.59	.66	.50	.50	1.15	1.62	1.01	1.41	1.76	1.21	1.60	.80	1.30	1.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.60
9.59	11.17	12.92	13.67	14.93	16.17	16.95	18.11	19.86	21.03	21.71	22.70	22.99	26.42	26.84	28.93	31.45	32.65	Book Value per sh	37.95
16.01	14.09	12.07	12.36	12.35	12.42	12.49	12.60	12.65	12.71	12.88	13.22	13.27	13.50	13.69	13.81	13.10	13.10	Common Shs Outst'g (D)	13.10
11.3	11.2	16.0	13.1	13.2	17.5	19.9	18.5	21.0	22.7	32.1	30.1	NMF	12.5	NMF	NMF	45.9		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	21.0
.84	.72	.97	.77	.87	1.17	1.25	1.07	1.09	1.29	2.09	1.54	NMF	.71	NMF	NMF	2.42		Relative P/E Ratio	1.40
--	--	--	--	--	.4%	.9%	.7%	.6%	.8%	.8%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.8%		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.8%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 4/30/06				230.5	256.7	294.5	279.7	297.6	360.6	313.6	471.5	355.6	364.6	345	370	Sales (\$mill) (A)	500
Total Debt \$1.4 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$.3 mill.				11.0%	15.5%	17.3%	15.7%	12.3%	9.7%	7.7%	19.1%	7.7%	5.8%	11.5%	13.5%	Operating Margin	13.5%
LT Debt \$1.4 mill. LT Interest \$.3 mill.				8.3	8.5	10.3	13.7	13.8	15.9	15.1	20.2	20.8	20.5	23.5	24.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	25.0
Incl. \$.1 mill. capitalized leases.				13.1	21.1	23.9	19.5	14.1	17.5	10.6	49.5	8.4	5.0	15.0	19.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	30.0
(less than 1% of Cap'l)				26.2%	24.7%	32.4%	20.0%	31.0%	30.1%	19.4%	36.3%	17.3%	16.5%	35.0%	35.0%	Income Tax Rate	35.0%
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$1.7 mill.				5.7%	8.2%	8.1%	7.0%	4.7%	4.8%	3.4%	10.5%	2.3%	1.4%	4.5%	5.0%	Net Profit Margin	6.0%
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				168.5	186.1	200.7	205.9	213.0	224.5	213.5	246.5	245.9	287.5	305	325	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	395
Prd Stock None				9.5	8.6	7.7	6.7	5.6	6.7	5.2	4.2	2.4	2.1	1.0	1.0	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil
Common Stock 13,948,302 shs.				211.8	228.2	251.3	267.4	279.6	300.1	305.1	356.5	367.4	399.6	410	430	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	495
MARKET CAP: \$725 million (Small Cap)				6.0%	9.0%	9.3%	7.2%	5.0%	5.8%	3.5%	13.8%	2.3%	1.3%	3.5%	4.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	6.0%
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 4/30/06				6.2%	9.3%	9.5%	7.3%	5.0%	5.8%	3.5%	13.9%	2.3%	1.3%	3.5%	4.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	6.0%
(SMILL.)				5.1%	8.2%	8.4%	6.0%	3.8%	4.6%	2.2%	12.7%	1.1%	.2%	2.5%	3.5%	Retained to Com Eq	5.0%
Cash Assets				17%	12%	12%	18%	25%	21%	35%	9%	52%	87%	31%	25%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	16%
Receivables				BUSINESS: Analogic Corp. designs and produces advanced data conversion and computer-based signal processing instruments and equipment. It also designs and manufactures test and measurement instruments, industrial process control equipment, array processors and imaging systems, and is a major supplier of medical electronics systems. Acquired SKY Computers, Inc. 4/92 & B&K Medical A/S 7/96. Foreign revenue accounted for 45.0% of 2005's total. '05 depr. rate: 8.0%. Has 1,725 employees., 1,189 shareholders. T. Row Price owns 8.3% of common; Oppenheimer Funds, 5.3%; Off. & dir., 4.5%. (7/31/05 10-K) President & CEO: John W. Wood. Inc.: MA. Addr.: Eight Centennial Dr., Peabody, MA 01960. Telephone: 978-977-3000. Internet: www.analogic.com.													
Inventory (FIFO)				We have pared our fiscal 2006 and 2007 (year ends July 31st) earnings estimates for Analogic Corp. ALOG reported rather disappointing third-quarter sales and earnings comparisons, the result of a sequential decrease in the shipment of Explosive Assessment Computed Tomography (EXACT) systems. During the second quarter, the company shipped 44 units, stepping up shipments so as to meet customer requirements. However, only 17 units were sent to customers in the April interim, leaving a backlog of 11 units for the remainder of the fiscal year. However, during fiscal 2007, we expect that the company's performance will benefit from new orders for the upgraded EXACT system, which is known as AN6400, once field trials are completed later this calendar year. Separately, sales of medical technology products remain strong, thanks to increased shipments of clinical ultrasound systems, ultrasound subsystems, digital radiography subsystems, and patient monitors. All told, the company likely finished off fiscal 2006 with earnings of about \$1.15 a share.													
Other				The company's R&D pipeline is rather full. Development continues in the COBRA advanced checkpoint security system, which should be ready for testing by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration early this fiscal year. ALOG is also developing a new generation of Explosive Detection Systems (EDS), which offer a larger bore and higher throughput. The new system is likely to be ready for TSA testing by the middle of fiscal 2007. Analogic stock now carries a Timeliness rank of 5 (Lowest). As such, investors with a short-term investment philosophy should stay away from these shares. And although we envision solid sales and earnings growth through 2009-2011, the issue's current quotation seems to already take into account much of the good news we envision over that period. Investors should note that the company's top- and bottom-line performances are rather ill-defined, as they are currently heavily dependent on the timing of EXACT shipments. Indeed, Analogic scores low marks for Earnings Predictability. <i>Kenneth A. Nugent September 1, 2006</i>													
Current Assets																	
Accts Payable																	
Debt Due																	
Other																	
Current Liab.																	

ANNUAL RATES		Past	Past	Est'd	Full Fiscal Year
of change (per sh)		10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '09-'11	
Sales		6.5%	5.0%	4.5%	
"Cash Flow"		6.0%	4.0%	5.5%	
Earnings		4.0%	1.0%	6.5%	
Dividends		--	4.0%	4.0%	
Book Value		6.5%	5.5%	5.5%	

Fiscal Year Ends	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Oct.31	Jan.31	Apr.30	Jul.31	
2003	132.3	157.1	100.1	82.0	471.5
2004	71.7	92.7	89.0	102.2	355.6
2005	84.1	84.3	94.2	102.0	364.6
2006	86.4	100.0	81.3	77.3	345
2007	90.0	106	92.0	82.0	370

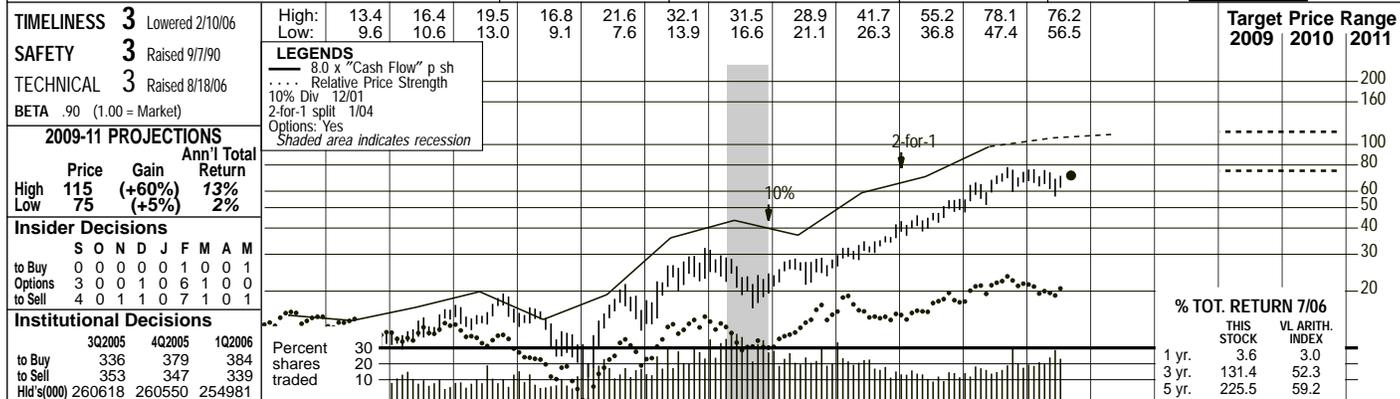
Fiscal Year Ends	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Oct.31	Jan.31	Apr.30	Jul.31	
2003	1.52	1.59	.48	.11	3.70
2004	d.12	.37	.08	.29	.62
2005	.01	d.27	.37	.31	.42
2006	.08	.66	.18	.23	1.15
2007	.11	.55	.44	.35	1.45

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.07	.07	.07	.08	.29
2003	.08	.08	.08	.08	.32
2004	.08	.08	.08	.08	.32
2005	.08	.08	.08	.08	.32
2006	.10	.10	.10		

(A) Fiscal year ends July 31st of calendar year. (B) Primary earnings through fiscal 1997, diluted thereafter. Excludes non-recurring gains/(losses): '92, \$0.10; '97, \$0.08; '01, (\$0.17); '02, (\$0.55); '05, (\$1.70). Next earnings report due mid-Sept. (C) Dividend historically paid in mid-January, April, July, and October. (D) In millions.

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APACHE CORP. NYSE-APA **RECENT PRICE 71.09** **P/E RATIO 8.6** (Trailing: 8.3 Median: 13.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.51** **DIV'D YLD 0.6%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
2.53	3.16	3.79	3.28	3.79	4.20	4.70	5.40	3.88	4.94	8.02	9.69	8.46	13.32	16.25	22.96	25.75	26.75	Revenues per sh	27.45
1.52	1.64	1.78	1.54	1.92	1.81	2.10	2.49	1.83	2.41	4.50	5.44	4.63	7.36	8.80	12.21	13.45	14.00	"Cash Flow" per sh	13.95
.39	.39	.27	.33	.28	.17	.61	.71	.12	.74	2.48	2.50	1.84	3.74	5.03	7.84	8.30	8.45	Earnings per sh ^A	7.85
.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.12	.09	.17	.19	.22	.26	.36	.40	.40	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.40
1.41	6.28	1.79	1.55	2.21	6.34	2.37	3.14	2.93	2.25	3.54	5.30	3.43	5.07	7.49	11.25	11.65	12.15	Cap'l Spending per sh	11.45
3.75	4.06	4.26	5.57	5.75	6.11	7.30	7.92	7.54	8.96	12.07	14.28	15.95	20.46	24.71	31.62	42.10	50.35	Book Value per sh	73.55
103.24	108.23	111.58	141.10	141.92	178.74	208.03	218.24	225.84	263.33	285.59	287.92	302.51	314.50	328.10	330.31	330.00	329.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	328.00
17.9	17.5	27.0	33.4	39.8	66.5	21.4	21.9	NMF	19.8	9.2	9.4	14.0	8.7	9.0	8.1	7.0	7.0	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	12.0
1.33	1.12	1.64	1.97	2.61	4.45	1.34	1.26	NMF	1.13	.60	.48	.76	.50	.48	.43	.43	.43	Relative P/E Ratio	.80
1.7%	1.8%	1.6%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	.9%	.8%	.9%	.8%	.4%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.6%	.6%	6%	6%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.4%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06				1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Revenues (\$mill)	Operating Margin	Depreciation (\$mill)	Net Profit (\$mill)	Income Tax Rate	Net Profit Margin	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	Return on Total Cap'l	Return on Shr. Equity	Retained to Com Eq	All Div'ds to Net Prof			
Total Debt \$3476.3 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$2000 mill. LT Debt \$2189.3 mill. LT Interest \$95.0 mill. (Total interest coverage: over 25x) (16% of Cap'l)				977.4	1178.0	877.3	1300.4	2290.8	2790.7	2559.7	4190.3	5332.6	7584.2	8500	8800	8500	8800	8500	8800	8500	8800	8500	8800	9000	71.0%	1975	2600	40.0%	28.9%	720	2000	24225	10.0%	10.5%	10.0%	5%	
No Defined Pension Benefit Plan				58.5%	60.6%	58.2%	66.9%	82.5%	82.2%	76.4%	78.6%	79.0%	82.3%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%	75.0%
Pfd Stock \$98.4 mill. Pfd Div'd \$5.7 mill.				315.1	387.9	387.3	447.7	583.5	820.8	843.9	1073.3	1222.2	1415.7	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800	1675	1800
Common Stock 329,240,307 shs.				121.4	154.9	28.6	200.9	720.6	764.4	566.3	1246.2	1670.1	2623.7	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810	2770	2810
MARKET CAP: \$23.4 billion (Large Cap)				39.3%	40.1%	48.6%	41.7%	40.1%	39.5%	38.3%	39.9%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%	40.0%	40.0%	37.3%	37.6%
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)				12.4%	13.1%	3.3%	15.4%	31.5%	27.4%	22.1%	29.7%	31.3%	34.6%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	31.9%	32.6%	
Cash Assets				d41.5	4.5	d78.8	6.3	96.6	175.3	234.6	78.7	65.9	d24.5	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0	d30.0	d45.0		
Receivables				1235.7	1501.4	1343.3	1879.7	2193.3	2244.4	2158.8	2327.0	2588.4	2192.0	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	2590	2990	
Inventory (LIFO)				1518.5	1729.2	1801.8	2669.4	3754.6	4418.5	4924.3	6532.8	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541	13985	16660	8204.4	10541
Other				6.0%	6.4%	2.7%	5.8%	12.6%	12.8%	9.1%	14.9%	16.0%	21.1%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	15.0%	16.5%	
Current Assets				8.0%	9.0%	1.6%	7.5%	19.2%	17.3%	11.5%	19.1%	20.4%	24.9%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	17.0%	20.0%	
Accts Payable				6.5%	7.5%	NMF	6.7%	19.4%	17.3%	10.3%	18.2%	19.5%	23.9%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	16.0%	19.0%	
Debt Due				19%	16%	99%	21%	7%	7%	12%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Other				111.1	228.9	41.9	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5		
Current Liab.				111.1	228.9	41.9	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5	1506.3	939.7	1444.5		

BUSINESS: Apache Corp. explores and produces natural gas, crude oil, and natural gas liquids in the United States, Canada, Australia, and Egypt. 2005 production: 89.0 million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids; natural gas, 461,297 Mmcf. Revenues by commodity in 2005: natural gas, 39%; oil, 59%; natural gas liquids, 2%. Proved reserves at 12/31/2005: oil and NGL, 976 million barrels; natural gas, 6.8 Tcf. Has about 2,800 employees; 11,000 shareholders. FMR Corporation owns 5.2% of common stock; officers & directors., 1.3% (3/06 proxy). Pres., CEO & COO: G. Steven Farris. Chairman: Raymond Plank, Inc. DE. Address: 2000 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 100, Houston, TX 77056-4400. Telephone: 713-296-6000. Internet: <http://www.apachecorp.com>.

Apache Corporation posted solid second-quarter results. Earnings exceeded our estimates, advancing nearly 25%, year over year, to \$2.17 a share, thanks to higher-than-expected oil and gas revenues. The company also benefited from a reduced tax rate of 28% (versus 38% in the first quarter) that resulted from a one-time change in Canadian taxes. However, the tax rate should swing toward the other direction, as a 10% hike by the British government takes effect in the third quarter. (Note: The increase will be retroactive to January.) All told, we expect the bottom line for the full year to inch up 6%, to \$8.30 a share.

The company is restructuring its asset portfolio. In late June, Apache completed the acquisition of BP's holdings in the shallowwater region of the Gulf of Mexico. The sales price was originally set at \$1.3 billion for net proved reserves of 44 million barrels of oil equivalent, but was trimmed to \$845 million as third parties exercised their preferential rights. The 13 fields will enhance the company's domestic holdings, and sustain growth over the coming years. In addition, we believe production, and hence cash flow, will increase by yearend as fields damaged by last season's hurricanes begin to resume operations. Apache also gained a foothold in Argentina, thanks to its purchase in late April of oil and gas properties in Neuquen Basin and Tierra Del Fuego from Pioneer Natural Resources. To help fund these acquisitions, the company is divesting its Zhao Dong assets in China, expected to occur during the September period.

Despite the aforementioned growth strategy, Apache continues to maintain a solid balance sheet. In the first half of 2006, the company spent \$1.7 billion on acquisitions, funded mostly through commercial paper financing. Even so, the debt-to-total capital ratio, including short-term debt, was about 23% at the end of the second quarter, versus 17% at the beginning of 2006. By yearend, we believe this ratio will drop below 20%, thanks to the company's strong free cash flow. Apache stock is ranked to perform in line with the year-ahead market. But its appreciation potential over the 2009-2011 horizon is below average.

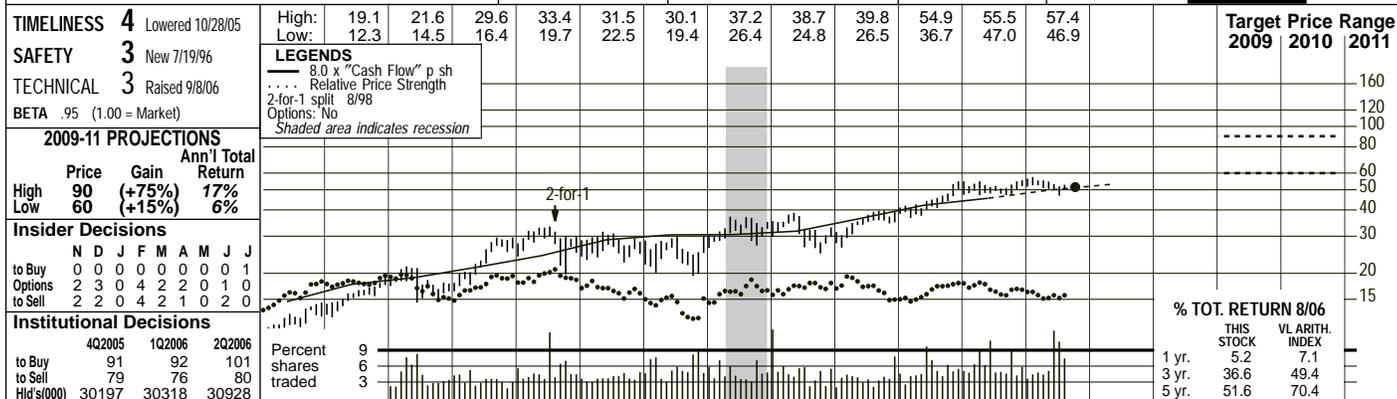
Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	966.6	1054.5	1104.6	1064.6	4190.3
2004	1149.9	1240.7	1407.0	1534.9	5332.6
2005	1662.3	1759.2	2061.1	2101.7	7584.2
2006	1999.1	2061.5	2250	2189.4	8500
2007	2200	2200	2200	2100	8800

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	1.05	.88	.91	.87	3.74
2004	1.05	1.16	1.30	1.52	5.03
2005	1.67	1.76	2.05	2.35	7.84
2006	1.97	2.17	2.10	2.06	8.30
2007	2.00	2.20	2.15	2.10	8.45

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.048	.048	.048	.048	.19
2003	.048	.05	.06	.06	.22
2004	.06	.06	.06	.08	.26
2005	.08	.08	.10	.10	.36
2006	.10	.10			

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APTARGROUP INC. NYSE-ATR RECENT PRICE **51.49** P/E RATIO **18.1** (Trailing: 18.8 Median: 17.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.02** DIV'D YLD **1.7%** VALUE LINE



On April 22, 1993, AptarGroup became an independent, publicly-owned corporation with the distribution of its common stock to holders of Pittway Corp. common and class A stock. At that time, ATR purchased two German pump manufacturers for 1.3 million shares and the interest of a minority holder in ATR's European operations in exchange for 852,000 shares of common stock.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
Price	17.20	18.21	19.82	23.01	24.82	24.92	25.81	30.71	36.42	39.54	43.55	47.00	Sales per sh	60.70
Earnings	2.39	2.68	3.03	3.60	3.81	3.82	3.97	4.56	5.27	5.70	6.25	6.65	"Cash Flow" per sh	8.65
Dividends	1.05	1.28	1.49	1.68	1.78	1.78	1.92	2.16	2.51	2.75	2.80	3.00	Earnings per sh ^A	4.15
Book Value	.14	.15	.16	.18	.20	.22	.24	.26	.44	.70	.84	.88	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	1.10
Cap'l Spending	1.75	1.98	2.22	2.44	2.64	2.58	2.50	2.13	3.36	2.99	3.20	3.30	Cap'l Spending per sh ^C	3.50
Book Value	9.38	9.50	11.54	11.59	12.37	13.11	16.56	21.57	24.53	23.19	24.30	26.55	Book Value per sh ^C	35.60
Common Shs Outst'g ^D	35.80	36.00	36.00	36.26	35.60	35.80	35.90	36.30	35.60	34.90	35.00	35.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	34.60
P/E Ratio	17.1	18.4	19.3	16.2	14.1	18.1	16.6	16.1	17.4	18.3	7.0	7.1	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.0
Relative P/E Ratio	1.07	1.06	1.00	.92	.92	.93	.91	.92	.92	.98	1.0	1.0	Relative P/E Ratio	1.20
Div'd Yield	.8%	.6%	.6%	.7%	.8%	.7%	.8%	.7%	1.0%	1.4%	1.7%	1.7%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.5%
Sales (\$mill)	615.8	655.4	713.5	834.3	883.5	892.0	926.7	1114.7	1296.6	1380.0	1525	1645	Sales (\$mill)	2100
Operating Margin	18.2%	19.7%	21.0%	21.2%	20.9%	20.5%	20.0%	18.9%	18.2%	18.1%	18.0%	18.0%	Operating Margin	18.0%
Depreciation (\$mill)	47.9	49.9	54.4	68.7	70.9	71.7	72.0	85.9	94.5	99.2	108	116	Depreciation (\$mill)	150
Net Profit (\$mill)	37.5	46.5	54.7	62.0	64.7	64.9	70.4	79.7	93.3	99.6	103	110	Net Profit (\$mill)	150
Income Tax Rate	37.6%	40.8%	36.9%	36.0%	34.0%	33.7%	32.4%	32.1%	32.0%	29.8%	32.0%	32.0%	Income Tax Rate	32.0%
Net Profit Margin	6.1%	7.1%	7.7%	7.4%	7.3%	7.3%	7.6%	7.1%	7.2%	7.2%	6.8%	6.8%	Net Profit Margin	7.1%
Working Cap'l (\$mill)	120.9	130.8	149.3	191.3	204.5	220.7	284.5	319.3	384.3	284.5	375	435	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	545
Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	76.6	70.7	80.9	235.6	252.8	239.4	219.2	125.2	142.6	144.5	140	130	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	20.0
Shr. Equity (\$mill)	335.7	342.1	415.5	420.3	440.5	469.2	594.5	783.1	873.2	809.4	850	930	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1215
Return on Total Cap'l	9.8%	11.9%	11.6%	10.5%	10.5%	10.1%	9.2%	9.2%	9.6%	10.9%	11.0%	11.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	12.0%
Return on Shr. Equity	11.2%	13.6%	13.2%	14.8%	14.7%	13.8%	11.8%	10.2%	10.7%	12.3%	12.0%	12.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	12.5%
Retained to Com Eq	9.7%	12.0%	11.8%	13.2%	13.1%	12.2%	10.4%	9.0%	8.9%	9.3%	8.5%	8.0%	Retained to Com Eq	9.0%
All Div'ds to Net Prof	13%	12%	11%	11%	11%	12%	12%	12%	17%	25%	30%	29%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	27%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06

Total Debt \$264.6 Due in 5 Yrs \$210.6 mill.
LT Debt \$142.3 mill. LT Interest \$9.2 mill.
Incl. \$7.5 mill. capitalized leases.
(LT interest earned: 17.2x; (Total interest coverage: 12.7x) (14% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$10.3 mill.

Pension Assets 12/05 \$45.6 mill. **Oblig.** \$81.5 mill.

Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 35,039,140 shs.

MARKET CAP: \$1.8 bill. (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)	2004	2005	6/30/06
Cash Assets	170.4	117.6	121.9
Receivables	266.9	260.2	318.3
Inventory (LIFO)	189.3	184.2	208.5
Other	34.6	43.3	51.9
Current Assets	661.2	605.3	700.6
Accts Payable	213.6	218.7	255.9
Debt Due	63.3	102.1	122.3
Other	--	--	--
Current Liab.	276.9	320.8	378.2

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05
Sales	10.0%	9.5%	9.5%
"Cash Flow"	10.5%	8.5%	9.0%
Earnings	11.5%	8.5%	9.0%
Dividends	17.0%	21.0%	15.5%
Book Value	12.0%	14.5%	8.0%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	265.1	288.1	281.4	280.1	1114.7
2004	315.6	311.8	325.9	343.3	1296.6
2005	344.0	356.1	341.1	338.8	1380.0
2006	375.5	398.6	377.9	373	1525
2007	405	425	410	405	1645

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.53	.58	.51	.54	2.16
2004	.57	.61	.68	.65	2.51
2005	.60	.73	.75	.67	2.75
2006	.55	.77	.78	.70	2.80
2007	.59	.81	.83	.77	3.00

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.06	.06	.06	.06	.24
2003	.06	.06	.07	.07	.26
2004	.07	.07	.15	.15	.44
2005	.15	.15	.20	.20	.70
2006	.20	.20	.22		

Acquisitions have been instrumental in AptarGroup's top-line growth this year. The company completed four strategic takeovers in the past year and a half, all designed to add further competence to Aptar's highly selective niche markets. The purchase of EP Spray System brought in advanced bag-on-valve technology that allows spraying of a product in any position, while preventing expulsion of the propellant into the atmosphere. MBF supplied a designer of decorative packaging components used in the high, and most profitable, end of the fragrance/cosmetic market. Airles Systems makes unique dispensing systems that protect product integrity while increasing shelf life. CCL Dispensing allows Aptar to gain the cost advantage of integrated manufacturing. **Together, the acquisitions added \$51 million to sales in the first six months of 2006,** thus accounting for 7%, almost two-thirds, of the company's 11% revenue increase in the first half of this year. That was the key enabling Aptar to far overcome the 2% negative impact of the strong dollar vs. the euro in the first quarter. (Exchange rates had little effect in the second

period.) We expect this pattern to hold sway through the balance of 2006. **Strong demand for Aptar's dispensing systems in all the markets it serves seems likely to carry sales to a year-to-year increase of over 10% in the second half.** But despite the company's aggressive moves to control costs, the rising prices of raw materials, transportation, energy, and quality compliance (the last particularly in the pharmaceutical segment) will, we think, hold the earnings increase in the last six months to about 4%. All added up . . . **AptarGroup appears to be on its way to records in both sales and earnings this year.** But that's no surprise. It's been an annual achievement in every year (except a flat performance during the recession of 2001) since this company was formed as a spinoff from the Pittway Corporation in 1993. In 2007, and in the years through 2009-2011, we believe that earnings of this well-managed company will grow at its historical rate of about 9% a year. But these shares are not currently timely.
Raymond S. Cowen *October 6, 2006*

(A) Primary earnings through 1996, diluted thereafter. Excl. nonrec. gains (loss): '98, 16c; '99, (9c); '01, (17c); '02, (10c); '05, 2c. Next earnings report due mid-Oct. (B) Dividends historically paid in late February, mid-May, late August, and late November. (C) Incl. intangibles. In '05: \$201.7 mill., \$5.78/sh. (D) In millions., adj. for stk. split.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	90
Price Growth Persistence	85
Earnings Predictability	95

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ARBITRON INC. NYSE-ARB		RECENT PRICE 37.25	P/E RATIO 22.0 (Trailing: 20.2 Median: NMF)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO 1.29	DIV'D YLD 1.1%	VALUE LINE
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TIMELINESS 3 Raised 8/4/06	High: 34.5	38.0	43.7	45.9	44.8	40.8	Target Price Range	2009	2010	2011
SAFETY 3 New 9/12/03	Low: 19.7	28.6	29.0	31.3	36.6	32.7	120			
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 8/25/06							64			
BETA .75 (1.00 = Market)							48			
2009-11 PROJECTIONS							32			
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total					24			
High 60	(+60%)	14%					20			
Low 40	(+5%)	3%					16			
Insider Decisions							12			
to Buy	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	
Options	2	4	4	2	2	3	2	3	1	
to Sell	2	4	4	2	3	3	2	5	1	
Institutional Decisions							8			
to Buy	3Q2005	4Q2005	1Q2006	Percent	18					
to Sell	80	74	55	shares	12					
Hld's(000)	31475	31013	33225	traded	6					

The company was formed in 1957 under the name Ceridian Corporation. Previously, it was a publicly traded company with two core businesses: the Comdata business, which was a human resource service business, and the radio audience measurement business. On March 2001, Ceridian completed a spin-off of the Comdata business. Ceridian became a separately traded company and changed its name to Arbitron Inc. (Comdata eventually changed its name back to Ceridian, and trades as CEN.)

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$50.0 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$50.0 mill.
LT Debt \$50.0 mill. LT Interest \$4.0 mill.
(Total interest coverage: 24.0x) (49% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$8.34 mill.
Pension Assets-12/05 \$25.1 mill. Oblig. \$30.3 mill.

Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 29,255,427 shs. as of 7/31/06

MARKET CAP: \$1.1 billion (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION	2004	2005	6/30/06
Cash Assets	86.9	123.4	71.3
Receivables	23.4	27.7	28.4
Inventory	-	-	4.5
Other	9.9	9.8	8.7
Current Assets	120.2	160.9	112.9
Accts Payable	5.4	8.6	7.3
Debt Due	-	-	-
Other	90.6	93.6	89.6
Current Liab.	96.0	102.2	96.9

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Revenues	--	6.0%	7.0%
"Cash Flow"	--	3.5%	6.5%
Earnings	--	3.0%	6.0%
Dividends	--	--	NMF
Book Value	--	2.5%	NMF

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	
2003	71.4	61.5	75.3	65.4	273.6
2004	76.6	65.1	82.0	72.9	296.6
2005	79.3	69.8	85.6	75.3	310.0
2006	85.1	74.2	90.0	80.7	330
2007	90.0	80.0	95.0	90.0	355

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^				Full Year
	Mar. 31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	
2003	.53	.26	.55	.29	1.63
2004	.57	.27	.63	.32	1.79
2005	.63	.34	.66	.36	1.99
2006	.58	.24	.60	.30	1.72
2007	.55	.25	.55	.30	1.65

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	--	--	--	--	--
2003	--	--	--	--	--
2004	--	--	--	--	--
2005	--	.10	.10	.10	.30
2006	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
Revenues per sh	--	--	--	--	7.09	7.79	8.43	8.91	9.58	9.98	11.20	12.05		14.20
"Cash Flow" per sh	--	--	--	--	1.70	1.42	1.59	1.78	2.01	2.05	2.00	2.00		2.90
Earnings per sh ^	--	--	--	--	1.54	1.24	1.42	1.63	1.79	1.99	1.72	1.65		2.50
Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.30	.40	.40		.60
Cap'l Spending per sh	--	--	--	--	.07	.22	.23	.17	.33	.50	.50	.85		.30
Book Value per sh ^	--	--	--	--	1.14	d5.79	d3.40	d5.9	1.47	2.98	2.80	3.75		7.75
Common Shs Outst'g ^	--	--	--	--	29.16	29.20	29.61	30.71	30.96	31.04	29.50	29.50		31.00
Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	--	--	--	--	--	21.4	23.1	21.9	21.7	20.4	Bold figures are Value Line estimates			20.0
Relative P/E Ratio	--	--	--	--	--	1.10	1.26	1.25	1.15	1.09				1.35
Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	.7%				1.2%
Revenues (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	206.8	227.5	249.8	273.6	296.6	310.0	330	355		440
Operating Margin	--	--	--	--	36.6%	33.5%	33.8%	33.2%	32.6%	32.1%	26.0%	26.5%		30.5%
Depreciation (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	4.3	5.0	4.4	4.8	5.7	5.8	9.0	11.0		12.0
Net Profit (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	45.3	36.5	42.8	49.9	56.4	62.6	50.0	50.0		80.0
Income Tax Rate	--	--	--	--	39.5%	--	38.5%	38.5%	38.5%	37.7%	38.0%	37.5%		39.0%
Net Profit Margin	--	--	--	--	21.9%	16.0%	17.1%	18.2%	19.0%	20.2%	15.2%	14.1%		18.2%
Working Cap'l (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	d11.8	d16.8	2.5	25.1	24.2	58.7	55.0	45.0		75.0
Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	--	205.0	165.0	105.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0		25.0
Shr. Equity (\$mill)	--	--	--	--	33.2	d169.1	d100.6	d18.1	45.4	92.4	80.0	110		240
Return on Total Cap'l	--	--	--	--	NMF	NMF	NMF	64.5%	63.2%	45.4%	40.5%	32.0%		30.0%
Return on Shr. Equity	--	--	--	--	NMF	--	--	--	NMF	67.8%	63.0%	45.0%		33.0%
Retained to Com Eq	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	NMF	57.7%	48.5%	34.0%		25.0%
All Div'ds to Net Prof	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	15%	23%	24%		24%

BUSINESS: Arbitron, Inc. is a media and marketing research firm that serves radio, broadcast television, cable companies, advertising agencies, and advertisers in the US, Mexico, and Europe. Arbitron's core businesses are measuring network and local market radio audiences; surveying the retail, media and product patterns; and providing application software used for analyzing media

audience and marketing information data. Has 1,742 employees. '05 depreciation rate: 10.8%. Neuberger Berman, Inc. owns 11.1% of common stock; Barclays Global Investors, 9.2%; off. and dir., 3.1% (4/06 proxy). CEO and Pres.: Stephen B. Morris. Inc.: DE. Address: 142 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019-3300. Telephone: 212-887-1300. Internet: www.arbitron.com.

We have adjusted our near-term earnings estimates for Arbitron. Capital spending in connection with ongoing initiatives, which are discussed below, and the inclusion of stock based compensation expense under new accounting rules should result in a bottom-line figure of \$1.72 per share this year. Our 2007 target in now at \$1.65 per share.

The company continues working on the introduction of the Portable People Meter (PPM). The PPM is a device that is worn by survey participants and is designed to detect embedded audio codes in radio and television programming. Because Nielsen Media Research decided not to enter into a joint venture for the commercial deployment of this system, the cost burden (about \$25 million) is now solely on Arbitron. However, we still view PPM as a worthwhile investment. The rollout will begin with the rating service for radio in the top 50 markets in the United States. ARB expects to enter the top 10 markets by fall of 2008. Management had already signed several contracts for the use of the People Meter. For instance, CBS RADIO entered into a seven

year agreement.

"Project Apollo" also holds some promise. This is a national marketing research service that would use PPM and AC Neilson Homescan technology to collect multimedia and purchase information. This project is a joint venture with VNU, Inc., a global information and media company. Six advertisers, including Procter and Gamble, are helping Arbitron and VNU assess whether this service meets the needs of marketers.

The company has been active on the share-repurchase front. During the second quarter, Arbitron completed the \$70 million stock repurchase program that the board of directors authorized earlier in this year. We think that more such programs will be put in place to partially offset the dilutive effect of stock options.

These shares do not hold much investment interest at the present time. This issue is ranked to mirror the broader market in the year ahead. It also lacks long-term appeal. At the current quotation, this stock's appreciation potential to 2009-2011 is below the Value Line average.

Marina Livson
September 8, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gain: '04, 13c; '05, 12c. Next earnings report due in late Oct.
(B) In millions.

(C) Includes intangibles. At 12/31/05, \$44.1 million, \$1.42/share.
(D) Initial quarterly dividend declared 2/28/05.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	85
Price Growth Persistence	20
Earnings Predictability	85

ARCH CHEMICALS NYSE-ARJ

RECENT PRICE **28.00** P/E RATIO **15.8** (Trailing: 14.3 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.93** DIV'D YLD **2.9%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 8/25/06
SAFETY 3 New 6/23/00
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 6/23/06
BETA 1.00 (1.00 = Market)

LEGENDS
 — 9.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh
 Relative Price Strength
 Options: No
 Shaded area indicates recession

2009-11 PROJECTIONS

	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	55	(+95%)	20%
Low	35	(+25%)	8%

Insider Decisions

	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Options	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
to Sell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Institutional Decisions

	4Q2005	1Q2006	2Q2006	Percent shares traded
to Buy	60	58	71	9
to Sell	45	45	51	6
Hld's(000)	19468	19459	20088	3

% TOT. RETURN 8/06

	THIS STOCK	VL ARITH. INDEX
1 yr.	15.2	7.1
3 yr.	41.6	49.4
5 yr.	58.4	70.4

Arch Chemicals, Incorporated was formed on February 8, 1999 via a spin-off of Olin's specialty chemicals business. Holders of Olin common stock as of February 1, 1999 received one Arch Chemicals common share for every two shares of Olin common stock held in a tax-free transaction. Approximately 22,960,000 shares were distributed as a result of the spin-off. Chase Manhattan Bank served as the underwriter for the transaction.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
Revenues per sh	--	--	37.54	38.93	42.59	41.48	41.94	44.85	47.51	54.56	57.90	60.00	71.45
"Cash Flow" per sh	--	--	3.62	3.98	4.24	2.84	3.09	3.01	2.72	3.62	3.60	3.85	4.50
Earnings per sh ^A	--	--	1.55	1.76	1.70	.08	.55	.67	.74	1.67	1.70	1.95	2.75
Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	--	--	--	.60	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80
Cap'l Spending per sh	--	--	3.67	2.61	2.81	2.02	1.55	.90	.78	.77	.85	.80	.80
Book Value per sh	--	--	21.95	19.99	19.00	17.46	14.73	15.01	15.25	15.26	17.70	18.95	24.10
Common Shs Outst'g ^C	--	--	22.98	22.60	22.10	22.20	22.40	22.50	23.59	23.92	24.00	24.25	24.50
Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	--	--	--	11.1	11.0	NMF	38.6	30.3	37.3	15.5	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		16.0
Relative P/E Ratio	--	--	--	.63	.72	NMF	2.11	1.73	1.97	.83			1.05
Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	--	--	--	3.1%	4.3%	3.9%	3.8%	3.9%	2.9%	3.1%			1.8%
Revenues (\$mill)	--	--	862.8	879.8	941.2	920.8	939.4	1009.1	1120.9	1305.1	1390	1455	1750
Operating Margin	--	--	11.6%	12.5%	11.7%	8.9%	9.1%	7.6%	8.2%	8.4%	8.7%	9.5%	9.5%
Depreciation (\$mill)	--	--	43.1	49.3	55.7	61.3	56.7	52.7	46.9	46.7	45.0	45.0	43.0
Net Profit (\$mill)	--	--	40.0	40.7	38.0	1.8	12.5	15.1	17.3	39.8	41.5	48.0	68.0
Income Tax Rate	--	--	34.2%	33.8%	34.0%	55.0%	33.9%	33.2%	34.5%	34.9%	33.5%	33.5%	33.5%
Net Profit Margin	--	--	4.6%	4.6%	4.0%	.2%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	3.0%	3.0%	3.3%	3.9%
Working Cap'l (\$mill)	--	--	147.1	168.5	172.3	141.7	101.9	173.4	168.8	180.1	115	140	235
Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	--	--	--	76.8	247.6	265.1	220.8	218.5	215.2	217.8	65.0	200	185
Shr. Equity (\$mill)	--	--	504.5	451.8	419.8	387.5	330.0	337.7	359.8	365.0	425	460	590
Return on Total Cap'l	--	--	7.9%	8.2%	6.7%	1.7%	3.7%	4.2%	4.7%	8.6%	10.0%	11.0%	12.0%
Return on Shr. Equity	--	--	7.9%	9.0%	9.0%	.5%	3.8%	4.5%	4.8%	10.9%	10.0%	10.5%	11.5%
Retained to Com Eq	--	--	7.9%	6.0%	4.8%	NMF	NMF	NMF	NMF	5.7%	5.0%	6.0%	8.0%
All Div'ds to Net Prof	--	--	--	34%	47%	NMF	NMF	119%	NMF	47%	46%	41%	29%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
 Total Debt \$221.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$120.0 mill.
 LT Debt \$65.4 mill. LT Interest \$4.0 mill.
 (LT interest earned: 12.0x; total int. covered: 4.2x) (14% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$36.9 mill.

Pension Assets-12/05 \$169 mill. **Oblig.** \$261 mill.

Common Stock 24,131,014 shs. as of 7/31/06
MARKET CAP: \$675 million (Small Cap)

CURRENT POSITION

	2004	2005	6/30/06 (\$MILL.)
Cash Assets	74.6	43.1	49.0
Receivables	125.6	133.1	160.3
Inventory (Avg Cst)	151.1	172.0	207.0
Other	107.1	116.5	124.7
Current Assets	458.4	464.7	541.0
Accts Payable	160.2	174.6	197.2
Debt Due	9.1	12.0	156.5
Other	120.3	98.0	91.1
Current Liab.	289.6	284.6	444.8

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)

	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Revenues	--	4.5%	6.5%
"Cash Flow"	--	-4.5%	6.5%
Earnings	--	-9.5%	18.0%
Dividends	--	-11.5%	Nil
Book Value	--	-5.5%	8.0%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	224.3	308.5	256.2	220.1	1009.1
2004	240.3	362.0	276.8	241.8	1120.9
2005	301.3	411.3	314.2	278.3	1305.1
2006	317.8	446.1	335	291.1	1390
2007	335	460	350	310	1455

EARNINGS PER SHARE^A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.12	.55	.09	d.09	.67
2004	.10	.93	.07	d.36	.74
2005	.15	1.03	.28	.21	1.67
2006	.25	1.22	.28	d.05	1.70
2007	.32	1.30	.35	d.02	1.95

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID^B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2003	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2004	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2005	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2006	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80

BUSINESS: Arch Chemicals is a specialty chemicals manufacturer. The company's principal businesses are in water treatment chemicals and performance products chemicals. In addition to the range of products offered, the company also provides semiconductor manufacturers with chemical management services, including inventory management and distribution. Research & Development

We expect Arch Chemicals' revenue base to climb 5%-7% annually in the coming two years. Within the HTH Water Products unit, the addition of the remaining 50% stake in Nordesclor should help to alleviate some lost volumes from the North American region. Meanwhile, biocides (used in anti-dandruff shampoos and antifouling paint), the chief product for the Personal Care unit, is experiencing record demand that may continue well into 2007. Strong demand for polyols and glycols in Latin America should benefit the Performance Products unit.

Arch is on track for double-digit earnings advancement next year. Management's goal of achieving 10% operating margins by 2007 still seems out of reach. Copper prices continue to rise, and although most of the company's contracts expire in 2006, we believe Arch may face some difficulty installing higher pricing across the board on new contracts. In addition, costs for many of the company's polyurethane-based materials are elevated. However, more-favorable pricing is likely, especially for branded and non-branded North American pool products.

equals 1.6% of 2005 revenues. Has about 2,725 employees. Officers & directors own 3.1% of common stock; T. Rowe Price Associates, 11.6%; FMR Corporation, 11.6%; Synder Capital, 6.8%; Dimension Fund Advisors, 5.5% (3/06 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: Michael Campbell, Inc.: DE. Address: 501 Merritt 7, Norwalk, CT 06851. Tel.: 203-229-2900. Internet: www.archchemicals.com.

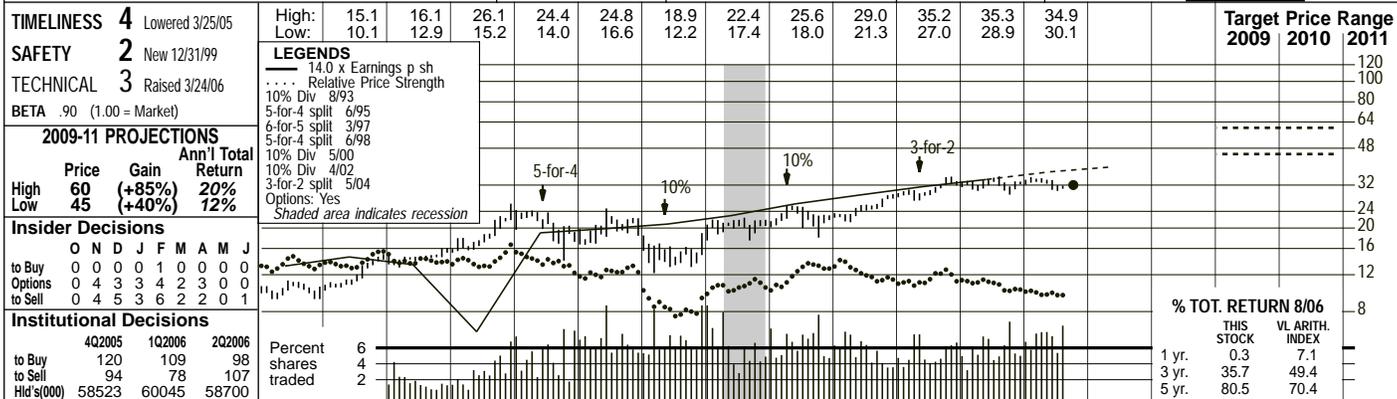
That said, cost reduction initiatives should also support some operating margin expansion to about 9.5%. In addition, the company's hydrazine unit will likely continue to benefit from an amendment in its government contract. The addendum should yield higher facility fees and lower costs, resulting in an added \$0.05-\$0.06 a share to profit.

Look for Arch to refinance its debt. About \$150 million in debt comes due in March, 2007, thus it was recently reclassified as debt due. We believe that the company will look to roll over the debt to long term, pushing interest expense a bit higher, but giving the company more balance sheet flexibility and cash on hand. **These shares are a worthwhile selection to the 2009-2011 period.** The stock price has dipped over 15% since our June report, likely due to concerns over higher raw material costs. This presents a good entry point for an investment in our opinion. But for the next six to 12 months, the shares are ranked to mirror the broader market. Income-oriented investors may find the 3% dividend yield appealing.

Eric M. Gottlieb September 15, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due in mid-October. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses) & discount items: '01, (\$0.14); '02, (\$0.37); '03, \$0.58; '04, \$0.10; '05, \$0.03; '06 (\$0.02).
 (B) Dividends historically paid early March, June, September, and December.
 (C) In millions.

ASSOC. BANC-CORP. NDQ-ASBC RECENT PRICE **32.03** P/E RATIO **12.3** (Trailing: 12.8 Median: 13.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.70** DIV'D YLD **3.6%** **VALUE LINE**



Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
Price	.62	.68	.73	.85	.94	1.04	.96	.46	1.36	1.42	1.49	1.64	1.86	2.05	2.25	2.43	2.55	2.75	Earnings per sh ^A	
Gain	.18	.21	.22	.27	.31	.36	.42	.49	.57	.64	.67	.74	.81	.89	.98	1.06	1.15	1.20	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	
Return	4.47	4.97	5.28	6.00	6.40	7.15	6.55	7.12	7.64	7.91	8.88	9.93	11.42	12.24	15.51	17.62	18.50	20.00	Book Value per sh	
Options	31.01	31.77	42.02	42.85	42.90	45.54	59.98	114.33	115.05	115.05	109.09	107.80	111.43	110.16	130.04	131.9	134.00	133.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	
to Buy	8.4	9.5	11.4	11.9	10.8	11.6	15.0	40.4	15.5	13.9	10.1	12.6	12.2	12.2	13.5	13.3	13.0	13.3	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	
to Sell	.62	.61	.69	.70	.71	.78	.94	2.33	.81	.79	.66	.65	.67	.70	.71	.70	.70	.70	.70	Relative P/E Ratio
Hld's(000)	3.5%	3.2%	2.7%	2.7%	3.1%	3.0%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%	3.3%	4.4%	3.6%	3.6%	3.6%	3.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	

Category	2004	2005	6/30/06	2004	2005	6/30/06
ASSETS(\$Mill.)						
Loans	13641.0	15206.5	15405.6	13641.0	15206.5	15405.6
Funds Sold	55.4	17.8	14.3	55.4	17.8	14.3
Securities	4815.3	4711.6	3505.5	4815.3	4711.6	3505.5
Other Earning	13.3	14.3	21.6	13.3	14.3	21.6
Other	1995.1	2149.9	2181.4	1995.1	2149.9	2181.4
LIABILITIES(\$Mill.)						
Deposits	12786.2	13573.1	13646.4	12786.2	13573.1	13646.4
Funds Borrowed	2926.7	2666.3	2561.1	2926.7	2666.3	2561.1
Long-Term Debt	2604.5	3348.5	2472.9	2604.5	3348.5	2472.9
Net Worth	2017.4	2325.0	2274.9	2017.4	2325.0	2274.9
Other	185.3	187.2	173.1	185.3	187.2	173.1
Total	20520.1	22100.1	21128.4	20520.1	22100.1	21128.4
Loan Loss Resrv.	189.8	203.4	203.4	189.8	203.4	203.4

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
 Total Debt \$2472.9 mill.
 Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$11.2 mill.
 Pension Assets-12/05 \$100.1 mill. Oblig. \$101.5 mill.
 Pfd Stock None
 Common Stock 132,207,623 shares as of 7/31/06
 MARKET CAP: \$4.2 billion (Mid Cap)

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)

	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '02-'04 to '09-'11
Loans	7.0%	8.0%	7.0%
Earnings	9.5%	14.0%	8.5%
Dividends	12.5%	9.5%	8.5%
Book Value	8.5%	11.5%	8.0%
Total Assets	7.0%	7.5%	7.0%

Cal-endar	LOANS (\$ mill.)			
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31
2003	10105	10214	10114	10114
2004	10309	10379	10656	13641
2005	13733	14084	14163	15207
2006	15539	15406	16000	16350
2007	16500	16800	17000	17400

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.51	.51	.53	.50	2.05
2004	.53	.58	.57	.57	2.25
2005	.59	.57	.63	.64	2.43
2006	.60	.63	.65	.67	2.55
2007	.65	.70	.70	.70	2.75

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.188	.207	.207	.207	.81
2003	.207	.227	.227	.227	.89
2004	.227	.25	.25	.25	.98
2005	.25	.27	.27	.27	1.06
2006	.27	.29	.29	.29	

There were a number of positives in Associated Banc-Corp's second-quarter earnings report. Earnings of \$0.63 a share represented a six-cent advance versus the same period last year. This is notable because first-quarter share net was virtually flat year over year. The second-quarter gain was largely driven by an increase in fee income and a slight widening in the bank's net interest margin (the difference between what it charges customers to borrow money and what Associated has to pay to borrow money). **The interest-rate environment continues to present problems.** Despite the widening in the net interest margin in the second quarter, management stated that the tide has not turned and margin pressures may resurface in the second half of the year. Indeed, although the Federal Reserve may possibly be through increasing short-term rates, the yield curve is still fairly flat. Thus, the difference between short-term rates, which is, essentially, a bank's cost of money, is very close to longer-term rates, which is the rate at which banks earn money. The narrower the spread, the less money is made. There is nothing on the horizon that suggests that this issue is going away any time soon. **Other areas are picking up the slack.** Although margin spreads are important, Associated is working to increase its other sources of income. One of the main ways it can do this is through fee income, such as the fees paid for trust services. In fact, a better balance between fee income and more volatile spread income is a long-term goal for the bank. We believe this is a solid move and that management has made great strides here. **Associated has a bright future.** The bank is a solid performer that has, historically, grown at a steady rate by following a solid business plan. We believe this trend will continue through the end of the decade, if not longer. **These shares are ranked to lag the market over the next six to 12 months.** Slow, but reliable, earnings growth is the norm here. Add a solid dividend payout that has been increased for over 30 years and you have a fine choice for conservative investors with an income bent.

Reuben Gregg Brewer September 22, 2006

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	100
Price Growth Persistence	60
Earnings Predictability	100

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ASTORIA FIN'L CORP. NYSE-AF RECENT PRICE **30.10** P/E RATIO **15.1** (Trailing: 13.8 Median: 12.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.87** DIV'D YLD **3.2%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 10/21/05	High: 7.8 12.8 19.6 21.1 17.3 18.3 21.0 23.4 25.7 28.4 30.3 32.0	Low: 4.3 7.4 11.3 8.9 9.5 7.3 15.8 14.4 15.5 22.2 23.8 27.3	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011 120 100 80 64 48 32 24 20 16 12 8
SAFETY 2 Raised 10/21/05	LEGENDS 10.0 x Earnings p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 6/96 2-for-1 split 12/01 3-for-2 split 3/05 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/14/06	2009-11 PROJECTIONS Ann'l Total Price Gain Ann'l Total High 45 (+50%) 13% Low 35 (+15%) 7%		
BETA .95 (1.00 = Market)	Insider Decisions A S O N D J F M A to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Options 1 1 2 2 0 5 2 0 3 to Sell 4 0 3 4 0 7 5 1 3		
Institutional Decisions 3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006 to Buy 83 99 96 to Sell 103 95 101 Hld's(000) 67879 66693 66915	Percent shares traded 30 20 10		% TOT. RETURN 6/06 THIS STOCK INDEX VL ARITH. 1 yr. 10.3 11.8 3 yr. 78.4 63.9 5 yr. — 59.7

Astoria Financial Corporation is a thrift holding company created in connection with the conversion of Astoria Federal Savings & Loan Association (federally chartered as a mutual savings & loan association in 1937) from mutual to stock ownership. The company sold 26.4 million shares at the split-adjusted price of \$12.50 each on November 18, 1993, to depositors, employees, and community members, in an offering managed by Adams Cohen Securities.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06

FHLB Advances \$1679.0 mill. (20% Debt + Equity)
Other ST Debt \$5480.0 mill. (65% Debt + Equity)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$7.3 mill.
Pension Assets-12/05 \$156.4 mill. **Oblig.** \$190.0 mill.

Common Stock 102,872,427 shs.
MARKET CAP: \$3.1 billion (Mid Cap)

EARNINGS FACTORS

MARGIN (%)	2004	2005	3/31/06
Earning Asset Yield	4.83	4.96	5.12
Cost of Funds	2.74	2.85	3.11
Yield-Cost Margin	2.09	2.11	2.01

NET CHANGES (\$mill)

	2004	2005	3/31/06
Loans & MBS	830.8	-902.0	-147.4
Savings Deposits	1136.7	487.0	178.5
FHLB Advances	10.0	-210.0	-45.0

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11

Mortgage Lns	13.5%	8.5%	17.0%
Savings Dep	9.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Earnings	18.5%	11.5%	13.0%
Dividends	-	18.0%	10.0%
Book Value	5.0%	5.5%	6.0%

SAVINGS DEPOSITS (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31
2003	11258	11309	11213	11186
2004	11509	11896	12170	12323
2005	12569	12585	12806	12810
2006	12989	13250	13500	13700
2007	13900	14000	14150	14200

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.46	.43	.35	.42	1.66
2004	.47	.52	.53	.57	2.09
2005	.57	.55	.57	.57	2.26
2006	.49	.51	.50	.50	2.00
2007	.52	.54	.56	.58	2.20

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.113	.133	.133	.133	.51
2003	.133	.147	.147	.147	.57
2004	.167	.167	.167	.167	.67
2005	.200	.200	.200	.200	.80
2006	.240	.240			

Year	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
94.06	106.46	107.40	125.28	128.76	114.81	151.37	159.67	196.64	199.95	225.00	240.00	Mortgage Loans per sh	300.00
70.06	79.15	58.97	61.57	67.63	80.09	87.00	94.80	111.72	122.04	140.00	150.00	Savings Deposits per sh	185.00
.82	1.01	.88	1.36	1.45	1.59	1.90	1.66	2.09	2.26	2.00	2.20	Earnings per sh A	4.00
.14	.19	.27	.32	.34	.41	.51	.57	.67	.80	.96	1.02	Div'ds Decl'd per sh B	1.20
9.14	10.81	8.61	8.20	10.66	11.88	11.82	11.83	12.42	12.86	13.25	14.35	Book Value per sh	20.30
64.42	78.59	163.97	155.19	148.93	136.15	127.21	118.01	110.30	104.97	98.00	94.00	Common Shs Outst'g C	80.00
11.5	15.1	19.1	10.0	7.3	11.6	10.4	11.7	11.9	12.0	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	10.0
.72	.87	.99	.57	.47	.59	.57	.67	.63	.64			Relative P/E Ratio	.65
1.5%	1.2%	1.6%	2.4%	3.2%	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%	2.7%	3.0%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.0%
504.9	601.7	1288.9	1582.0	1587.2	1539.5	1373.7	1176.9	1142.5	1185.1	1200	1275	Gross Income (\$mill)	1525
60.3%	60.6%	60.2%	60.4%	63.7%	63.0%	58.4%	57.6%	50.4%	51.0%	55.0%	56.0%	Int Cost to Gross Inc	50.0%
53.8	68.5	145.4	220.8	216.5	227.4	248.4	196.8	229.1	233.8	210	215	Net Profit (\$mill)	335
44.0%	42.0%	42.1%	42.6%	38.3%	34.1%	33.1%	32.9%	33.0%	33.6%	33.5%	33.5%	Income Tax Rate	33.5%
10.6%	11.4%	11.3%	14.0%	13.6%	14.8%	18.1%	16.7%	20.1%	19.7%	17.5%	17.0%	Net Profit Margin	21.8%
7272.8	10528	20588	22697	22337	22668	21698	22458	23416	22380	21500	22000	Total Assets (\$mill)	30000
266.5	390.0	1210.2	1610.1	1910.0	1914.0	2064.0	1924.0	1934.0	1724.0	1500	1250	FHLB Advances (\$mill)	1000
588.8	899.4	1462.4	1321.9	1638.2	1667.6	1554.0	1396.5	1369.8	1350.2	1300	1350	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1625
930	1480	5130	3761	2730	4560	5590	7290	7290	4253	3900	3800	New Loan Volume (\$mill)	4000
6%	7%	7%	1.0%	1.0%	2%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	1.0%	Problem Assets to Lns	1.0%
8.1%	8.5%	7.1%	5.8%	7.3%	7.4%	7.2%	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	Shr. Eq. to Total Assets	5.5%
19.0%	17.3%	18.2%	13.3%	11.4%	11.5%	14.3%	17.5%	19.7%	19.3%	19.0%	18.5%	G&A Exp to Gross Inc	16.5%
.74%	.65%	.71%	.97%	.97%	1.00%	1.15%	.88%	.98%	1.04%	.95%	1.00%	Return on Total Assets	1.10%
9.1%	7.6%	9.9%	16.7%	13.2%	13.6%	16.0%	14.1%	16.7%	17.3%	16.0%	16.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	21.0%

Business: Astoria Financial Corp. is the holding company for Astoria Federal Savings & Loan Assoc. It was established in 1888 and has 86 branches in and around New York City. Provides retail banking, mortgage, and consumer lending services. Acquired Fidelity New York FSB, 1/95; Greater N.Y. Savings Bank, 10/97; LISB, 10/98. Loans as of 12/31/05: 1-4 family mtgs, 68%; multi-family, 20%; commercial real estate, 8%; consumer and other, 4%. Has about 1,770 employees, 3,700 shareholders. Co. ESOP owns 10.6% of common; EARNEST Partners, LLC, 8.0%; Off. and Dir., 9.2% (4/06 proxy). Chrmn., Pres., and CEO: George Engelke, Jr. Inc.: DE. Address: One Astoria Federal Plaza, Lake Success, New York 11042. Tel.: 516-327-3000. Internet: www.asfc.com.

Astoria Financial continues to labor under a difficult interest-rate environment. As the Fed has remained steadfast in its tightening of monetary policy, the thrift's cost of liabilities, which are based on short-term rates, are rising faster than what the company earns on its assets. As a result, the net interest margin (the difference between the two) in the first quarter contracted 14 basis points from a year ago, to 2.10%, which led to a 14% decline in year-over-year earnings. To combat this margin compression, the company has been cutting back on its noncore business. Namely, it has been letting its securities portfolio thin out while reducing higher-cost borrowings. On an annualized basis, these two categories were down 21% and 17% in the period, to \$6.2 billion and \$7.6 billion, respectively. At the same time, it has continued to bolster its loan portfolio and deposits. Evidence of the positive impact of these actions was seen in that the quarter's net interest margin only declined two basis points sequentially. **This year's earnings will likely fall short of 2005's tally.** Astoria plans to further reduce security holdings and bor-

rowings by some \$750 million and \$1.0 billion each as the year progresses. However, with the likelihood of further margin compression in the second half of the year, we've lowered our 2006 share-net estimate by \$0.20. For next year, we look for margin pressure to ease, and earnings growth to resume, but we've trimmed our bottom-line estimate by a dime to \$2.20 a share. **The company continues to buy back its shares at a fast clip.** Since 2000, Astoria has reduced its outstanding share count by nearly a third. It currently has 7.5 million shares remaining under its 11th repurchase program. Our projections incorporate the full amount, as well as the likelihood of additional programs. **Recent price and earnings momentum suggests the stock may be a laggard over the six to 12 months ahead.** Meanwhile, our profit projections out to 2009-2011 indicate below-average appreciation potential. However, speculative interest in the stock, based on increased merger and acquisition activity within the industry, could provide some upside to our 3- to 5-year Target Price Range.

Mario Ferro
July 21, 2006

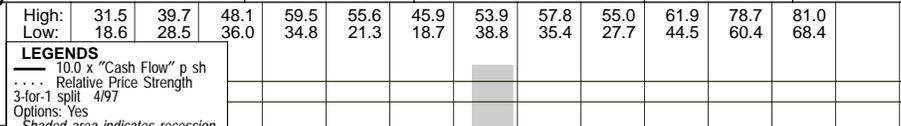
(A) Primary earnings through 1996, diluted thereafter. Excludes nonrecurring gain/(losses): '96, (46c); '99, 19c; '04, (6c). Next earnings report due mid-October.
(B) Dividends historically paid early March, June, September, and December.
(C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	85
Price Growth Persistence	80
Earnings Predictability	85

ALTRIA GROUP, INC. NYSE-MO

RECENT PRICE **79.79** P/E RATIO **14.5** (Trailing: 14.7; Median: 12.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.84** DIV'D YLD **4.0%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Lowered 2/10/06
SAFETY 3 Raised 5/9/03
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/7/06
BETA .80 (1.00 = Market)



High: 31.5 39.7 48.1 59.5 55.6 45.9 53.9 57.8 55.0 61.9 78.7 81.0
Low: 18.6 28.5 36.0 34.8 21.3 18.7 38.8 35.4 27.7 44.5 60.4 68.4

LEGENDS
10.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh
Relative Price Strength
3-for-1 split 4/97
Options: Yes
Shaded area indicates recession

Target Price Range
2009 2010 2011

2009-11 PROJECTIONS
Price Gain Ann'l Total
High 115 (+45%) 13%
Low 80 (Nil) 4%

Insider Decisions
S O N D J F M A M
to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
Options 2 1 2 1 0 2 0 1 4
to Sell 0 1 3 0 0 3 1 1 3

Institutional Decisions
3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006
to Buy 518 529 484
to Sell 382 422 478
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% TOT. RETURN 6/06
THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX
1 yr. 18.7 11.8
3 yr. 87.3 63.9
5 yr. 87.7 59.7

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
18.42	20.46	21.07	23.15	25.45	26.50	28.46	29.71	30.61	33.61	36.38	41.78	39.43	40.17	43.51	46.93	50.70	55.50	Sales per sh	69.75
1.77	2.07	2.31	1.97	2.52	2.87	3.29	3.30	2.91	4.01	4.63	5.06	5.26	5.22	5.35	5.92	6.40	7.00	"Cash Flow" per sh	9.40
1.28	1.51	1.82	1.35	1.82	2.17	2.56	2.58	2.20	3.19	3.75	3.87	4.49	4.52	4.57	5.15	5.50	6.00	Earnings per sh ^A	8.15
.52	.64	.78	.87	1.01	1.22	1.47	1.60	1.68	1.84	2.02	2.22	2.44	2.64	2.82	3.06	3.20	3.30	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	3.60
.49	.57	.56	.61	.67	.65	.73	.77	.74	.75	.76	.89	.99	.97	.93	1.06	.60	.60	Cap'l Spending per sh	.60
4.30	4.53	4.48	4.42	5.00	5.61	5.85	6.15	6.66	6.54	6.79	9.12	9.55	12.31	14.91	17.13	19.25	21.95	Book Value per sh ^C	33.65
2778.7	2759.6	2806.0	2631.3	2558.6	2493.5	2431.3	2425.5	2430.5	2338.5	2208.9	2152.5	2039.3	2037.3	2059.5	2085.0	2100.0	2100.0	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	2100.0
11.6	14.8	14.4	13.5	10.3	11.4	12.6	16.5	20.2	11.4	7.4	12.2	10.6	9.2	11.4	13.2	13.2	13.2	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	12.0
.86	.95	.87	.80	.68	.76	.79	.95	1.05	.65	.48	.63	.58	.52	.60	.71	.60	.71	Relative P/E Ratio	.80
3.5%	2.8%	3.0%	4.7%	5.4%	4.9%	4.5%	3.8%	3.8%	5.1%	7.3%	4.7%	5.1%	6.3%	5.4%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	4.7%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06^E
Total Debt \$24,134 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$12,000 mill.
LT Debt \$16,748 mill. LT Interest \$1500 mill.

(LT interest earned: 15.0x; total interest coverage: 14.5x)

Pension Assets-12/05 \$16.5 bill. Oblig. \$18.2 bill.
Pfd Stock None

Common Stock 2,085,000,000 shs.
MARKET CAP: \$166 billion (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)

	2004	2005	3/31/06 ^E
Cash Assets	5744	6258	5491
Receivables	5754	5361	5324
Inventory (LIFO)	10041	10584	11580
Other	4362	3578	2729
Current Assets	25901	25781	22124
Accts Payable	3466	3645	3098
Debt Due	4297	6266	7386
Other	15811	16247	12910
Current Liab.	23574	26158	23394

69204	72055	74391	78596	80356	89924	80408	81832	89610	97854	106500	116500	Sales (\$mill)	146500
20.3%	21.4%	21.0%	20.1%	21.1%	21.2%	23.0%	21.6%	20.0%	19.4%	20.0%	20.0%	Operating Margin	21.0%
1691.0	1700.0	1690.0	1702.0	1717.0	2337.0	1331.0	1440.0	1607.0	1675.0	1800	2000	Depreciation (\$mill)	2600
6303.0	6310.0	5372.0	7675.0	8510.0	8560.0	9402.0	9204.0	9420.0	10668	11605	12660	Net Profit (\$mill)	17180
41.0%	40.5%	40.9%	39.5%	39.0%	37.9%	35.2%	34.9%	32.4%	29.9%	35.0%	35.0%	Income Tax Rate	35.0%
9.1%	8.8%	7.2%	9.8%	10.6%	9.5%	11.7%	11.2%	10.5%	10.9%	10.9%	10.9%	Net Profit Margin	11.7%
323.0	2369.0	3851.0	2878.0	d8711	d2866	d1641	d11.0	2327.0	d377.0	3675	8040	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	29500
11827	11585	11906	11280	18255	17159	19189	18953	16462	17868	18000	18000	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	18000
14218	14920	16197	15305	15005	19620	19478	25077	30714	35707	40400	40600	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	70700
26.0%	25.8%	20.9%	30.8%	27.2%	25.4%	26.0%	22.4%	21.5%	20.9%	21.0%	21.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	20.0%
44.3%	42.3%	33.2%	50.1%	56.7%	43.6%	48.3%	36.7%	30.7%	29.9%	29.0%	28.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	24.0%
20.0%	16.3%	8.6%	21.8%	26.7%	19.3%	22.3%	15.6%	12.2%	12.5%	29.0%	28.0%	Retained to Com Eq	24.0%
55%	62%	74%	57%	53%	56%	54%	57%	60%	58%	58%	58%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	44%

BUSINESS: Altria Group, Inc. is a leading consumer products company with four major segments: domestic tobacco (18% of '05 revs. 28% of op. prof.) incl. *Marlboro, Benson & Hedges, Merit, Virginia Slims*; international tobacco (46%, 47%), food (35%, 30%), incl. coffee, *Post* cereals, and packaged foods (*Jell-O, Kool-Aid, Oscar Mayer, Kraft, Velveeta, Miracle Whip*) and financial svcs./real est.

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11

Sales	5.5%	5.5%	-22.5%
"Cash Flow"	8.5%	7.5%	52.5%
Earnings	10.5%	9.5%	9.5%
Dividends	10.5%	9.0%	4.0%
Book Value	11.5%	17.5%	1.0%

Altria Group scored a major victory in a ruling by the Florida Supreme Court, which refused to reinstate punitive damages awarded in a \$145 billion class action lawsuit against numerous companies in the tobacco industry. The ruling was crucial to cigarette makers since the enormous sum would probably have bankrupted the companies being sued. Outside the court decision, which propelled MO over 7%, the stock has been a flat performer in past months. Altria posted a moderate sales gain in the second quarter, yet share earnings declined to \$1.29 from \$1.65 in the first quarter of 2006. Since our May review, these shares have performed very well, driven by this crucial decision.

We anticipate both top- and bottom-line growth for Altria in the remainder of the decade. The company's stock has been climbing of late, and its financial outlook has improved. Altria has shifted its focus abroad through acquisitions to capture the available sales. Now, with the most pressing legal issue resolved, we see positive signs for sales and earnings, driven by growth overseas. Also, the stock offers a generous yield that should add appeal for investors.

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	19371	20831	20939	20691	81832
2004	21721	22894	22615	22380	89610
2005	23618	24784	24962	24490	97854
2006	24355	25769	29076	27300	106500
2007	28000	29000	30000	29500	116500

Altria may look to spin off its Kraft Foods division, now that the burden of the Florida lawsuit is behind it. This would be a major change for the company. MO has long considered a breakup of its three core segments, and the Kraft Foods segment would be the logical first step. The spinoff is not guaranteed to happen but if it does, it would likely occur between now and 2007.

However, Altria remains a risky investment. The domestic tobacco industry is in decline, and Altria remains the market leader. Pending legal battles and new lawsuits will continue to weigh on cigarette makers. Although the industry has won more cases than it has lost, costs incurred from proceedings, along with charges from cases lost, represent a significant sum of money. Increased legislation restricting the ability of consumers to smoke should also drive volume down over the long term. Despite the encouraging news and strong finances for Altria, this stock is not for cautious investors.

EARNINGS PER SHARE^A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	1.07	1.20	1.22	1.03	4.52
2004	1.07	1.26	1.28	.96	4.57
2005	1.25	1.41	1.39	1.10	5.15
2006	1.65	1.29	1.33	1.23	5.50
2007	1.45	1.60	1.60	1.35	6.00

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID^B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.58	.58	.58	.64	2.38
2003	.64	.64	.64	.68	2.60
2004	.68	.68	.68	.73	2.77
2005	.73	.73	.73	.80	2.99
2006	.80	.80	.80	.80	3.20

Richard Gallagher
August 4, 2006

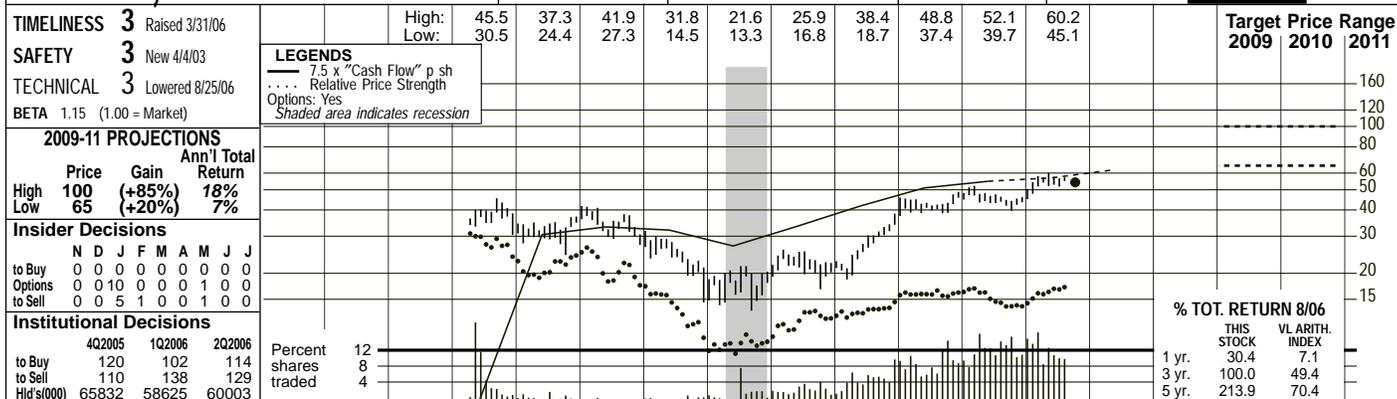
(A) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecr. gains (losses): '91, (\$1.29); '93, (.54c); '95, (3c); '99, (11c); '02, 72c; '05, (12c). Next earnings report due late October. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-January, mid-April, mid-July, and mid-October. (C) Div'd reinvestment plan available. (D) Incl. intangibles. '05: \$43.4 bill., \$20.82/sh. (E) In millions, adjusted for stock split. (F) Excl. fin'l services and real estate subsidiary.

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Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	80
Price Growth Persistence	65
Earnings Predictability	90

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AUTOLIV, INC. NYSE-ALV RECENT PRICE **54.17** P/E RATIO **13.5** (Trailing: 14.9 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.77** DIV'D YLD **2.7%** VALUE LINE



Autoliv was formed in April '97, through the merger of Morton International's airbag unit and Sweden's Autoliv AB. Under terms of the deal, Morton (MII) shareholders received .341 new company shares for each MII share owned; Autoliv AB investors were subject to a one-for-one share exchange.

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
Sales per sh	--	26.81	34.10	37.27	40.24	40.77	46.14	55.86	66.78	74.13	76.05	83.20	97.70
"Cash Flow" per sh	--	.58	4.07	4.43	4.28	3.60	4.45	5.58	6.79	7.32	7.70	8.60	10.35
Earnings per sh ^A	--	d1.20	1.84	1.95	1.67	.49	1.84	2.64	3.40	3.39	3.90	4.50	5.55
Div's Decl'd per sh ^B	--	.22	.44	.44	.44	.44	.46	.54	.77	1.17	1.36	1.42	1.50
Cap'l Spending per sh	--	1.79	2.78	2.55	2.39	2.54	2.37	2.72	3.52	3.76	4.55	4.70	5.20
Book Value per sh ^D	--	16.67	18.05	18.88	18.67	19.16	21.25	25.31	28.66	27.67	28.45	30.70	37.25
Common Shs Outst'g ^C	--	102.20	102.30	102.30	102.30	97.90	96.30	94.90	92.00	83.70	81.00	79.00	77.00
Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	--	--	17.3	17.8	14.7	36.4	11.9	10.4	12.3	13.5	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		15.0
Relative P/E Ratio	--	--	.90	1.01	.96	1.87	.65	.59	.65	.72			1.00
Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	--	.6%	1.4%	1.3%	1.8%	2.5%	2.1%	2.0%	1.8%	2.6%			1.2%
Sales (\$mill)	--	2739.6	3488.7	3812.2	4116.1	3991.0	4443.4	5300.8	6143.9	6204.9	6160	6570	7525
Operating Margin	--	16.0%	16.6%	11.4%	14.6%	12.2%	13.3%	13.0%	13.4%	13.6%	13.6%	14.0%	14.2%
Depreciation (\$mill)	--	162.6	228.0	253.4	269.1	304.2	248.5	278.8	298.3	308.9	305	325	370
Net Profit (\$mill)	--	d103.6	188.3	199.9	168.7	47.9	180.5	251.2	326.3	303.6	320	360	430
Income Tax Rate	--	NMF	39.6%	40.0%	40.3%	51.2%	33.0%	31.5%	30.8%	33.2%	32.0%	32.0%	32.0%
Net Profit Margin	--	NMF	5.4%	5.2%	4.1%	1.2%	4.1%	4.7%	5.3%	4.9%	5.2%	5.4%	5.7%
Working Cap'l (\$mill)	--	d25.3	69.1	76.9	93.1	451.2	364.0	472.5	394.3	398.2	460	535	895
Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	--	611.8	628.6	470.4	737.4	1037.1	842.7	846.2	667.1	757.1	900	900	900
Shr. Equity (\$mill)	--	1704.0	1846.0	1931.0	1910.1	1875.3	2046.7	2402.0	2636.4	2316.1	2305	2425	2865
Return on Total Cap'l	--	NMF	8.7%	9.5%	7.6%	2.7%	7.2%	8.4%	10.3%	10.6%	10.5%	11.5%	12.0%
Return on Shr. Equity	--	NMF	10.2%	10.4%	8.8%	2.6%	8.8%	10.5%	12.4%	13.1%	14.0%	14.5%	15.0%
Retained to Com Eq	--	NMF	7.8%	8.0%	6.5%	.3%	6.7%	8.3%	9.7%	8.4%	9.0%	10.0%	11.0%
All Div'ds to Net Prof	--	NMF	24%	23%	26%	90%	24%	20%	22%	36%	34%	31%	27%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$1041.2 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$781.6 mill.
LT Debt \$959.2 mill. LT Interest \$45.0 mill.
(LT interest earned: 13.1x; total interest coverage: 12.1x) (29% of Cap'l)
Leases, Uncapitalized: \$17.8 million
Pension Assets-12/05 \$158.8 mill. Oblig. \$246.0 mill.
Common Stock 82,100,000 shs.

MARKET CAP: \$4.4 billion (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)

	2004	2005	6/30/06
Cash Assets	229.2	295.9	125.8
Receivables	1288.8	1149.0	1278.3
Inventory (Avg Cst)	509.2	485.4	491.3
Other	85.9	232.2	163.9
Current Assets	2113.1	2162.5	2059.3
Accts Payable	798.9	682.6	743.4
Debt Due	313.8	508.4	82.0
Other	606.1	573.3	650.4
Current Liab.	1718.8	1764.3	1475.8

BUSINESS: Autoliv Inc. manufactures occupant safety restraint systems for the automotive industry. Products include passenger and driver-side airbags, seat belts, steering wheels, and safety seats. Top customers include Ford (21% of 2005 sales) and Renault/Nissan (14%). Has 80 factories and 20 crash-test tracks around the world. North America accounts for 28% of sales. Has 34,100 full-time employees (as of 12/31/05). Officers & Directors own less than 1% of common stock; Barclays Global, 10.1%; Iridian Asset Management, 7.1% (3/06 Proxy). Pres. & CEO: Lars Westerberg. Chairman: S. Jay Stewart. Inc. (DE). Address: World Trade Center, Klarabergsviadukten 70, Section E, SE-107 24 Stockholm, Sweden. Telephone: 46-8-587-20-600. Web: www.autoliv.com.

We've lowered our 2006 share-earnings estimate for seatbelt and airbag maker Autoliv by a dime, to \$3.90. Corresponding with surprisingly strong product sales in markets throughout the Far East, the revision reflects higher assumed income distributions to Autoliv's joint-venture partners in Korea and China. During the June quarter, overall company revenue declined 3%, but sales outside of Autoliv's three largest markets (Europe, North America, and Japan) increased 14%, due largely to strong demand from Korean and Chinese automakers.

Our \$3.90 assessment implies healthy 15% earnings growth, despite the likelihood of weak overall sales. A lower share count is sure to lift results. A more competitive cost structure, meanwhile, should help offset the impact of high raw material costs and low fixed-cost absorption associated with reduced production. In particular, ongoing relocation of manufacturing to low labor-cost countries ought to bolster margins.

We look for mid-teens earnings growth in 2007. Importantly, a better sales mix and new supply deals, particularly in Western Europe, should enable Autoliv to better leverage an improved cost structure. The Big Three U.S. automakers may continue to struggle, though, which could limit gains.

Low double-digit earnings growth is sustainable, we think, out to 2009-2011. The ongoing trend toward increased safety content per vehicle should drive results and curtail the impact of future downturns in automobile production. Given Autoliv's generally high market share, though, winning new business is likely to become harder, as customers look to keep their supply bases diverse. Automakers are also likely to press harder for pricing concessions as products, such as Autoliv's Inflatable Curtain airbag, increasingly become standard equipment on most car models.

Autoliv shares are ranked 3 (Average) for year-ahead price performance. They have decent total return potential out to 2009-2011, assuming the company continues to deploy its cash flow in a shareholder-friendly manner. Recent cuts in auto production are a concern, though.

Nils C. Van Liew
September 29, 2006

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	1245.7	1366.5	1212.5	1476.1	5300.8
2004	1487.8	1578.6	1382.7	1694.8	6143.9
2005	1693.6	1654.6	1391.7	1465.0	6204.9
2006	1567.9	1607.9	1420	1564.2	6160
2007	1675	1720	1510	1665	6570

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.54	.77	.55	.78	2.64
2004	.80	.94	.72	.94	3.40
2005	.84	.94	.66	.94	€3.39
2006	1.03	1.00	.74	1.13	3.90
2007	1.14	1.20	.86	1.30	4.50

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.11	.11	.11	.11	.44
2003	.13	.13	.13	.15	.54
2004	.17	.20	.20	.20	.77
2005	.25	.30	.30	.32	1.17
2006	.32	.32	.35		

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gain: '03, 16¢. Includes nonrecurring loss: '05 1Q, 9¢. Next earnings report due late Oct.
(B) Dividends historically paid early March, June, September, and December.
(C) In millions.
(D) Includes goodwill and intangibles. At 12/31/05, \$1.68 billion, or \$20.06 a share.
(E) Quarterlies don't sum to total due to rounding.

Company's Financial Strength B++
Stock's Price Stability 75
Price Growth Persistence 50
Earnings Predictability 45

AUTONATION, INC. NYSE-AN

RECENT PRICE **19.51** P/E RATIO **12.2** (Trailing: 12.7; Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.71** DIV'D YLD Nil VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Raised 6/2/06	High: 18.1 34.6 44.4 30.0 18.4 10.8 13.1 18.7 19.2 19.3 22.8 22.9	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011
SAFETY 3 Raised 11/16/01	Low: 1.4 13.2 19.0 10.0 7.5 4.6 4.9 9.0 11.6 15.0 17.9 19.4	120
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 6/9/06	LEGENDS 14.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 6/96 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession	100
BETA 1.10 (1.00 = Market)		80
2009-11 PROJECTIONS		
Price	Ann'l Total Return	64
High 50 (+155%)	26%	48
Low 35 (+80%)	15%	32
Insider Decisions		
S O N D J F M A M		20
to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0		16
Options 0 0 2 2 0 0 2 0 5		12
to Sell 0 0 2 1 0 1 0 1 7		8
Institutional Decisions		
3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006	Percent shares traded	
to Buy 100 124 128	30	
to Sell 122 103 117	20	
Hld's(000) 215740 227457 227125	10	



AutoNation, Inc. first went public in 1981 as a solid waste company, Republic Waste Industries. It traded on NASDAQ as RWIN until June 1997, when it changed its name to Republic Industries and moved to the NYSE. In August 1995, H. Wayne Huizenga was elected chairman and CEO. Since that time, the scope of the business has been modified to include solely automotive operations and, in April 1999, the current name was adopted. Data prior to 1996 is for the former solid waste division alone.

	1996	1997	1998 ^c	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
Revenues per sh	9.14	23.05	35.18	53.58	59.21	62.13	65.36	71.86	74.26	73.42	90.70	95.70	112.50
"Cash Flow" per sh	2.08	2.69	3.03	1.10	1.27	1.38	1.51	1.67	1.72	1.82	2.00	2.25	3.10
Earnings per sh ^A	d.01	.46	.74	.66	.86	.87	1.19	1.32	1.36	1.48	1.60	1.80	2.60
Div'ds Decl'd per sh	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cap'l Spending per sh	.79	1.03	.96	.65	.43	.51	.61	.49	.50	.50	.60	.65	.75
Book Value per sh ^D	4.93	7.79	11.84	12.26	11.04	11.90	13.12	14.64	16.13	17.81	17.90	19.50	26.50
Common Shs Outst'g ^B	258.87	447.08	458.13	375.36	348.09	321.71	298.02	269.71	264.26	262.23	215.00	210.00	200.00
Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	--	62.2	28.7	20.1	8.4	11.3	11.0	11.9	12.5	13.5	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		16.0
Relative P/E Ratio	--	3.59	1.49	1.15	.55	.58	.60	.68	.66	.72			1.05
Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--			Nil
Revenues (\$mill)	2365.5	10306	16118	20112	20610	19989	19479	19381	19624	19253	19500	20100	22500
Operating Margin	24.4%	13.4%	9.8%	2.9%	4.1%	3.3%	3.6%	4.2%	4.3%	4.6%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%
Depreciation (\$mill)	540.5	1003.6	1051.6	123.0	133.8	151.9	69.7	71.0	84.0	80.7	80.0	90.0	100
Net Profit (\$mill)	d3.0	200.2	334.6	288.7	309.2	290.8	381.6	378.6	370.0	395.5	345	380	520
Income Tax Rate	NMF 36.5%	36.0%	36.0%	37.5%	38.9%	38.3%	35.9%	38.6%	36.5%	38.5%	38.5%		38.5%
Net Profit Margin	NMF 1.9%	2.1%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	1.9%	2.1%	1.8%	1.9%		2.3%
Working Cap'l (\$mill)	356.7	2563.2	2865.9	1136.4	1034.9	574.4	648.4	180.8	266.5	468.3	600	700	1000
Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	170.6	2333.6	2315.6	836.1	850.4	647.3	642.7	808.5	797.7	484.4	1500	1500	1500
Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1276.2	3484.3	5424.2	4601.2	3842.5	3827.9	3910.2	3949.7	4263.1	4669.5	3850	4100	5300
Return on Total Cap'l	1.0%	3.5%	4.5%	5.4%	6.9%	6.9%	8.8%	8.6%	8.1%	8.5%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%
Return on Shr. Equity	NMF 5.7%	6.2%	6.3%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	9.6%	8.7%	8.5%	9.0%	9.5%		10.0%
Retained to Com Eq	NMF 5.7%	6.2%	6.3%	8.0%	7.6%	9.8%	9.6%	8.7%	8.5%	9.0%	9.5%		10.0%
All Div's to Net Prof	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Nil

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06
Total Debt \$2899.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$2800.0 mill.
LT Debt \$483.1 mill. LT Interest \$90.0 mill. (9% of Cap'l)
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$61.6 mill.

No Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 214,945,830 shs. as of 4/26/06
MARKET CAP: \$4.2 billion (Mid Cap)

CURRENT POSITION (\$MILL.)	2004	2005	3/31/06
Cash Assets	107.2	243.8	256.6
Receivables	773.2	795.7	684.4
Inventory (FIFO)	2640.5	2682.7	2673.6
Other	156.8	158.2	210.3
Current Assets	3677.7	3880.4	3824.9
Accts Payable	180.7	214.4	246.1
Debt Due	2532.2	2580.6	2416.8
Other	698.3	617.1	592.2
Current Liab.	3411.2	3412.1	3255.1

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Revenues	47.5%	8.0%	7.5%
"Cash Flow"	24.0%	-5%	10.0%
Earnings	30.0%	13.0%	11.0%
Dividends	--	--	Nil
Book Value	23.5%	6.5%	8.5%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	4459	5069	5257	4596	19381
2004	4700	4989	5097	4838	19624
2005	4561	5019	5188	4485	19253
2006	4674	5011	5215	4600	19500
2007	4800	5150	5400	4750	20100

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.29	.37	.38	.28	1.32
2004	.32	.35	.35	.34	1.36
2005	.33	.40	.45	.30	1.48
2006	.37	.42	.45	.36	1.60
2007	.41	.47	.51	.41	1.80

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					

NO CASH DIVIDENDS BEING PAID

BUSINESS: AutoNation, Inc. is in the automotive retailing business. It previously divested its rental operations, which included Alamo Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental, and CarTemps USA, and closed its AutoNation USA used vehicle superstores. The company sells cars through roughly 338 franchised dealerships in 16 states, mostly in the Sunbelt. Spun-off hazardous waste division, 2/95; sold

AutoNation's operating environment seems to be getting chillier. As the U.S. economy continues to show signs of slowing, the new vehicle market is becoming increasingly difficult. This, coupled with the company's relatively high exposure to the out-of-favor Detroit automakers, will likely put pressure on the top line through the balance of 2006 and into next year. That said, AutoNation is now endeavoring to boost its growth prospects by reducing its Big Three inventory and stocking more imported and premium/luxury vehicles. (These models, benefiting from favorable demographic trends, remain in high demand at America's showrooms.) In the meantime, the company is placing a greater emphasis on its rejuvenated used car operations and its noncyclical, ancillary product lines, including parts & service and finance & insurance. These businesses should hold up reasonably well if the U.S. unexpectedly enters a recession. **Cost-cutting remains a priority.** AutoNation, blessed with big scale advantages over its rivals, has the lowest cost structure of any public dealership group. We expect the company's profitabil-

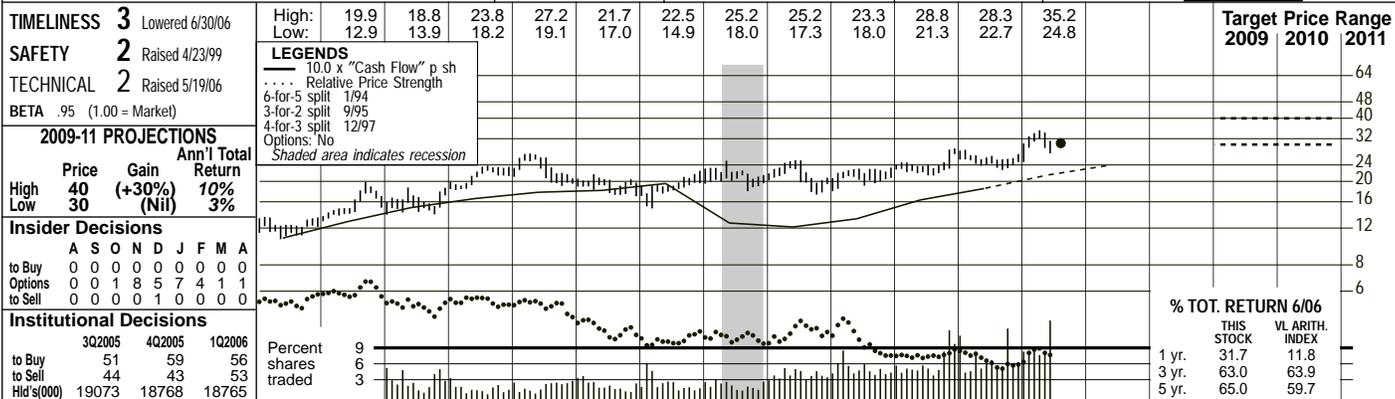
ity level to improve further in the coming periods, as it standardizes pay practices, consolidates back-office facilities, and realizes economies of scale in advertising and other expense areas. Better inventory management, made possible by upgraded IT systems, should also contribute to margin expansion over time. **The company continues to generate a lot of cash.** With this in mind, its board recently authorized the repurchase of another \$250 million worth of stock. Even with the additional buybacks, though, AutoNation will probably have plenty of financial flexibility to pursue accretive acquisitions in the years ahead. Notably, dealership prices have started to become attractive, as interest rates have risen and the real estate market has cooled off. **These shares have retreated since our May review,** as investors have reacted to the softening new car market. We continue to like the issue for the long haul, however, and believe that stock buybacks, cost-cutting initiatives, and growth in other businesses will support 10%-plus annual share-net growth through 2009-2011.

Justin Hellman
August 11, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring gains (losses): '96, (\$0.24); '99, (\$0.73); '00, \$0.05; '01, (\$0.14); '03, \$0.44. Excludes gains (loss) from discontinued operations: '97, \$0.56; '98, \$0.35; '99, \$0.73; '01, (\$0.04). Next earnings report due late October. (B) In millions, adjusted for stock split. (C) 1998 figures have been restated to include the automotive retail and rental operations only. (D) Includes intangibles: '05, \$2957.1 mill. (\$11.28/sh.).	Company's Financial Strength B++
	Stock's Price Stability 65
	Price Growth Persistence 20
	Earnings Predictability 90

BALDOR ELECTRIC NYSE-BEZ

RECENT PRICE **30.45** P/E RATIO **20.3** (Trailing: 22.6 Median: 20.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.15** DIV'D YLD **2.2%** VALUE LINE



Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Value Line Pub, Inc.	09-11
Sales per sh ^A	8.46	8.14	8.96	9.92	11.42	12.73	14.40	15.49	16.07	16.22	18.40	16.44	16.10	17.10	19.58	21.82	25.00	27.35	Sales (\$mill) ^A	33.35
"Cash Flow" per sh	.74	.68	.77	.88	1.08	1.29	1.50	1.66	1.78	1.81	1.96	1.27	1.22	1.33	1.64	1.85	2.15	2.40	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.20
Earnings per sh ^{AB}	.40	.33	.42	.52	.70	.84	.97	1.13	1.17	1.19	1.34	.65	.69	.74	1.05	1.28	1.50	1.70	Earnings per sh ^{AB}	2.25
Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.13	.13	.14	.16	.21	.26	.29	.35	.40	.43	.49	.52	.52	.52	.56	.62	.67	.71	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.83
Cap'l Spending per sh	.37	.28	.33	.42	.60	.62	.66	.75	1.04	.40	.67	.57	.31	.46	.55	.68	.65	.70	Cap'l Spending per sh	.95
Book Value per sh	3.57	3.80	4.08	4.47	5.03	5.69	5.73	6.76	7.21	7.48	7.72	7.74	8.04	7.97	8.57	9.05	10.20	11.20	Book Value per sh	15.85
Common Shs Outst'g ^D	34.75	35.21	35.58	35.94	36.62	37.16	34.93	36.03	36.68	35.59	33.77	33.92	34.14	32.83	33.11	33.07	32.00	32.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	30.00
Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	13.1	17.5	17.9	19.1	17.5	18.6	16.4	18.8	19.8	16.1	14.1	32.5	31.3	28.9	22.7	19.8	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
Relative P/E Ratio	.97	1.12	1.09	1.13	1.15	1.24	1.03	1.08	1.03	.92	.92	1.67	1.71	1.65	1.20	1.06			Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.5%	2.3%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%	2.2%	2.6%	2.5%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%	2.4%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.5%

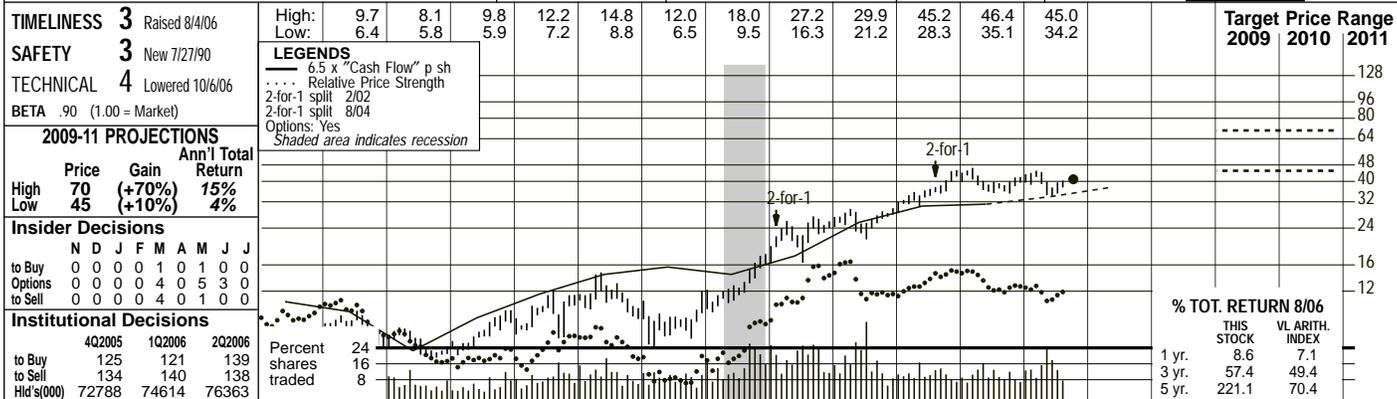
Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Value Line Pub, Inc.	09-11
Total Debt \$95.0 mill.	502.9	557.9	589.4	577.3	621.2	557.5	549.5	561.4	648.2	721.6	800	875	Sales (\$mill) ^A	1000						
LT Debt \$70.0 mill.	16.4%	16.9%	17.2%	17.6%	17.0%	11.7%	11.4%	11.5%	12.3%	13.4%	13.5%	13.8%	Operating Margin	14.5%						
Leases, Uncapitalized	17.3	19.3	20.5	20.8	19.8	20.7	17.6	18.9	19.1	18.2	20.0	22.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	28.0						
Annual rentals \$2.0 million.	35.2	40.4	44.6	43.7	46.3	22.4	23.9	24.8	35.1	43.0	48.0	55.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	68.0						
(18% of Cap'l)	38.5%	38.5%	38.0%	38.0%	37.5%	37.0%	37.0%	37.0%	33.0%	36.1%	35.0%	35.0%	Income Tax Rate	35.0%						
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan	7.0%	7.2%	7.6%	7.6%	7.4%	4.0%	4.3%	4.4%	5.4%	6.0%	6.0%	6.2%	Net Profit Margin	6.8%						
Pfd Stock None	147.0	141.2	176.1	183.9	174.8	173.7	199.0	171.8	213.2	188.9	215	245	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	365						
Common Stock 32,196,494 shs.	45.0	27.9	57.0	56.3	99.8	98.7	105.3	79.5	104.0	70.0	70.0	70.0	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	70.0						
as of 4/29/06	200.3	243.4	264.3	266.1	260.8	262.5	274.6	261.5	283.6	299.5	325	360	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	475						
MARKET CAP: \$975 million (Small Cap)	14.9%	15.2%	14.2%	14.0%	13.4%	6.9%	6.7%	7.6%	9.5%	12.2%	12.5%	13.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	12.5%						
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)	17.6%	16.6%	16.9%	16.4%	17.7%	8.5%	8.7%	9.5%	12.4%	14.4%	15.0%	15.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	14.0%						
Cash Assets	12.3%	11.3%	11.3%	10.3%	11.3%	1.8%	2.2%	2.8%	5.6%	7.5%	8.0%	9.0%	Retained to Com Eq	9.0%						
Receivables	30%	32%	33%	37%	37%	79%	75%	71%	54%	48%	45%	42%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	37%						
Inventory (LIFO)	44.4	44.1	46.7	101.1	104.5	115.9	121.5	114.1	119.8	119.8										
Other	30.7	31.9	33.4	297.7	294.6	315.8	39.1	37.0	46.5	25.0										
Current Assets	39.1	37.0	46.5	45.5	43.7	41.8	84.6	105.7	113.3											
Accts Payable	39.1	37.0	46.5	45.5	43.7	41.8	84.6	105.7	113.3											
Debt Due	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	45.5	43.7	41.8	84.6	105.7	113.3														
Current Liab.	84.6	105.7	113.3																	

BALDOR ELECTRIC REGISTERED A 25% SHARE-NET INCREASE DURING THE MARCH QUARTER. Results were fueled by a 13% sales gain, coupled with a 130-basis-point margin improvement compared to the year-ago period. A relatively healthy economic backdrop helped strengthen Baldor's profitability. **We look for steady earnings improvement over the next 12 to 18 months.** Management maintains a close-knit relationship with its customers, and business conditions appear rather good. Orders were steady throughout the first quarter, and this trend probably continued into the June period. With that in mind, we have boosted our 2006 and 2007 share-net calls by \$0.05 each, to \$1.50 and \$1.70, respectively. We look for demand for Baldor's Super E motors to remain strong, a result of their ability to markedly lower electricity costs. (Sales of this product climbed by 23% during the March quarter.) Indeed, only 2% of the lifetime cost of a motor is related to its purchase price, the remainder being running (electricity) costs. Thus, the Super E has a distinct competitive advantage in this realm. Overall, the Motors segment grew by 17% in the first quarter, and we look for similar gains over the next several periods. Furthermore, international sales are likely to climb at a high single-digit clip in the months ahead. On the other hand, drives and generator sales are likely to post more-subdued growth over the remainder of this year, the latter due to reduced military sales. What's more, rising copper and aluminum costs will likely pressure margins in the near term. In order to counteract this pressure, management will relocate its motor plant in Columbus, Mississippi to a new larger facility, which will increase capacity and boost manufacturing efficiencies. Baldor is also expanding its generator facility in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. **The company has put some of its excess cash to work.** The board recently increased the dividend to an annual rate of \$0.68 a share and also repurchased just over one million shares, the latter of which will be slightly accretive to share net. **These shares are neutrally ranked for year-ahead price action.** Also, long-term gains potential appears limited. *Alan G. House* July 14, 2006

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Full Fiscal Year
ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs.	5.5%	4.0%	4.0%	10.5%	5.5%	11.0%
Past 5 Yrs. to '09-'11	3.0%	-3.0%	-3.5%	5.0%	2.5%	11.0%
Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh)	10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05			
Sales	5.5%	3.0%	9.5%			
"Cash Flow"	4.0%	-3.0%	12.0%			
Earnings	4.0%	-3.5%	14.0%			
Dividends	10.5%	5.0%	6.5%			
Book Value	5.5%	2.5%	11.0%			
Fiscal Year Ends	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Full Fiscal Year	
2003	137.4	138.5	139.0	146.5	561.4	
2004	152.8	163.7	168.8	162.9	648.2	
2005	170.6	178.3	190.0	182.7	721.6	
2006	192.3	198	210	199.7	800	
2007	205	215	235	220	875	
Fiscal Year Ends	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Full Fiscal Year	
2003	.18	.18	.18	.20	.74	
2004	.23	.25	.26	.31	1.05	
2005	.27	.29	.33	.39	1.28	
2006	.34	.36	.41	.39	1.50	
2007	.39	.41	.46	.44	1.70	
Calendar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year	
2002	.26	.13	.13	--	.52	
2003	.26	.13	.13	--	.52	
2004	.28	.14	.14	--	.56	
2005	.30	.15	.16	--	.61	
2006	.33	.17	--	--	--	

(A) Year ends on the Sat. nearest Dec. 31st. (B) Based on diluted shares. Next earnings report due late July. (C) Dividends historically paid in early January. (D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

BALL CORP. NYSE-BLL RECENT PRICE **40.95** P/E RATIO **14.0** (Trailing: 15.6; Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.79** DIV'D YLD **1.1%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
15.36	22.00	20.60	20.72	21.72	21.52	17.89	19.76	23.96	30.05	32.66	31.88	34.00	44.13	49.51	55.15	63.80	67.50	Sales per sh	76.90
1.17	1.59	1.54	1.28	1.65	1.48	.96	1.38	1.79	2.22	2.41	2.22	2.72	3.93	4.70	4.80	5.20	5.80	"Cash Flow" per sh	7.10
.57	.61	.55	.31	.59	.55	.21	.42	.55	.79	.93	.89	1.42	2.08	2.65	2.62	2.75	3.25	Earnings per sh ^A	4.20
.29	.30	.31	.31	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15	.18	.24	.35	.40	.40	.48	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^{B=C}	.58
.38	.93	1.04	1.20	.79	1.71	1.61	.81	.70	.90	.88	.59	1.40	1.22	1.78	2.80	2.85	2.70	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.55
3.82	5.35	5.06	4.16	4.60	4.29	4.45	4.75	4.67	5.32	5.61	4.36	4.34	7.16	9.89	8.01	10.15	12.80	Book Value per sh ^C	22.20
88.37	103.08	105.72	117.79	119.47	120.46	122.07	120.88	120.90	119.27	112.20	115.63	113.49	112.78	109.87	104.29	103.50	103.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	97.50
13.2	13.0	15.5	25.6	11.7	14.7	31.6	18.3	17.1	14.2	9.2	14.5	16.0	12.7	13.6	15.1	10.15	10.15	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	13.5
.98	.83	.94	1.51	.77	.98	1.98	1.05	.89	.81	.60	.74	.87	.72	.72	.80	.80	.80	Relative P/E Ratio	.90
3.8%	3.8%	3.6%	4.0%	2.2%	1.9%	2.2%	1.9%	1.6%	1.3%	1.8%	1.2%	.8%	.9%	.9%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.0%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06		2004	2005	6/30/06	Leases, Uncapitalized		Pension Assets-12/05		Prd Stock None		Common Stock		MARKET CAP: \$4.3 billion (Mid Cap)		
Total Debt	\$2646.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs	\$858.0 mill.			Annual rentals	\$45.8 mill.						104,204,578 shares			
LT Debt	\$2513.0 mill.	LT Interest	\$129.0 mill.		Oblig.	\$1.4 bill.									
(LT interest earned: 6.2x; Total interest coverage: 5.0X)				(71% of Cap'l)											
2184.4	2388.5	2896.4	3584.2	3664.7	3686.1	3858.9	4977.0	5440.2	5751.2	6605	6950	Sales (\$mill)	7500		
8.1%	10.4%	11.5%	12.3%	12.1%	10.8%	11.9%	13.5%	13.9%	11.8%	11.5%	12.5%	Operating Margin	13.0%		
93.5	117.5	154.6	162.9	159.1	152.5	149.2	205.5	215.1	213.5	250	260	Depreciation (\$mill)	275		
28.5	33.3	66.5	104.2	113.5	106.0	159.3	237.5	301.3	287.5	290	340	Net Profit (\$mill)	415		
25.3%	36.4%	47.6%	37.9%	38.8%	35.7%	35.6%	28.9%	32.0%	26.7%	30.0%	29.5%	Income Tax Rate	29.5%		
1.3%	2.2%	2.3%	2.9%	3.1%	2.9%	4.1%	4.8%	5.5%	5.0%	4.4%	4.9%	Net Profit Margin	5.6%		
255.6	d39.7	198.0	225.7	310.2	218.8	155.6	62.4	249.3	49.8	710	710	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	985		
407.7	366.1	1229.8	1092.7	1011.6	949.1	1854.0	1579.3	1537.7	1473.3	2750	2500	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	1900		
604.4	634.2	622.3	690.9	682.4	504.1	492.9	807.8	1086.6	835.3	1050	1320	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	2165		
4.2%	6.7%	5.3%	8.2%	9.1%	9.9%	8.3%	12.5%	13.2%	14.1%	9.5%	10.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	11.5%		
4.7%	8.4%	10.7%	15.1%	16.6%	21.0%	32.3%	29.4%	27.7%	34.4%	27.5%	25.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	19.5%		
1.1%	5.3%	7.8%	12.9%	14.6%	17.0%	28.2%	26.1%	24.1%	29.3%	23.5%	22.0%	Retained to Com Eq	16.5%		
80%	43%	34%	22%	19%	19%	13%	11%	13%	15%	14%	15%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	14%		

BUSINESS: Ball Corporation manufactures metal and plastic packaging (88% of 2005 sales), primarily for the beverage and food industries. The company also supplies government and commercial customers with aerospace and other high-technology products (12%). Sold Ball Glass Container, 9/95; 42% interest in Ball-Foster Glass, 10/96. Acquired Wis-Pak Plastics, 12/01; Ball Pkg. Europe, 12/02; Schmalbach-Lubeca, 12/02; Metal Pkg. Int'l., 3/03. 2005 depr. rate: 6.8%. Has about 13,100 employees. Off./dir. own 4.4% of stock; Lord Abbott, 9.3%; Iridian Asset Mgt., 6.8%; Vanguard Fid. Trust, 6.4% (3/06 proxy). Pres., Chrmn. & CEO: R. David Hoover. Inc.: Indiana. Address: 10 Longs Peak Drive, Broomfield, CO 80021. Tel.: 303-469-3131. Web: www.ball.com.

Ball Corporation should generate healthy top-line growth this year. After a strong summer start, volumes appear to have maintained momentum in the third quarter. Unrelenting warm weather conditions provided a boost in domestic sales, as did the World Cup competition in Europe. We look for volumes to hold up in the fourth quarter, though heavy prebuying ahead of 2007 price increases will likely account for some of that growth. Across the pond, Ball's European sales should receive a healthy kickstart, now that Germany has eased its strict deposit laws, which had previously limited the benefit of can use. All told, we look for the top line to increase 15% in 2006. Too, we expect sales growth to continue in 2007, though not quite at this stellar pace.

The price/cost war persists. Raw material costs, including aluminum, resin, and steel tinsplate, appear to be on the rise again. Resin costs seem to have inched up in the third quarter, while metals cost increases may be on the way. Still, a stronger pricing environment should aid Ball in 2007. Further, the company's improved mix, through specialty packaging and the U.S. Can acquisition earlier in 2006, ought to help drive margin expansion next year.

The Aerospace division continues to soar. The segment boasts an impressive backlog, and with the defense budget likely climbing 5%-10% next year, we expect more of the same. Ball recently received another contract from the U.S. Air Force for its space sensor program. As the aerospace arm continues to carry its own weight, we believe a spinoff is a distinct possibility.

The stock's recent ascent has trimmed its appreciation potential out to 2009-2011. It has been an up-and-down year for Ball shares in 2006. After a nearly 20% drop in the second quarter, investors once again jumped on board, pushing the issue's price back up 14% since our July report. That said, the stock's long-term appeal has lost some of its luster, as its current valuation appears to reflect some of the profit growth we anticipate for the pull to late decade. These shares are ranked to mirror the broader market in the year ahead (Timeliness: 3).

Jason A. Smith *October 6, 2006*

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full Year	Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year	Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^{B=C}				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31			Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31			Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	1070.9	1353.3	1359.3	1193.5	4977.0	2003	.28	.65	.67	.48	2.08	2002	.045	.045	.045	.045	.18
2004	1231.5	1467.2	1478.7	1262.8	5440.2	2004	.41	.80	.86	.58	2.65	2003	.045	.045	.075	.075	.24
2005	1324.1	1552.0	1583.9	1291.2	5751.2	2005	.51	.76	.85	.49	2.62	2004	.075	.075	.10	.10	.35
2006	1364.9	1842.5	1875	1522.6	6605	2006	.44	.83	.93	.55	2.75	2005	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40
2007	1515	1910	1945	1580	6950	2007	.61	.95	1.05	.64	3.25	2006	.10	.10	.10		

(A) Primary EPS through 2001; then diluted. Excludes nonrecurring items/discontinued operations: '90, d13c; '92, 12c; '93, d\$1.73; '95, d\$1.47; '96, d8c; '97, 8c; '00, d\$1.56; '01, d\$3.63; '02, d6c; '03, d13c; '04, d5c; '05, d24c; '06 1H, 42c. Next exs. rpt. due late October. May not sum due to rounding. (B) Divs. historically paid in the middle of March, June, September, and December. (C) Dividend reinvestment plan available. (D) Includes intangibles. At 12/31/05: \$1258.6 million, \$12.30 per share. (E) In millions, adjusted for splits.

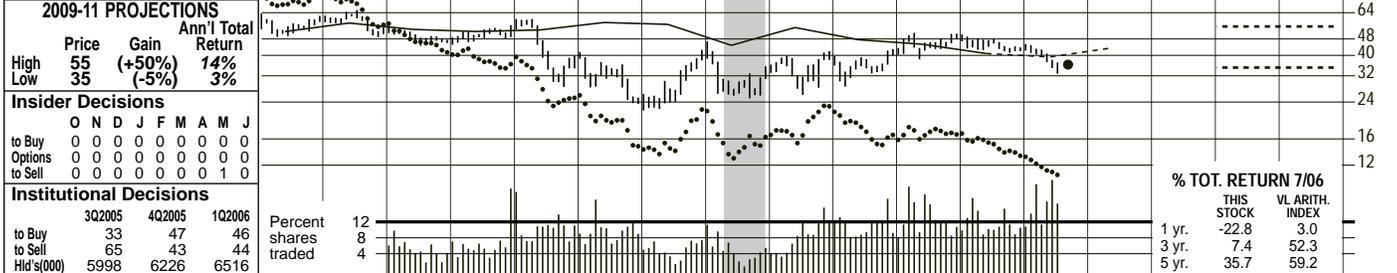
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RECENT PRICE **36.13** P/E RATIO **15.1** (Trailing: 15.1 Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.90** DIV'D YLD **3.8%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 4 Raised 5/19/06	High: 65.9	55.9	55.8	59.8	41.6	42.6	46.8	42.0	43.0	51.3	50.3	45.4	Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011	
SAFETY 3 Lowered 6/8/01	Low: 49.0	44.5	45.0	28.3	23.5	21.9	25.0	26.0	28.5	38.3	41.2	32.8		128
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 8/4/06	LEGENDS — 10.5 x "Cash Flow" p sh ... Relative Price Strength Options: No Shaded area indicates recession													96
BETA 1.00 (1.00 = Market)													80	



2009-11 PROJECTIONS	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return	1990-2007													© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11					
High	55	(+50%)	14%	21.14	21.02	21.67	21.74	24.90	30.62	33.02	36.05	48.26	48.75	48.26	46.74	47.02	42.37	43.90	47.04	50.00	51.30	Sales per sh	55.65
Low	35	(-5%)	3%	3.62	3.66	4.05	4.11	4.95	5.44	5.07	4.95	5.04	5.48	5.37	4.26	5.18	4.53	4.32	3.90	3.75	4.15	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.25
Insider Decisions	Percent shares traded																						3.30
Options to Buy	to Buy																						1.42
Options to Sell	to Sell																						2.85
Institutional Decisions	to Buy																						36.15
to Buy	to Sell																						19.40
to Sell	Hld's(000)																						14.0
Hld's(000)	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio																						1.95
302005	Relative P/E Ratio																						3.2%
4Q2005	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield																						
102006																							

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06	1990-2007													© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.		09-11						
Total Debt \$38.0 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$30.5 mill.	21.14	21.02	21.67	21.74	24.90	30.62	33.02	36.05	48.26	48.75	48.26	46.74	47.02	42.37	43.90	47.04	50.00	51.30	55.65	55.65	Sales (\$mill)	1080
LT Debt \$24.6 mill. LT Interest \$2.1 mill. (4% of Cap'l)	3.62	3.66	4.05	4.11	4.95	5.44	5.07	4.95	5.04	5.48	5.37	4.26	5.18	4.53	4.32	3.90	3.75	4.15	5.25	5.25	Operating Margin	12.5%
Plan Assets-12/05 \$127.4 mill. Oblig. \$149.2 mill.	2.75	2.86	2.99	2.88	3.51	3.82	3.44	3.31	2.63	2.75	2.90	2.02	2.37	3.11	2.87	2.52	2.35	2.60	3.30	3.30	Depreciation (\$mill) ^D	37.0
Pfd Stock None	.52	.57	.61	.66	.73	.83	.93	1.00	1.11	1.15	1.19	1.23	1.27	1.29	1.30	1.32	1.34	1.36	1.42	1.42	Net Profit (\$mill)	65.0
Common Stock 19,440,826 shs. as of 7/31/06	1.25	1.41	2.22	1.49	1.56	1.18	1.50	1.85	2.98	2.02	1.27	1.22	.94	.91	2.32	3.38	4.40	3.60	2.85	2.85	Income Tax Rate	32.0%
MARKET CAP: \$700 million (Small Cap)	8.51	10.71	12.26	15.21	16.62	16.54	17.92	20.31	21.28	21.86	22.97	23.69	22.17	24.76	27.36	28.76	29.80	31.05	36.15	36.15	Net Profit Margin	6.0%
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)	27.73	27.74	27.29	27.15	26.12	24.18	22.92	22.81	21.96	20.77	20.64	20.64	19.15	19.27	19.46	19.44	19.40	19.40	19.40	19.40	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	270
Cash Assets	14.7	17.8	21.5	18.8	15.7	15.2	14.3	15.2	16.7	11.5	10.0	15.3	14.7	11.5	15.9	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	20.0
Receivables	1.09	1.14	1.30	1.11	1.03	1.02	.90	.88	.87	.66	.65	.78	.80	.66	.84	.95	.95	.95	.95	.95	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	700
Inventory (LIFO)	1.3%	1.1%	.9%	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.9%	2.0%	2.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.0%	3.6%	3.6%	2.8%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	Return on Total Cap'l	9.0%
Other	19.9%	13.8%	11.4%	11.6%	11.2%	8.5%	10.1%	11.9%	10.2%	8.5%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%	8.0%	8.5%	8.0%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	9.0%
Current Assets	14.6%	11.4%	7.4%	7.7%	7.6%	3.4%	5.1%	7.5%	5.9%	4.2%	3.5%	4.0%	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.0%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	Retained to Com Eq	5.5%
Accts Payable	27%	31%	42%	42%	41%	60%	54%	41%	44%	42%	42%	41%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	44%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	43%
Debt Due	37.6%	38.8%	40.4%	43.2%	39.3%	40.2%	31.3%	28.2%	23.6%	31.3%	28.2%	23.6%	31.3%	28.2%	23.6%	31.3%	28.2%	23.6%	31.3%	28.2%		
Other	10.8%	9.3%	5.6%	5.9%	6.1%	4.3%	5.2%	7.4%	6.6%	5.4%	4.5%	5.0%	6.6%	5.4%	4.5%	5.0%	6.6%	5.4%	4.5%	5.0%		
Current Liab.	202.5	292.5	264.2	274.0	294.5	264.1	268.2	318.1	327.7	311.6	265	250	327.7	311.6	265	250	327.7	311.6	265	250		

BUSINESS: Bandag, Inc. is the world's largest manufacturer of precured tread rubber and equip. used by franchise dealers for the retreading of tires, principally for trucks and buses. Together with licensees, Bandag serves abt. 1,150 franchisees worldwide. Acq'd 13 dealerships since it formed TDS subsidiary in 11/97. Acq'd 87.5% of Speedco in 2/04. Has rubber producing plants in the U.S., Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Venezuela, and So. Africa. '05 fgn. ops.: 39% of sls. '05 depr. rate: 4.5%. Has about 3,790 emp., 1,750 shrhldrs. Off/dir. hold 42% of stk. (64% of vot. pwr.); Third Ave. Mgt., 10.7% (5.3%) (4/06 Proxy). Chrmn., Pres., & CEO: Martin G. Carver, Inc. Iowa. Addr.: 2905 N. Hwy. 61, Muscatine, IA 52761. Tel.: 563-262-1400. Int.: www.bandag.com.

Bandag faces a difficult operating environment. Revenues appear to be holding up well, and growth of around 6% is likely this year. Although unit volumes left much to be desired, stronger pricing should pick up much of the slack, as has been the case for much of 2006. How long this will last, however, remains to be seen. High raw material costs will probably persist, given the latest climb in oil prices. Meanwhile, competitive pressures continue to grow, with lower-priced new tires limiting the appeal of retreads, Bandag's bread and butter. Cheaper imports are also blossoming. All told, we don't believe earnings growth will return until 2007.

It may be some time before the Speedco unit lives up to its full potential. The segment continues to generate lube and tire sales growth, but has made little contribution to profits in light of its operating costs. The cost of expansion within the segment, including 13 new locations in 2006, has taken its toll. The impact will likely continue into next year, though to a lesser extent, as six to eight more locations are added. Still, we do believe the Speedco business, coupled with the recently acquired TruckLube arm, which provides similar light-truck maintenance, should pay off in the long run. Same store sales will likely remain strong, with retreading options soon available in the 41 current locations. Once launch costs begin to recede, the bottom line ought to feel some of the impact.

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs	Past 5 Yrs	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Sales	5.5%	-1.5%	4.0%
"Cash Flow"	-1.5%	-4.5%	3.5%
Earnings	-2.0%	0.5%	2.5%
Dividends	6.0%	2.5%	1.5%
Book Value	5.5%	4.0%	5.0%

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	175.3	204.0	211.4	225.7	816.4
2004	173.5	211.1	236.8	232.8	854.2
2005	189.8	227.3	245.3	252.3	914.6
2006	212.4	247.3	260	250.3	970
2007	220	255	265	255	995

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{AE}				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.12	.45	1.03	1.50	3.11
2004	.20	.60	1.02	1.05	2.87
2005	.30	.65	.95	.62	2.52
2006	.19	.54	.87	.75	2.35
2007	.24	.57	.95	.84	2.60

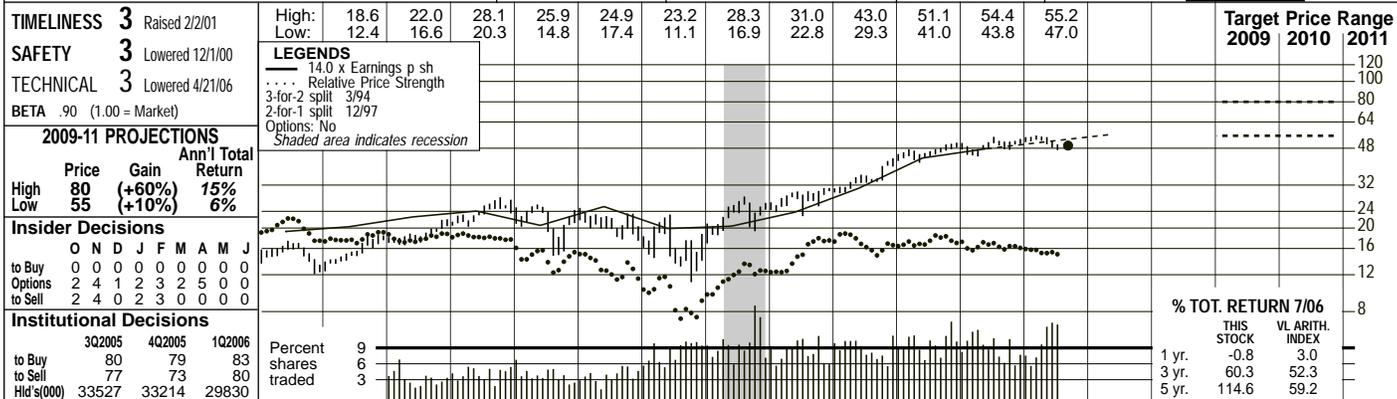
Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^{PM}				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.315	.315	.315	.315	1.26
2003	.32	.32	.32	.32	1.28
2004	.325	.325	.325	.325	1.30
2005	.33	.33	.33	.33	1.32
2006	.335	.335	.335		

(A) Primary shares through '96, diluted after. Excl. nonrec. gains/(losses): '92, 1c; '94, 4c; '97, \$2.01; '99, (36c); '01, 10c; '02, (\$2.23); '03, 15c; '04, 51c; '06 1H, (83c). Next earnings report due late Oct. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-January, April, July, October. Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock split. (D) Depreciation on accelerated basis. (E) '03 EPS do not sum due to rounding.

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RECENT PRICE 49.49 **P/E RATIO 13.6** (Trailing: 15.0 Median: 14.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.77** **DIV'D YLD 3.0%** **VALUE LINE**



2009-11 PROJECTIONS	Price	Gain	Ann'l Total Return
High	80	(+60%)	15%
Low	55	(+10%)	6%

Insider Decisions	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Options	2	4	1	2	3	2	5	0	0
to Sell	2	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0

Institutional Decisions	3Q2005	4Q2005	1Q2006	Percent shares traded
to Buy	80	79	83	9
to Sell	77	73	80	6
Hld's(000)	33527	33214	29830	3

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
1.21	1.35	1.37	1.55	1.38	1.45	1.62	1.72	1.47	1.81	1.42	1.46	1.70	2.21	3.08	3.41	3.65	4.00	Earnings per sh ^A	4.85
.35	.39	.42	.46	.52	.54	.58	.63	.66	.68	.71	.72	.73	.87	1.23	1.48	1.52	1.52	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	1.76
7.69	8.72	9.84	11.00	11.55	12.75	13.34	14.02	14.76	15.15	16.35	17.03	16.12	14.44	14.83	13.52	15.20	17.40	Book Value per sh	25.55
81.94	83.01	84.17	85.28	83.70	82.68	79.92	79.68	80.33	80.04	79.61	73.22	63.02	54.93	54.96	51.28	50.50	50.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	49.00
8.2	9.9	11.1	9.7	11.0	10.7	11.5	13.9	14.7	11.6	11.7	15.7	16.4	15.6	14.9	14.5	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	14.0
.61	.63	.67	.57	.72	.72	.72	.80	.76	.66	.76	.80	.90	.89	.79	.78			Relative P/E Ratio	.95
3.5%	2.9%	2.8%	3.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.1%	2.6%	3.0%	3.2%	4.3%	3.1%	2.6%	2.5%	2.7%	2.8%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.6%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06	14009	14995	15017	14440	14014	10628	9516.4	9461.6	9766.2	10187	10640	11120	Total Assets (\$mill)	12600
LT Debt \$242.7 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$162.3 mill. LT Interest \$15.0 mill.	8347.9	9114.3	9416.8	9280.8	9168.1	5493.5	5216.2	5628.1	5880.1	6077.4	6640	7100	Loans (\$mill)	8200
Pension Assets-12/05 \$59.9 mill. Oblig. \$82.7 mill.	481.3	536.3	576.6	574.7	556.2	459.7	370.2	365.9	390.6	407.1	420	450	Net Interest Inc (\$mill)	510
Pfd Stock None	22.2	30.3	84.0	60.9	142.9	74.3	11.6	--	d10.0	4.6	12.0	14.0	Loan Loss Prov'n (\$mill)	20.0
Common Stock 50,508,152 shs. as of 7/21/06 MARKET CAP: \$2.5 bill. (Mid Cap)	172.0	187.8	211.8	247.3	263.4	452.6	199.9	198.7	205.1	209.3	215	225	Noninterest Inc (\$mill)	270
	419.8	474.3	520.9	530.8	496.4	598.0	370.8	357.9	334.4	327.6	330	342	Noninterest Exp (\$mill)	380
	133.1	139.5	119.6	146.7	113.7	117.8	121.2	135.2	173.3	181.6	190	205	Net Profit (\$mill)	240
	36.6%	36.0%	34.7%	36.2%	36.9%	50.9%	35.4%	34.6%	36.1%	36.1%	36.0%	36.0%	Income Tax Rate	36.0%
	.95%	.93%	.80%	1.02%	.81%	1.11%	1.27%	1.43%	1.77%	1.78%	1.80%	1.85%	Return on Total Assets	1.95%
	932.1	705.8	585.6	727.7	997.2	469.7	275.0	227.6	252.6	242.7	240	300	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	350
	1066.1	1117.2	1185.6	1212.3	1301.4	1247.0	1015.8	793.1	814.8	693.4	770	870	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1250
	7.6%	7.5%	7.9%	8.4%	9.3%	11.7%	10.7%	8.4%	8.3%	6.8%	7.0%	8.0%	Shr. Eq. to Total Assets	10.0%
	59.6%	60.8%	62.7%	64.3%	65.4%	51.7%	54.8%	59.5%	60.2%	59.7%	62.5%	64.0%	Loans to Tot Assets	65.0%
	12.5%	12.5%	10.1%	12.1%	8.7%	9.4%	11.9%	17.0%	21.3%	26.2%	24.5%	23.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	19.0%
	8.0%	8.0%	5.6%	7.6%	4.4%	4.9%	6.4%	10.7%	13.1%	16.0%	14.5%	14.5%	Retained to Com Eq	12.5%
	36%	36%	44%	37%	50%	48%	47%	37%	38%	39%	40%	38%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	36%

ASSETS(\$MILL.) 2004 2005 6/30/06
 Loans 5880.1 6077.4 6350.6
 Funds Sold 21.0
 Securities 3073.6 2992.4 2939.0
 Other Earning 4.6 4.9 4.1
 Other 786.9 1112.3 1031.5

LIABILITIES(\$MILL.)
 Deposits 7564.7 7907.5 7766.0
 Funds Borrowed 735.0 886.9 1201.4
 Long-Term Debt 252.6 242.7 242.7
 Net Worth 814.8 693.4 666.7
 Other 399.1 456.5 448.4
 Total 9766.2 10187.0 10325.2
 Loan Loss Resrv. 106.8 91.1 91.0

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '09-11
 Loans 2.0% -1.0% 8.0%
 Earnings 7.0% 13.0% 7.5%
 Dividends 8.5% 11.0% 10.0%
 Book Value 2.0% -1.5% 7.0%
 Total Assets 2.0% -- 6.5%

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31
2003	5425	5334	5438	5628
2004	5588	5662	5691	5880
2005	5911	6049	6111	6077
2006	6155	6351	6480	6640
2007	6780	6860	7000	7100

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.47	.48	.61	.66	2.21
2004	.69	.79	.78	.82	3.08
2005	.83	.87	.85	.86	3.41
2006	.87	.90	.93	.95	3.65
2007	.97	.99	1.01	1.03	4.00

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.18	.18	.18	.19	.73
2003	.19	.19	.19	.30	.87
2004	.30	.30	.30	.33	1.23
2005	.33	.33	.33	.37	1.36
2006	.37	.37			

Bank of Hawaii posted mixed second-quarter results. Share net in the June interim rose 3% from a year earlier to \$0.90, as net loans increased at a similar rate. Specifically, commercial loans made a healthy 6% jump, while consumer loans edged up 4% as they benefited from greater home equity credit lines outstanding and a stronger residential mortgage business. Additionally, credit quality improved as nonperforming assets and accruing loans past 90 due days as a percentage of average loans outstanding decreased slightly. But the return on average assets deteriorated, as the net interest margin declined from 4.36%, to 4.25% because of the effects of the flattening yield curve and a shift in the funding mix.

We project a 10% earnings advance in 2007. The Hawaiian economy is relatively healthy, with the state enjoying high tourism levels and solid home price appreciation. Construction activity will probably increase further in the coming quarters, given current trends. Moreover, Hawaii's unemployment rate remains below 3%, and both job and personal income growth are good. As Hawaiian-based companies

expand capacity, commercial loan demand should strengthen.

Bank of Hawaii should continue to make steady gains over the 3- to 5-year horizon. We believe that decent gains in loans and deposits will translate into higher earnings during this period. Net interest income will likely rise at a gradual pace with greater improvement in trust and asset management fees. Also, disciplined expense controls augur well for the bottom line. All told, our projections indicate that earnings will advance between 5% and 10% out to the end of the decade.

These shares are not an exciting selection for the coming year or the pull to 2009-2011. The bank's net interest income will likely remain compressed over the next couple of quarters because of the narrow spread between short- and long-term rates. That said, BOH's results should continue to benefit from strong loan growth and a low level of loan losses over the long haul. We figure it's likely that, once the stock breaks out of its long trading range, it will be to the upside.

Randy Shrikishun August 25, 2006

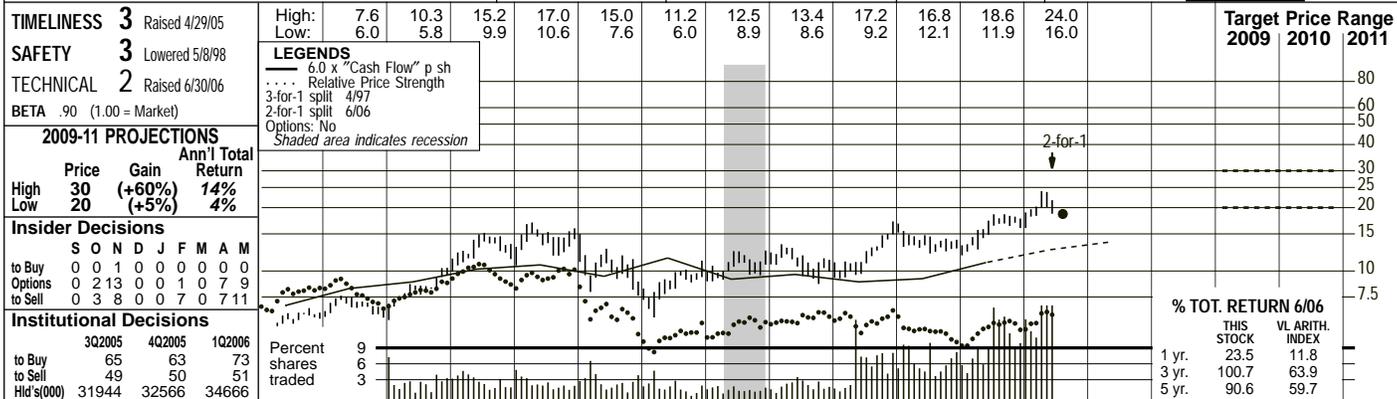
(A) Diluted. Excl. extraord. gain: '92, \$0.13. Incl. unusual income: '00, \$0.11. Nonrecurring gain (losses), Excl.: '98, (\$0.15); '99, (\$0.17); Incl.: '01, \$0.06. Quarterly EPS may not sum due to change in shares outstanding. Next earnings report mid-Oct. (B) Dividends historically paid about the 15th of March, June, Sept., and Dec. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

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BARNES GROUP NYSE-B RECENT PRICE **18.69** P/E RATIO **14.4** (Trailing: 15.7; Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.83** DIV'D YLD **2.7%** **VALUE LINE**



Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
Price	14.92	14.45	14.17	13.30	14.76	15.03	14.87	15.94	16.41	16.51	19.89	20.82	20.68	19.48	21.41	22.81	24.70	26.40	Sales per sh	35.00
Gain	1.01	1.05	.78	.73	1.14	1.38	1.48	1.70	1.78	1.57	1.92	1.52	1.60	1.48	1.53	1.83	2.10	2.30	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.35
Loss	.46	.43	.16	.12	.53	.70	.82	.98	1.04	.73	.95	.51	.71	.75	.76	1.10	1.30	1.55	Earnings per sh ^A	2.20
Div	.23	.23	.23	.23	.24	.27	.30	.33	.35	.38	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.42	.49	.50	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.56
Cap'l Sp	.59	.52	.44	.59	.83	.91	.85	.83	.87	.72	.71	.61	.51	.40	.61	.54	.65	.65	Cap'l Spending per sh	.75
Book	3.46	3.74	2.51	2.43	2.78	3.27	3.93	4.49	4.76	4.79	5.41	5.39	5.49	7.03	7.36	8.18	9.70	10.70	Book Value per sh ^C	16.20
Common	36.58	37.08	37.34	37.76	38.58	39.42	40.02	40.33	39.67	37.70	37.21	36.92	37.91	45.74	46.46	48.31	49.00	50.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	50.00
P/E	10.0	12.8	33.9	45.3	10.8	9.7	10.0	13.1	13.7	14.3	9.2	20.7	15.6	16.0	18.1	14.3	14.3	14.3	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	12.0
Relative	.74	.82	2.06	2.68	.71	.65	.63	.76	.71	.82	.60	1.06	.85	.91	.96	.76	.76	.76	Relative P/E Ratio	.80
Yield	5.1%	4.2%	4.4%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	3.7%	2.5%	2.4%	3.6%	4.5%	3.8%	3.6%	3.3%	2.9%	2.7%	2.7%	2.7%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.1%

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
Total Debt	595.0	642.7	651.2	622.4	740.0	768.8	784.0	890.8	994.7	1102.2	1210	1320	Sales (\$mill)	1750						
LT Debt	13.8%	14.6%	14.8%	12.2%	13.4%	10.1%	10.0%	9.7%	9.1%	10.6%	11.0%	11.2%	Operating Margin	12.0%						
LT Interest	26.6	28.1	28.4	30.6	35.9	37.0	33.6	34.2	34.9	37.5	40.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	50.0							
Interest coverage	32.6	40.4	42.2	28.6	35.7	19.1	27.2	33.0	37.0	53.4	65.0	75.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	110						
Interest earned	37.7%	37.3%	37.5%	33.0%	26.6%	18.5%	18.0%	14.0%	19.2%	26.8%	25.0%	25.0%	Income Tax Rate	22.5%						
Total interest	5.5%	6.3%	6.5%	4.6%	4.8%	2.5%	3.5%	3.7%	3.7%	4.8%	5.4%	5.7%	Net Profit Margin	6.3%						
Annual rentals	109.5	113.1	106.9	103.2	114.5	72.9	106.5	119.6	111.5	120.8	140	180	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	300						
Assets	70.0	60.0	51.0	140.0	230.0	178.4	214.1	224.2	258.6	241.9	335	285	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	200						
Liabilities	157.2	180.9	188.7	180.6	201.3	198.8	208.2	321.7	341.9	395.2	475	535	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	810						
Annual rentals	15.4%	17.6%	18.4%	9.8%	9.9%	7.0%	8.1%	6.1%	7.2%	9.6%	9.0%	10.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	11.5%						
Assets	20.7%	22.4%	22.4%	15.8%	17.7%	9.6%	13.0%	10.3%	10.8%	13.5%	13.5%	14.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	13.5%						
Liabilities	13.1%	15.1%	15.0%	7.8%	10.4%	2.2%	5.8%	4.8%	5.4%	8.5%	8.5%	9.5%	Retained to Com Eq	10.0%						
Liabilities	37%	33%	33%	51%	41%	77%	55%	53%	50%	37%	37%	33%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	26%						

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
Total Debt \$407.5 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$175.0 mill.
LT Debt \$386.4 mill. LT Interest \$25.0 mill.
 (LT interest earned: 3.5x; total interest coverage: 3.4x) (43% of Cap'l)

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$13.5 mill.
Pension Assets-12/05 \$342.4 mill. **Oblig.** \$391.6 mill.

Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 49,334,094 shs.
 (includes 2-for-1 stock split on 5/30/06)
MARKET CAP: \$925 million (Small Cap)

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11

Sales	4.0%	4.0%	8.5%
"Cash Flow"	4.0%	-1.5%	12.0%
Earnings	7.0%	-1.0%	17.0%
Dividends	5.0%	2.0%	5.5%
Book Value	10.5%	8.5%	14.0%

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	218.7	229.6	222.2	220.3	890.8
2004	247.2	252.0	243.9	251.6	994.7
2005	273.7	280.5	271.5	276.5	1102.2
2006	299.9	308.9	300	301.2	1210
2007	320	335	335	330	1320

EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.19	.23	.19	.14	.75
2004	.20	.24	.20	.12	.76
2005	.27	.31	.28	.24	1.10
2006	.37	.34	.32	.27	1.30
2007	.38	.41	.39	.37	1.55

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40
2003	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40
2004	.10	.10	.10	.10	.40
2005	.10	.10	.11	.11	.42
2006	.11	.125			

Barnes Group stock split 2-for-1 on May 30th. A spring surge in the shares provided a lofty quotation making the maneuver a well-timed decision. Coincidentally, along with the stock split management announced that the quarterly dividend would increase by 14%, bringing it to \$0.50 a share annually on a post-split basis. Although we continue to rank this equity only an average play for year-ahead relative performance, B's situation is undoubtedly improving. Still, its quotation currently sits on the doorstep of our 3- to 5-year Target Price Range, meaning appreciation over that span is subpar. However, at a more favorable entry point we might well be singing another tune. **Profitability should be on the rise in each of the next two years.** Revenue-sharing programs have been a big hit for the company. Teaming with the likes of GE, and more recently Goodrich, not only brings in aftermarket parts contracts but also heightens B's name recognition within the industry. Further, OEM build rates are improving, and aftermarket opportunities are plentiful. With that, we anticipate larger contributions from the aerospace segment going forward. Elsewhere, revenues generated from the Big Three automakers continue to shrink (7% of revenues). Automotive sales help boost top-line growth, but have lower margins. **The company is now on more solid financial footing.** In late June, Barnes entered into an amended credit agreement that will more than double its borrowing capabilities, from \$175 million to \$400 million. This funding, coupled with the increased cash flow generation we envision over the coming quarters, should allow management to pay down debt and make whatever other moves it deems worthy. **Acquisition activity is picking up** In late May, the company finalized the purchase of Heinz Haggi AG, a developer and manufacturer of high-precision punched and fine-blanked components for use in the transportation supply, power tool, and consumer electronic markets of Europe. And, in mid-July, B signed an agreement to acquire the KENT division of Premier Farnell, a distribution entity for the European transportation aftermarket and industrial maintenance field.

BARR PHARM., INC. NYSE-BRL
RECENT PRICE 46.80 **P/E RATIO 14.9** (Trailing: 17.1; Median: 24.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.86** **DIV'D YLD Nil** **VALUE LINE**

TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 5/12/06
SAFETY 3 Raised 10/30/98
TECHNICAL 4 Lowered 7/21/06
BETA .90 (1.00 = Market)

2009-11 PROJECTIONS
 Price Gain Ann'l Total
 High 100 (+115%) 21%
 Low 70 (+50%) 10%

Insider Decisions
 A S O N D J F M A
 to Buy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
 Options 3 12 7 4 5 7 5 3 0
 to Sell 2 12 9 6 4 7 6 3 0

Institutional Decisions
 3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006
 to Buy 184 188 210
 to Sell 121 128 164
 Hlds(000) 83043 84266 84458

LEGENDS
 — 20.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh
 ···· Relative Price Strength
 3-for-2 split 3/96
 3-for-2 split 5/97
 3-for-2 split 6/00
 3-for-2 split 3/03
 3-for-2 split 3/04
 Options: Yes
 Shaded area indicates recession

Percent shares traded
 30
 20
 10

% TOT. RETURN 6/06
 THIS STOCK VL ARITH. INDEX
 1 yr. -2.2 11.8
 3 yr. -27.2 63.9
 5 yr. 5.1 59.7

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
1.22	1.50	1.54	.89	1.65	2.83	3.27	3.58	5.01	5.77	6.13	6.34	12.07	9.01	12.53	10.13	12.10	13.50	Sales per sh ^A	16.35
.06	.11	.02	d.04	.09	.15	.17	.34	.52	.76	.67	.91	2.29	1.90	1.48	2.47	3.55	3.85	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.65
.02	.08	d.03	d.09	.03	.09	.10	.26	.43	.62	.53	.74	2.05	1.62	1.15	2.03	3.10	3.40	Earnings per sh ^B	5.00
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.04	.09	.14	.07	.07	.09	.23	.49	.27	.16	.15	.22	.48	.80	.45	.53	.55	.55	Cap'l Spending per sh	.75
.54	.67	.66	.79	.83	1.02	1.13	1.42	2.07	2.78	3.58	4.54	6.76	8.66	9.97	11.94	14.90	18.10	Book Value per sh	28.65
57.72	62.70	65.38	65.59	66.30	70.49	71.06	71.98	75.29	76.97	78.72	80.46	98.53	100.18	104.50	103.37	106.00	107.60	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	110.00
44.3	19.1	--	--	75.1	31.2	41.3	24.9	27.0	17.2	22.1	38.1	15.9	19.6	40.9	21.7	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
3.29	1.22	--	--	4.93	2.09	2.59	1.44	1.40	.98	1.44	1.95	.87	1.12	2.16	1.14			Relative P/E Ratio	1.15
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 12/31/05
 Total Debt \$20.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$20.5 mill.
 LT Debt \$15.1 mill. LT Interest \$1.4 mill.

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Sales (\$mill) ^A	1800
232.2	257.4	377.3	444.0	482.3	509.7	1189.0	902.9	1309.1	1047.4	1285	1450	1800	1309.1	1047.4	1285	1450	1800	Operating Margin	40.0%
6.4%	3.2%	15.6%	20.0%	19.5%	14.2%	28.6%	27.6%	17.2%	34.1%	41.0%	41.0%	40.0%	34.1%	34.1%	34.1%	34.1%	34.1%	Depreciation (\$mill)	65.0
4.9	5.0	5.5	9.3	10.4	10.8	15.3	22.7	32.1	40.8	45.0	50.0	55.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	50.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	550
7.1	19.5	33.5	49.3	42.3	62.5	210.3	167.6	123.1	215.0	340	365	365	365	365	365	365	365	Income Tax Rate	37.5%
38.0%	39.3%	38.7%	38.5%	37.5%	38.2%	37.1%	36.2%	36.7%	34.8%	36.0%	36.5%	36.5%	36.5%	36.5%	36.5%	36.5%	36.5%	Net Profit Margin	30.5%
3.1%	7.6%	8.9%	11.1%	8.8%	12.3%	17.7%	18.6%	9.4%	20.5%	26.4%	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%	25.8%	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	1385
53.0	41.8	95.3	146.8	202.9	285.2	460.2	572.7	670.6	780.4	850	945	945	945	945	945	945	945	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil
17.7	14.9	32.2	30.0	28.1	24.9	37.7	30.6	32.4	15.5	25.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	15.0	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	3150
80.2	102.1	155.9	213.7	282.2	365.6	666.5	868.0	1042.0	1234.0	1580	1945	1945	1945	1945	1945	1945	1945	Return on Total Cap'l	17.5%
8.2%	17.0%	18.0%	20.8%	14.0%	16.2%	30.1%	18.7%	11.6%	17.3%	21.5%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	17.5%
8.9%	19.0%	21.5%	23.0%	15.0%	17.1%	31.6%	19.3%	11.8%	17.4%	21.5%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	Retained to Com Eq	17.5%
8.9%	19.0%	21.5%	23.0%	15.0%	17.1%	31.5%	19.3%	11.8%	17.4%	21.5%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	19.0%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	Nil

Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$4.4 mill.
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan
Pfd Stock None
Common Stock 105,367,967 Shs.
MARKET CAP: \$4.9 bill. (Large Cap)

CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 12/31/05 (\$MILL.)

	2004	2005	12/31/05
Cash Assets	452.3	643.3	421.7
Receivables	214.7	152.6	192.7
Inventory (FIFO)	150.3	137.6	144.1
Other	60.9	59.9	100.8
Current Assets	878.2	993.4	859.3
Accts Payable	61.1	49.7	28.7
Debt Due	8.4	5.4	5.5
Other	138.1	157.9	113.3
Current Liab.	207.6	213.0	147.5

BUSINESS: Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (formerly Barr Laboratories, Inc.) develops and manufactures generic and proprietary pharmaceuticals for treatment of cancer, hypertension, heart disease, depression, and hormone replacement. Also produces oral contraceptives and manufactures under contract for private-label market. Products are distributed nationwide by wholesalers, distributors, chain drug stores, and HMOs. McKesson Drug Co. accounted for 23% of fiscal '05 generic sales. Has 1,900 employees. Off./dir. own 4.2% of stock; former Chrmn. B.C. Sherman, 8.3%; Barclays, 9.8%; FMR Corp., 7.0% (11/05 Proxy). Chrmn. & CEO: B. Downey, Inc.: NY. Address: Two Quaker Road, P.O. Box 2900, Pomona, NY 10970. Tel.: 845-362-1100. Web: www.barrlabs.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '09-'11

	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Sales	19.5%	13.5%	8.0%
"Cash Flow"	40.0%	24.5%	19.0%
Earnings	61.5%	25.0%	20.5%
Dividends	--	--	NMF
Book Value	28.0%	29.5%	18.5%

QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.)^{A C}

Fiscal Year Ends	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Full Fiscal Year
2003	220.5	209.0	171.9	301.5	902.9
2004	310.7	374.1	321.1	303.2	1309.1
2005	244.5	257.4	265.0	280.5	1047.4
2006	310.4	325.5	326.8	322.3	1285
2007	350	370	375	355	1450

EARNINGS PER SHARE^{A B C}

Fiscal Year Ends	Sep.30	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Full Fiscal Year
2003	.41	.42	.45	.34	1.62
2004	.37	.33	.33	.12	1.15
2005	.49	.56	.58	.40	2.03
2006	.78	.88	.70	.74	3.10
2007	.80	.90	.85	.85	3.40

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID

Calendar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					

NO CASH DIVIDENDS BEING PAID

(A) Fiscal year ends June 30th.
 (B) Primary earnings per share through 1997, fully diluted thereafter. Excl. nonrecurring gains: '93, 16¢; '94, 1¢; '95, 1¢; '96, 1¢; '97, 1¢; '98, 2¢; '00, 7¢; '02, 17¢. Next earnings report due early early September.
 (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

Barr Pharmaceuticals boasts an impressive record in an intensely competitive business. For fiscal 2006 (ended June 30th), we expect share profits of \$3.10. That figure compares to \$0.10 in fiscal 1996. While there have been earnings setbacks, the long-term trend has been strongly positive. Not many companies in this Survey have done that well.

The stock has been volatile. The chart above shows much wider price swings than we would expect, given Barr's good record. In 2004, for example, Barr lagged the market averages by a wide margin. The opposite occurred in 2005.

The price swings reflect the inherent risks of Barr's principal line. Like most businesses, Barr's prosperity depends on new products. This is especially true for Barr. The bulk of its sales comes from generic pharmaceuticals. This is an especially risky business since success depends on Barr's ability to pick the most likely candidates for generic production, and it must be prepared to fight the legal moves and other tactics that competitors might use to keep Barr's products off the market. Approval by the FDA is perhaps the greatest uncertainty. All these efforts require substantial expense, which might be totally lost if introduction is delayed or denied. Moreover, even if Barr is permitted to market the new generic, the product's market life is often short, as competitors bring out their own, often lower-priced, generics. These factors are largely responsible for the wide swings in Barr's earnings and stock price. To prosper, Barr must develop new products at a much higher rate and ones that produce higher profits than is the case in most fields. The stock price swings show Barr's success and failure in these efforts.

Barr has shown its ability to prosper despite these difficulties. The company is seeking approval for several major generic drugs. It is expanding its stable of proprietary products. And its size and finances, reflecting years of prosperity, give it additional advantages. A pending acquisition in Europe might help, too.

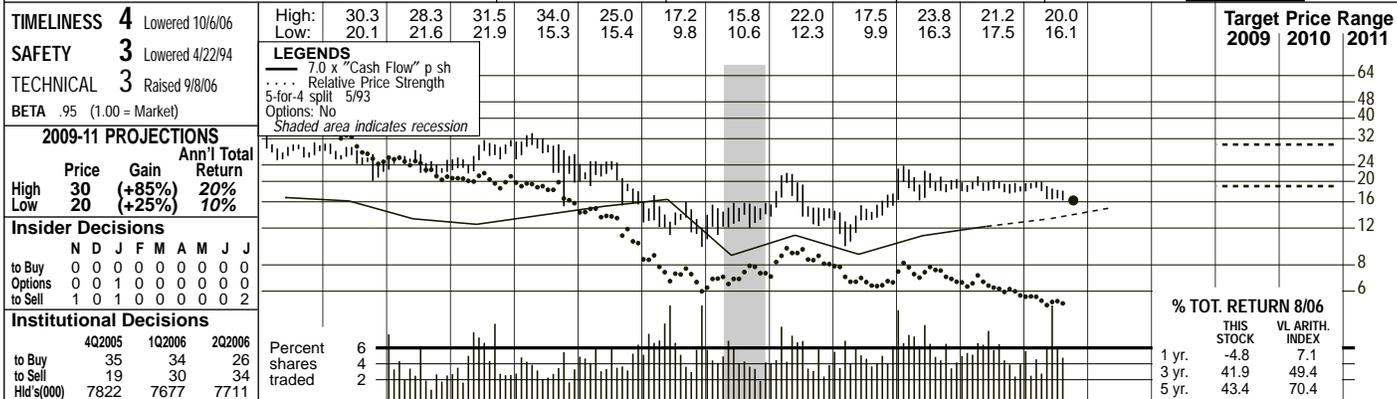
The price may always be volatile, but venturesome investors should note the stock's good appreciation potential at its recent quotes.

Milton Schlein July 21, 2006

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	55
Price Growth Persistence	90
Earnings Predictability	50

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BASSETT FURN. NDQ-BSET RECENT PRICE **16.22** P/E RATIO **22.8** (Trailing: 22.5; Median: 22.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.30** DIV'D YLD **4.9%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
30.12	27.90	32.83	34.87	36.24	35.93	34.47	34.24	30.85	32.61	31.24	26.07	27.74	27.32	26.90	28.40	30.90	34.10	Sales per sh ^A	40.00
1.92	1.83	2.44	2.41	2.40	2.31	1.90	1.78	1.97	2.18	2.35	1.27	1.58	1.29	1.58	1.75	1.90	2.15	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.00
1.33	1.27	1.85	1.79	1.75	1.63	1.39	1.31	1.42	1.49	1.49	.30	.65	.38	.70	.92	.70	1.15	Earnings per sh ^B	1.85
.67	.53	.64	.78	.80	.80	.80	1.00	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	.80	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.84
.63	.55	.69	.43	.71	.53	.74	.83	1.75	3.94	1.56	1.05	.83	.54	.36	.94	1.00	1.00	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.10
16.89	17.72	18.99	19.99	20.96	21.88	22.29	20.01	20.56	21.15	21.18	19.99	19.69	18.97	18.85	18.66	19.55	19.15	Book Value per sh	20.85
14.46	14.40	14.42	14.45	14.09	13.66	13.08	13.05	12.89	12.09	11.76	11.73	11.66	11.60	11.74	11.80	11.00	11.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	11.00
13.8	14.9	14.2	19.7	16.8	16.3	17.5	20.1	20.2	14.5	9.1	45.1	25.0	35.7	27.3	20.7	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	14.0
1.02	.95	.86	1.16	1.10	1.09	1.10	1.16	1.05	.83	.59	2.31	1.37	2.04	1.44	1.10			Relative P/E Ratio	.95
3.6%	2.8%	2.4%	2.2%	2.7%	3.0%	3.3%	3.8%	2.8%	3.7%	5.9%	5.9%	4.9%	5.9%	4.2%	4.2%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.7%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 5/27/06				2006	2007	Sales (\$mill) ^A	
Total Debt \$11.7 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$6.3 mill.				3.0%	3.0%	340	375
LT Debt \$11.7 mill. LT Interest 3.2 mill.				6.3	6.2	9.5	10.0
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				18.5	17.1	8.0	13.0
Pfd Stock None				17.0%	3.1%	28.0%	28.0%
Common Stock 11,792,097 shs. as of 5/27/06				4.1%	3.8%	2.4%	3.5%
MARKET CAP: \$200 million (Small Cap)				164.3	152.6	65.0	80.0
				--	--	9.0	10.0
				291.5	261.2	215	225
				6.3%	6.5%	3.5%	6.0%
				6.3%	6.5%	6.0%	8.5%
				2.7%	1.6%	2.0%	4.5%
				57%	76%	110%	48%

BUSINESS: Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc. manufactures, sells, and imports a wide range of bedroom, dining room, and living room furniture. Also makes various lines of occasional chairs, tables, wall units, and upholstered furniture. Sells products through a network of 97 independently owned stores, 27 company owned stores and over 1,000 furniture and dept. stores in the U.S. 2005 depreciation rate: 5.4%. Has about 2,200 employees. Officers & directors own 11.0% of common, including 4.2% held for employee retirement; Dimensional Fund, 8.8%; Grace & White, 5.5%; Barry Safrit, 4.7% (2/06 Proxy). Chairman: Paul Fulton. Pres. & CEO: Robert Spilman, Jr. Inc.: VA. Address: 245 Main St., Bassett, VA 24055. Tel.: 276-629-6000. Internet: www.bassettfurniture.com.

Bassett Furniture's performance has taken a turn for the worse. The residential furniture manufacturer recently reported a 6% year-to-year decline in fiscal third-quarter revenues (year ends November 30th). A difficult retail environment for residential furniture was largely to blame for the top-line slide. The company's wholesale segment (86% of revenues) was hit the hardest during the period. Meanwhile, the retail segment's (14%) sales were flat versus the prior year. However, promotional pricing, specifically related to clearance events, hurt the bottom line in that segment. Overall, the weaker revenues reduced margins and caused profits to decline considerably from the previous year. All told, in light of the unfavorable results in the third quarter, coupled with the ongoing softness in retail, we look for a \$0.22 share-net slip to \$0.70 for fiscal 2006.

Still, there are some positives emerging. The company is making efforts to improve its sales mix by increasing its import inventory. This helped to buoy the wholesale segment's gross margin in the third quarter. We believe this may well be an effective strategy for margin recovery going forward. Also, Bassett has recently initiated several marketing programs to spur top-line growth. We are especially excited about the launch of the company's first catalog targeted directly toward consumers. The book was shipped to 1.2 million households. Meanwhile, merchandising strategies should also boost revenues. A new rapid delivery system should enhance customer satisfaction and new product introductions that are focused around mid-tier price points, augur well, as these products offer decent margins and are still considered somewhat affordable to most consumers. All of these measures should increase customer traffic and improve volumes and profits over the next several quarters.

These shares are an untimely choice for the next six to 12 months. Although this may not be the most suitable entry point, we believe the stock will rally eventually. BSET offers decent appreciation potential out to 2009-2011. Income-oriented investors should also take note of the generous dividend yield.

Simon R. Shoucair October 6, 2006

(A) Fiscal year ends November 30th.	'96, (12c); '97, (\$1.06); '98, (22c); '00, (3c); '01, (53c); '02, (8c); '03, (42c); '04, (1c); '05, (29c).	(C) Dividends historically paid in early March, early June, early Sept., and early Dec.	Company's Financial Strength	B+
(B) Based on diluted shares, average shares prior to '97. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '90, (98c); '91, 10c; '92, 6c; '94, (4c);	Next earnings report due late December.	(D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.	Stock's Price Stability	55
			Price Growth Persistence	15
			Earnings Predictability	40

BB&T CORPORATION NYSE-BBT

RECENT PRICE **42.80** P/E RATIO **13.0** (Trailing: 13.5 Median: 15.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.73** DIV'D YLD **3.9%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 3 Raised 4/28/06	High: 13.9 18.5 32.5 40.8 40.6 38.3 38.8 39.5 39.7 43.3 43.9 43.5		Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011 120 100 80 64 48 32 24 20 16 12 8
SAFETY 1 Raised 5/30/03	Low: 9.4 12.9 17.5 26.3 27.2 21.7 30.2 31.0 30.7 33.0 37.0 38.2		
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/14/06	LEGENDS 16.0 x Earnings p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 8/98 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession		
BETA .95 (1.00 = Market)	2009-11 PROJECTIONS Price Gain Ann'l Total High 70 (+65%) 16% Low 60 (+40%) 12%		
Insider Decisions O N D J F M A M J to Buy 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 Options 1 1 0 1 0 4 2 3 2 to Sell 1 1 0 0 1 2 1 4 0			
Institutional Decisions 3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006 to Buy 169 188 151 to Sell 187 183 229 Hld's(000) 160271 160888 150530		Percent shares traded: 6, 4, 2	

Begun in 1872 as a rural farmers' bank, BB&T Corporation has grown to become one of the largest regional banks in the Southeast. In February of 1995, the bank combined with Southern National (SNB) in a pooling of interest merger, more than doubling its size. In May of 1997, the bank changed its name from Southern National Corp. to reflect its enlarged operations.

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06
 LT Debt \$15195.1 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$6797.8 mill.
 LT Interest \$751.8 mill.

Leases, Uncapitalized \$101.5 million
 Pension Assets-12/05 \$1029.0 mill.
 Oblig. \$850.1 mill.

Pfd Stock None
 Common Stock 537,040,937 shs.

MARKET CAP: \$23.0 billion (Large Cap)

ASSETS(\$MILL.)	2004	2005	6/30/06
Loans	67549.1	75023.5	79619.1
Funds Sold	613.6	286.2	365.3
Securities	18838.2	20489.5	20090.9
Other Earning	1003.1	410.4	493.5
Other	12504.6	12960.2	15714.9

LIABILITIES(\$MILL.)	2004	2005	6/30/06
Deposits	63209.1	74281.8	78512.8
Funds Borrowed	11178.1	6561.7	6797.1
Long-Term Debt	11419.6	13118.6	15195.1
Net Worth	10874.5	11129.1	11164.1
Other	3827.3	4078.6	4614.6
Total	100508.6	109169.8	116283.7
Loan Loss Resrv.	613.5	817.8	869.9

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Loans	7.5%	7.0%	7.0%
Earnings	9.0%	6.5%	10.0%
Dividends	13.5%	12.0%	8.0%
Book Value	9.5%	13.5%	6.0%
Total Assets	6.5%	6.5%	16.0%

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31
2003	53709	54380	61519	61579
2004	63581	66220	66793	67549
2005	69388	71040	73672	75023
2006	76279	79619	81000	82300
2007	83400	84800	86000	87000

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.68	.67	.21	.51	2.07
2004	.60	.72	.74	.75	2.80
2005	.71	.70	.81	.78	3.00
2006	.79	.79	.85	.87	3.30
2007	.84	.86	.90	.95	3.55

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002	.26	.26	.29	.29	1.10
2003	.29	.29	.32	.32	1.22
2004	.32	.32	.35	.35	1.34
2005	.35	.35	.38	.38	1.46
2006	.38	.38	.42		

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
1.27	1.30	1.75	1.83	2.17	2.40	2.76	2.07	2.80	3.00	3.30	3.55		Earnings per sh ^A 4.10
.50	.58	.66	.75	.86	.98	1.10	1.22	1.34	1.46	1.58	1.64		Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B 1.82
7.91	8.22	9.51	9.66	11.91	13.50	15.70	18.33	19.76	20.49	21.55	22.60		Book Loss per sh 26.80
218.60	272.10	290.21	331.17	401.68	455.68	470.45	541.94	550.41	543.10	535.00	530.00		Common Shs Outst'g ^C 525.00
12.1	18.2	19.1	19.4	13.0	14.9	13.3	17.0	13.7	13.5	Bold figures are Value Line estimates			Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio 16.0
.76	1.05	.99	1.11	.85	.76	.73	.97	.72	.72				Relative P/E Ratio .80
3.3%	2.5%	2.0%	2.1%	3.1%	2.7%	3.0%	3.5%	3.5%	3.6%				Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield 3.7%
21247	29178	34427	43481	59340	70870	80217	90467	100509	109170	118000	125000		Total Assets (\$mill) 155000
13764	18901	23695	28524	38932	45536	51140	61580	67549	74395	82300	87000		Loans (\$mill) 100000
828.5	1099.5	1247.4	1581.7	2017.6	2436.5	2747.5	3082.0	3348.2	3524.9	3800	4000		Net Interest Inc (\$mill) 4300
53.7	89.9	80.3	92.1	108.0	188.0	263.7	248.0	249.3	217.3	240	270		Loan Loss Prov'n (\$mill) 360
297.4	474.9	528.0	761.4	998.5	1331.4	1692.5	1889.1	2119.3	2325.6	2550	2750		Noninterest Inc (\$mill) 3600
654.1	937.2	961.4	1346.9	1621.6	2029.4	2325.4	3106.1	2895.9	3166.5	3450	3650		Noninterest Exp (\$mill) 4300
283.7	359.9	512.8	612.8	875.1	1100.1	1320.9	1064.9	1558.4	1653.8	1780	1900		Net Profit (\$mill) 2170
32.2%	34.2%	30.1%	32.2%	32.0%	29.0%	28.6%	34.1%	32.9%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%		Income Tax Rate 33.0%
1.34%	1.23%	1.49%	1.41%	1.47%	1.55%	1.65%	1.18%	1.55%	1.51%	1.50%	1.50%		Return on Total Assets 1.40%
2051.8	3283.0	3354.0	5491.7	8354.7	11721	13588	10808	11420	13119	15500	16500		Long-Term Debt (\$mill) 20000
1729.2	2237.6	2758.5	3199.2	4785.9	6150.2	7387.9	9934.7	10874	11129	11535	11990		Shr. Equity (\$mill) 14060
8.1%	7.7%	8.0%	7.4%	8.1%	8.7%	9.2%	11.0%	10.8%	10.2%	10.0%	9.6%		Shr. Eq. to Total Assets 9.0%
64.8%	64.8%	68.8%	65.6%	65.6%	64.3%	63.8%	68.1%	67.2%	68.1%	69.5%	69.5%		Loans to Tot Assets 64.5%
16.4%	16.1%	18.6%	19.2%	18.3%	17.9%	17.9%	10.7%	14.3%	14.9%	15.5%	16.0%		Return on Shr. Equity 15.5%
10.3%	8.8%	12.6%	11.7%	11.3%	10.8%	10.8%	4.0%	7.4%	7.5%	8.0%	8.5%		Retained to Com Eq 8.5%
37%	46%	32%	39%	38%	39%	40%	63%	49%	49%	48%	46%		All Div'ds to Net Prof 44%

BUSINESS: BB&T Corp. is a bank holding company with consolidated assets on 12/31/05 totaling \$109.1 billion. Has 1,122 banking offices. Acq'd First Virginia Banks, 8/03; Virginia Invest. Counselors, 4/02; AREA Bancshares Corp., 3/02; MidAmerica Bancorp, 3/02; F&M National, 8/01; Virginia Cpt'l, 6/01; Century South, 6/01; FirstSpartan Fin., 3/01; FCNB Corp. Net loan losses, .29% of

average loans at 12/31/05. At 6/30/06: loan loss reserves, 1.08% of loans; problem assets to loans: .40%. Loan portfolio: mortgages, 19%; commercial, 50%; consumer, 31%. Has about 27,700 empis. Off./dir. own 1.1% of shares. (3/06 proxy). CEO: John A. Allison IV. Inc.: NC. Addr.: 200 West 2nd St., Winston-Salem, NC 27101. Tel.: 910-272-2273. Web: www.BB&T.com.

BB&T's bottom line ought to benefit from solid noninterest income. Fee income, which was up more than 11% in the second quarter, is benefiting from the company's recent acquisitions. In particular, commissions from its insurance business increased by close to 18%.

We look for earnings to increase by 10% in 2006. Net interest income and fee income will both likely continue to advance at a steady pace over the next few quarters. That said, we look for a slight slowdown in 2007, as share net will likely increase by 7%-8%.

Net interest income will likely feel some pressure. The company's net interest margin has been hurt lately by a flat yield curve. In response, BB&T has focused on increasing retail deposits to help fund loans with cheaper money. This will likely continue to pressure the net interest margin in the coming quarters. Too, the company recently completed the acquisitions of Main Street Banks and First Citizens Bancorp. Both deals should help improve the company's deposit market share in their respective regions.

Credit quality should remain solid over the next few quarters. Net charge-offs and nonperforming assets continue to be in solid shape and below historical averages. However, provisions for loan losses have started to creep up. We look for loan loss reserves to continue to increase from their low levels, as the company will want to be certain provisions are in excess of potential net charge-offs.

Share buybacks should give earnings a boost. The company executed an accelerated share-repurchase program of 14 million shares in the second quarter. However, that buyback basically repurchased the 14.3 million shares BB&T issued with the completion of the Main Street Banks acquisition.

This stock, ranked to track the year-ahead market, has some appeal for conservative investors, as indicated by the combination of its decent average 3- to 5-year total return prospects and its high (1) rank for Safety. The bank's efficient operations, excellent asset quality, and enhanced product offerings all point to annual share net increasing by a mid- to high-single-digit rate out to 2009-2011.
 George Y. Lee August 25, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due mid-October. Excludes nonrecurring loss: '95, \$0.70; '99, \$0.14; '00, \$1.17; '01, \$0.28; '02, 4c; 2Q '05, \$0.05. Incl. '96 SAIF earnings charge of \$0.20. 2004 EPS do not add due to split.
 (B) Dividend historically paid in early February, May, August, and November. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available.
 (C) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	100
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	75

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BERRY PETROL. 'A' NYSE-BRY										RECENT PRICE	P/E RATIO	(Trailing: 12.9 Median: 13.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	DIV'D YLD	VALUE LINE														
TIMELINESS	3	Lowered 5/19/06	High: 5.4	7.3	10.7	8.8	7.7	10.0	8.9	9.2	10.5	25.3	34.3	40.0	Target Price Range														
SAFETY	3	New 2/28/97	Low: 4.4	4.4	6.9	5.3	4.3	5.8	5.5	6.6	7.2	9.1	20.4	27.3	2009 2010 2011														
TECHNICAL	4	Lowered 7/28/06	LEGENDS — 8.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 6/06 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession																										
BETA	.80	(1.00 = Market)	2009-11 PROJECTIONS Ann'l Total Price Gain Return High 50 (+45%) 10% Low 35 (Nil) 1%																										
Insider Decisions S O N D J F M A M to Buy 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Options to Buy 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 7 0 2 to Sell 2 0 0 1 1 0 9 0 2										Institutional Decisions 3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006 to Buy 60 66 70 to Sell 65 57 58 Hld's(000) 21286 21992 22388																			
1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11											
1.59	2.11	2.42	1.53	.90	1.08	1.26	1.53	.91	1.51	3.89	3.19	3.05	4.13	6.25	9.20	12.20	12.95	Sales per sh ^A	13.55										
.51	.51	.42	.23	.14	.45	.57	.67	.34	.69	1.16	.88	1.07	1.26	2.33	3.49	4.65	5.00	"Cash Flow" per sh	4.85										
.41	.39	.23	..	d.03	.28	.40	.44	.11	.41	.84	.50	.69	.78	1.54	2.50	2.90	3.15	Earnings per sh ^B	3.00										
.28	.30	.30	.28	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.20	.22	.23	.25	.26	.26	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.28										
.32	.33	.27	.32	.16	.36	.36	.42	.16	.21	.57	.34	.70	.95	1.64	2.97	4.90	4.75	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.50										
2.43	2.63	2.51	2.25	2.02	2.18	2.30	2.54	2.43	2.64	3.30	3.52	3.96	4.49	5.99	7.60	9.45	12.45	Book Value per sh	19.20										
43.05	43.05	43.78	43.78	43.86	42.26	43.89	43.99	44.02	44.02	44.07	43.46	43.46	43.61	43.92	44.00	42.25	42.50	Common Shs Outst'g ^E	43.00										
18.5	17.7	26.1	NMF	..	17.7	14.1	19.3	62.9	15.9	9.8	14.7	11.8	11.1	10.1	11.1	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	14.0										
1.37	1.13	1.58	NMF	..	1.18	.88	1.11	3.27	.91	.64	.75	.64	.63	.53	.59			Relative P/E Ratio	.95										
3.7%	4.4%	5.0%	4.8%	4.2%	4.0%	3.5%	2.4%	2.9%	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%	2.5%	2.7%	1.5%	.9%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.7%										
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06 Total Debt \$272.5 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$86.5 mill. LT Debt \$249.0 mill. LT interest \$18.5 mill. (43% of Cap'l)						55.3	67.2	39.9	66.6	171.6	138.5	132.5	180.0	274.5	404.9	515	550	Sales (\$mill) ^A		575									
Leases, Uncapitalized \$5 mill. No Defined Benefit Pension Plan Pfd Stock None Common Stock 42,062,030 class A shares 1,797,784 class B shares ^D						7.3	10.1	10.1	12.3	14.0	16.5	16.5	20.5	33.2	41.4	65.0	70.0	Operating Margin ^A		52.5%									
as of 7/21/06 Ea. "B" share is entitled to a \$2.00 per share preference in the event of liquidation, and is convertible into two common shares at the option of the holder. MARKET CAP: \$1.5 billion (Mid Cap)						17.5	19.3	5.0	18.0	37.2	21.9	30.0	34.3	69.2	112.4	130	140	Depreciation (\$mill)		75.0									
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 6/30/06 (\$MILL.)						35.7%	31.8%	18.3%	21.4%	28.0%	19.5%	20.2%	14.7%	22.7%	31.0%	39.0%	40.0%	Net Profit (\$mill)		135									
Cash Assets 17.3 2.7 1.3 Receivables 34.6 59.7 75.3 Other 9.1 12.5 24.2 Current Assets 61.0 74.9 100.8 Accts Payable 27.8 57.8 59.8 Debt Due -- 11.5 23.5 Other 37.0 60.3 78.7 Current Liab. 64.8 129.6 162.0						7.9	11.5	9.1	8.5	d1.2	5.8	d3.7	d5.4	d3.8	d54.7	d50.0	d25.0	Income Tax Rate		38.0%									
ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '09-'11						31.7%	28.7%	12.5%	27.0%	21.7%	15.8%	22.7%	19.1%	25.2%	27.7%	25.2%	25.5%	Net Profit Margin		23.5%									
Sales 19.0% 25.5% 13.0% "Cash Flow" 24.0% 26.5% 12.5% Earnings -- 29.0% 11.0% Dividends 0.5% 3.5% 2.5% Book Value 11.0% 16.5% 21.0%						101.0	111.9	106.9	116.2	145.2	153.2	172.1	195.7	263.1	334.2	400	530	Working Cap'l (\$mill)		d10.0									
QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.) Full Year						12.8%	14.2%	4.3%	11.9%	22.8%	13.4%	16.3%	14.3%	24.1%	28.2%	19.0%	17.5%	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)		275									
Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31						17.4%	17.2%	4.6%	15.5%	25.6%	14.3%	17.5%	17.5%	26.3%	33.6%	33.0%	26.5%	Shr. Equity (\$mill)		825									
2003 46.8 39.4 44.1 49.7 180.0 2004 57.1 64.1 72.9 80.4 274.5 2005 87.8 92.3 109.4 115.4 404.9 2006 117.6 123.2 135 139.2 515 2007 135 135 140 140 550						8.7%	9.4%	NMF	7.9%	19.5%	8.6%	12.4%	12.3%	22.5%	30.3%	30.0%	24.5%	Return on Total Cap'l		12.5%									
EARNINGS PER SHARE^B Full Year						50%	46%	NMF	49%	24%	40%	29%	30%	15%	10%	9%	Return on Shr. Equity		16.5%										
Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31						BUSINESS: Berry Petroleum Co. produces oil and gas, primarily in California from the Midway-Sunset field. Also has Rocky Mountain and Mid-Continent interests. Production in 2005 was 23,015 barrels a day. Estimated proved oil and gas reserves (82% oil) as of 12/31/05: 126.3 million barrels. Estimated pretax present value of reserves as of 12/31/05, \$1.8 bill. Est. reserve life: 15 years. Has 209 employees. Officers and Directors own 11.3% of common stock; UnionBankCal Corp., 5.8%; Winberta Holdings, 4.7%. Winberta also owns 100% of Class B stock (4/06 proxy). Inc.: DE. Chairman: Martin H. Young, Jr. CEO and Pres.: Robert F. Heinemann. Addr.: 5201 Truxtun Ave., Ste. 300, Bakersfield, CA 93309. Tel.: 661-616-3900. Internet: www.bry.com.																							
2003 .21 .15 .18 .24 .78 2004 .23 .34 .41 .56 1.54 2005 .50 .56 .76 .68 2.50 2006 .52 .76 .80 .82 2.90 2007 .75 .80 .80 .80 3.15						Berry Petroleum's strategy is working well. The company has become an active acquirer and developer of properties since 2003. Corporate roots are in California's heavy-oil fields, where Berry still conducts the bulk of its operations. But modest growth prospects in the Golden State, and the willingness to put its then under-leveraged balance sheet to work have resulted in a string of highly productive acquisitions. The timing has worked to perfection, given the rising oil and natural gas price environment. An earnings advance of 15% now seems possible in 2006. Profits have the potential to move ahead another 8%-10% in 2007, assuming price realizations remain favorable.																							
Cal-ender Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31						Rising production is adding fuel to the fire. Property purchases in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado and Utah have provided a nice lift to growth, with the added benefit of diversification into natural gas assets. Total production is on track to rise more than 10% in 2006, and an additional 5%-10% gain is probably within reach for 2007. There is competition for rigs, and infrastructure needs to be built, but the company looks to have secured the equipment																							
2002 .05 .05 .05 .05 .20 2003 .05 .055 .055 .055 .215 2004 .055 .055 .06 .06 .23 2005 .06 .06 .065 .065 .25 2006 .065 .065						it needs to make the most of its drill sites. This year is shaping up as another good one for reserve growth. Recent acquisitions go a long way in that regard. Berry Petroleum's second operating front in the Rocky Mountains offers the possibility of significant new discoveries as drilling is expanded. Back in California, there is a heavy-oil project that could boost reserves, and profits, substantially, provided costs can be lowered. The company is still open to acquisitions, although the pace may slow in the near term, due to the rise in debt levels.																							
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID^C Full Year						We've raised the neutrally ranked stock's 3- to 5-year Target Price Range. That's as a result of the company's improved drilling prospects. Appreciation potential still doesn't stand out, but the price action of the past few years suggests the stock can move sharply under favorable conditions. Nevertheless, the issue has cooled off in recent months. Two primary drivers behind the shares, price realizations and volume growth, have been favorable of late. But rising costs appear to be a hindrance.																							
2002 .05 .05 .05 .05 .20 2003 .05 .055 .055 .055 .215 2004 .055 .055 .06 .06 .23 2005 .06 .06 .065 .065 .25 2006 .065 .065						Robert Mitkowski, Jr. August 18, 2006																							

(A) Electricity sales included beginning in 2000. (B) Primary shares until 1996, then diluted. Excludes nonrecurring loss (2¢), 1998. Next earnings report due early Nov. (C) Dividends historically paid at the end of March, June, Sep., and Dec. Special dividends of 2¢ a share paid in 2003; 3¢ a share in 2004; and 5¢ a share in 2005. (D) Each share of Class A stock is entitled to one vote. Each share of Class B stock has 95% of one vote. (E) In millions, adj. for split.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	65
Price Growth Persistence	70
Earnings Predictability	45

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BIOMET NDQ-BMET		RECENT PRICE 31.95	P/E RATIO 17.8 (Trailing: 18.8; Median: 26.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO 1.06	DIV'D YLD 0.9%	VALUE LINE																				
TIMELINESS 3 Lowered 12/31/04	High: 8.8 9.2 12.0 18.3 20.3 27.8 34.4 33.3 38.0 49.6 45.7 39.4	Low: 5.8 5.6 6.3 10.5 10.9 12.1 20.5 21.8 26.7 35.1 32.5 30.2					Target Price Range 2009 2010 2011																			
SAFETY 2 Raised 6/3/05	LEGENDS 23.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 3-for-2 split 8/00 3-for-2 split 8/01 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession						120 100 80 64 48 32 24 16 12 8																			
TECHNICAL 3 Raised 7/21/06																										
BETA .80 (1.00 = Market)																										
2009-11 PROJECTIONS																										
Price	Gain	Ann'l Total																								
High 60	(+90%)	18%																								
Low 45	(+40%)	10%																								
Insider Decisions																										
O N D J F M A M J																										
to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0																				
Options	1	1	0	1	0	2																				
to Sell	1	0	0	7	0	2																				
Institutional Decisions																										
3Q2005 4Q2005 1Q2006																										
to Buy	282	265	252																							
to Sell	210	234	241																							
Hlds(000)	158844	162418	162463																							
Percent shares traded																										
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1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Sales per sh (A)	12.45							
.65	.83	1.08	1.29	1.45	1.75	2.05	2.32	2.58	2.99	3.45	3.83	4.52	5.40	6.35	7.52	8.27	9.10	9.10	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.10						
.14	.18	.24	.29	.32	.36	.44	.50	.59	.71	.80	.89	1.09	1.29	1.51	1.83	2.03	2.25	2.25	Earnings per sh (A)(B)	2.65						
.12	.16	.20	.25	.27	.31	.36	.42	.49	.59	.65	.79	.88	1.10	1.27	1.54	1.67	1.87	1.87	Div'ds Decl'd per sh (C)	.45						
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.03	.04	.06	.06	.03	.11	.05	.09	.18	.20	.16	.13	.24	.23	.24	.39	.44	.45	.45	Book Value per sh	12.20						
.52	.68	.91	1.16	1.39	1.72	2.05	2.21	2.65	3.06	3.54	4.26	4.46	5.00	5.70	6.26	7.01	8.00	8.00	Common Shs Outst'g (D)	235.00						
250.75	252.85	255.29	259.40	257.45	259.17	260.61	250.23	252.10	253.30	266.48	269.12	263.65	257.49	254.26	249.88	244.98	242.00	242.00	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	20.0						
23.3	27.6	43.8	27.3	17.1	18.9	20.3	16.9	22.5	27.1	23.8	29.9	33.7	25.8	27.4	28.3	28.3	28.3	28.3	Relative P/E Ratio	1.20						
1.73	1.76	2.66	1.61	1.12	1.26	1.27	.97	1.17	1.54	1.55	1.53	1.84	1.47	1.45	1.49	1.49	1.49	1.49	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.9%						
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 5/31/06							535.2	580.3	651.4	757.4	920.6	1030.7	1191.9	1390.3	1615.3	1880.0	2025.7	2205	2205	Sales (\$mill) (A)	2925					
Total Debt \$276.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs. \$276.6 mill. LT Debt None							29.5%	30.7%	31.3%	33.8%	34.2%	34.9%	35.1%	34.4%	34.2%	34.2%	34.7%	34.5%	34.5%	34.5%	34.5%	Operating Margin	35.0%			
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan							20.8	18.5	23.5	29.5	39.8	42.8	47.8	45.7	59.5	69.6	82.2	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	100.0			
Pfd Stock None							94.1	106.5	124.7	149.1	173.8	197.5	239.7	286.7	325.6	388.6	414.0	460	460	460	460	Net Profit (\$mill)	630			
Common Stock 244,831,097 shs.							37.1%	37.1%	38.8%	35.1%	35.5%	34.1%	33.9%	34.7%	34.6%	32.4%	33.5%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	33.0%	Income Tax Rate	33.0%		
MARKET CAP: \$7.8 billion (Large Cap)							17.6%	18.3%	19.1%	19.7%	18.9%	19.2%	20.1%	20.6%	20.2%	20.7%	20.4%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	20.9%	Net Profit Margin	21.5%		
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)							400.8	391.3	472.7	480.3	608.2	726.6	715.2	845.1	802.5	672.5	795.0	990	990	990	990	990	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	1800		
Cash Assets							169.3	104.7	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	161.0	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil	
Receivables							465.9	479.7	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	507.9	2865	
Inventory (FIFO)							389.4	469.8	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	534.5	22.0%	
Other							91.3	119.7	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	112.0	22.0%	
Current Assets							1115.9	1173.9	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	1315.4	18.0%	
Accts Payable							55.4	57.0	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	62.3	17%
Debt Due							109.7	282.2	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	276.6	
Other							148.3	162.2	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	181.5	
Current Liab.							313.4	501.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	520.4	
ANNUAL RATES							Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11																	
of change (per sh)							15.5%	16.5%	15.0%																	
Sales							17.0%	17.0%	14.5%																	
"Cash Flow"							17.0%	17.5%	16.5%																	
Earnings							--	22.5%	24.0%																	
Dividends							15.0%	13.0%	14.5%																	
Book Value																										
Fiscal Year Ends							QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) (A)			Full Fiscal Year																
2003							317.7	341.4	354.0	377.2	1390.3															
2004							370.3	387.6	410.2	447.2	1615.3															
2005							438.2	456.7	482.0	503.1	1880.0															
2006							484.9	494.7	506.3	539.8	2025.7															
2007							525	535	555	590	2205															
Fiscal Year Ends							EARNINGS PER SHARE (A)(B)			Full Fiscal Year																
2003							.25	.27	.28	.30	1.10															
2004							.30	.32	.34	.31	1.27															
2005							.35	.38	.40	.41	1.54															
2006							.40	.41	.43	.43	1.67															
2007							.44	.46	.47	.50	1.87															
Cal-endar							QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID (C)			Full Year																
2002							--	--	.10	--	.10															
2003							--	--	.15	--	.15															
2004							--	--	.20	--	.20															
2005							--	--	.25	--	.25															
2006							--	--	.30	--	.30															

Biomet's earnings growth potential is diminishing. We believe that sales of the company's core reconstructive business (read: hip and knee replacements) will grow at its current rate of about 10% with steady margins. However, the rest of the company is only growing around 3% with lower margins. The ability to grow other businesses at a strong clip seems less likely, and we are lowering our expectations to reflect this. We have reduced our earnings estimate for fiscal 2007 to \$1.87 from \$1.95. More importantly, we are lowering our long-term earnings multiple to 20 from 25.

EBI competes in growth markets, but has lagged its competitors. EBI is the unit that consists of fixation and spine products. Over the past year, management's attempt to improve these businesses met with only modest results. This is disappointing because the spine business is a growth niche with healthy margins. Biomet's spine division has been significantly lagging its competitors.

Earnings quality is also a concern. We believe the board of directors will steadily increase the dividend and continue aggressive share repurchases. However, the company generates more cash than the dividend and share buyback will absorb. Therefore, we believe that cash will build on the balance sheet and add to interest income. The added profits from interest are the driver behind our expectation for earnings growing faster than sales.

We believe the probability of Biomet being acquired has dropped over the past few months. Some competitors have stated that they are not interested in buying the company. Additionally, the tone of management during recent conference and earnings calls leads us to believe that it is focused on growing the business rather than selling it.

Shares of Biomet are not appealing for the coming year. The reconstruction business is solid, but the remainder of the company is sluggish. We think management will gradually improve growth rates at EBI, but we emphasize this will take time. The recent subpoenas issued by the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice is also acting as an overhang on the stock price.

dealers. Foreign sales: 35% of total. R&D: 4.2% of sales. '06 depreciation rate: 11.0%. Has 4,075 employees; 5,774 shareholders of record. Officers & directors own 7.9% of stock; State Farm Insurance, 7.7% (8/06 proxy). Chairman: N. Noblitt. President: D. Hann. Inc.: Indiana. Address: 56 East Bell Drive, Warsaw, IN 46582-0587. Tel.: 574-267-6639. Internet: www.biomet.com.

Greg McGowan
September 1, 2006

(A) Fiscal year ends May 31st.
(B) Based on primary shares through November 1997; diluted thereafter. Next earnings report due mid-September. Excludes nonrecurring charges: '99, \$0.13; '00, \$0.01; '01, \$0.07; '02, \$0.03; '05, \$0.16; '06, \$0.04.
(C) Dividends historically paid in mid-July.
(D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

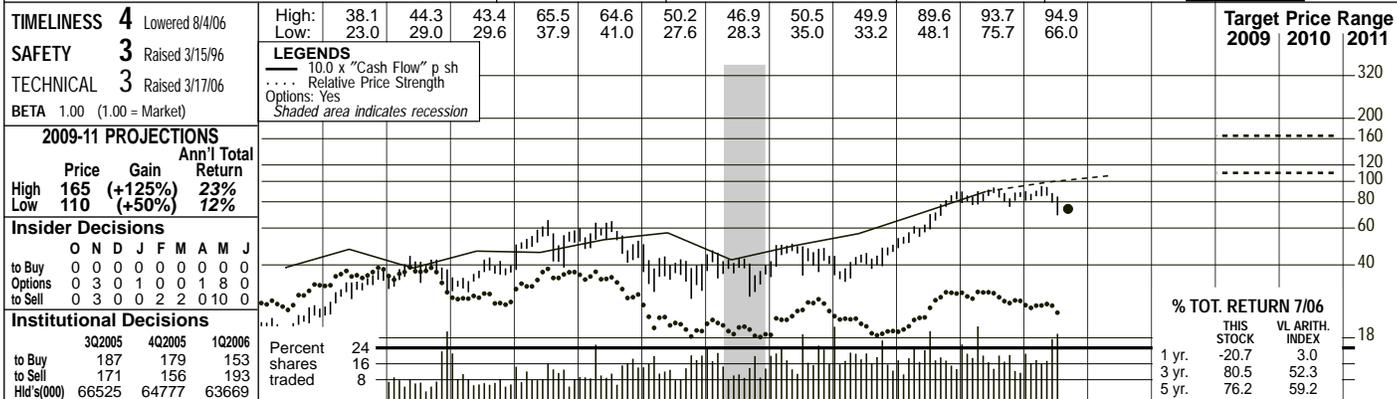
Company's Financial Strength A
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RECENT PRICE **74.02** P/E RATIO **10.0** (Trailing: 11.5; Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.60** DIV'D YLD **2.1%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
78.42	74.96	57.29	58.23	61.97	55.13	52.14	52.09	52.11	51.85	56.49	54.26	55.90	57.14	65.75	84.30	90.55	96.40	Sales per sh	118.90
4.68	4.13	3.04	3.39	3.89	4.76	3.87	4.65	4.59	5.28	5.70	4.23	4.95	5.64	7.11	8.98	9.95	10.70	"Cash Flow" per sh	12.80
.84	.81	.65	1.00	1.37	1.97	1.64	2.35	2.63	3.40	3.51	2.20	3.23	3.95	5.38	6.88	7.25	7.85	Earnings per sh ^A	9.85
.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.48	.57	.84	1.12	1.52	1.52	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	1.52
1.83	1.74	2.21	2.50	2.34	2.35	2.08	2.14	1.67	1.96	2.48	1.69	1.23	1.31	1.43	1.44	1.75	1.85	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.05
14.94	14.18	11.08	10.72	12.04	14.73	17.32	18.89	6.56	9.19	8.58	9.40	7.63	10.79	18.98	19.69	25.35	31.40	Book Value per sh ^C	53.30
61.62	61.86	83.43	83.85	84.69	86.45	94.25	94.84	87.50	87.19	80.74	79.86	78.60	78.45	82.11	77.38	74.00	72.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	68.00
16.9	18.0	32.6	19.7	15.3	15.7	22.7	15.5	19.9	15.5	10.7	17.7	13.8	10.5	12.2	12.6	14.0	14.0	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	14.0
1.26	1.15	1.98	1.16	1.00	1.05	1.42	.89	1.03	.88	.70	.91	.75	.60	.64	.67	.64	.67	Relative P/E Ratio	.95
2.8%	2.7%	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	.9%	.9%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.4%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.1%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 7/2/06				1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
Total Debt \$1460.7 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$1027.8 mill.				4914.4	4940.5	4559.9	4520.5	4560.8	4333.1	4394.0	4482.7	5398.4	6523.7	6700	6940	Sales (\$mill)	8085						
LT Debt \$862.7 mill. LT Interest \$58.0 mill.				11.6%	14.2%	14.0%	15.4%	15.0%	11.7%	12.5%	13.2%	14.3%	14.8%	14.3%	14.5%	Operating Margin	14.5%						
(Total interest coverage: 28.5x) (37% of Cap'l)				214.6	214.2	155.2	160.0	163.4	159.4	127.8	133.4	142.5	150.6	180	185	Depreciation (\$mill)	190						
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$63.2 mill.				159.2	227.2	246.0	300.3	296.5	178.6	261.3	309.3	441.1	544.0	555	585	Net Profit (\$mill)	680						
Pension Assets-12/05 \$1287.2 mill. Oblig. \$1760.1 million				21.5%	35.0%	32.0%	32.0%	30.0%	30.0%	26.8%	27.0%	33.6%	27.0%	27.0%	Income Tax Rate	28.0%							
Pfd Stock None				3.2%	4.6%	5.4%	6.6%	6.5%	4.1%	5.9%	6.9%	8.2%	8.3%	8.3%	8.5%	Net Profit Margin	8.5%						
Common Stock 74,047,224 shs.				297.6	706.2	377.1	338.7	329.7	821.7	740.5	890.9	1134.6	1083.4	1270	1515	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	2670						
MARKET CAP: \$5.5 billion (Large Cap)				1415.8	1623.7	1148.9	847.1	798.5	1191.4	927.6	915.6	1200.6	1030.3	880	830	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	680						
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 7/2/06				1632.4	1791.4	574.0	801.1	692.4	751.0	599.6	846.5	1558.7	1523.6	1875	2260	Shr. Equity (\$mill) ^D	3625						
CASH ASSETS				6.9%	8.3%	16.6%	21.3%	22.6%	10.9%	18.7%	18.5%	16.3%	22.1%	21.0%	19.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	16.5%						
RECEIVABLES				9.8%	12.7%	42.9%	37.5%	42.8%	23.8%	43.6%	36.5%	28.3%	35.7%	30.0%	26.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	19.0%						
INVENTORY (LIFO)				6.4%	10.1%	35.2%	32.3%	37.1%	18.6%	37.1%	31.3%	24.0%	29.9%	24.0%	21.0%	Retained to Com Eq	16.0%						
OTHER				34%	20%	18%	14%	13%	22%	15%	14%	15%	16%	20%	19%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	15%						

BUSINESS: Black & Decker manufactures and services power tools and accessories (71% of 2005 sales) for the prof'l and do-it-yourself markets. Also sells building products (19%), fastening and assembly systems (10%). Brand names: *Black & Decker, DeWalt, Dustbuster, Toast-R-Oven, Emhart, Kwikset, and Price Pfister*. Sold PRC, 1995. Divested household appliance and recreational products divisions, 6/98. International sales: 29% of '05 total. Has approximately 26,300 employees, 11,885 shareholders. Officers & directors own 5.7% of common stock; (3/06 proxy). Chairman, President, and CEO: Nolan D. Archibald. Incorporated: Maryland. Address: 701 East Joppa Road, Towson, MD 21204. Telephone: 410-716-3900. Internet: www.blackanddecker.com.

Black & Decker's earnings growth is likely to moderate throughout much of this year and next. During the first half of 2006, BDK's performance was tempered by commodity cost pressures, rather difficult comparisons to the first half of last year, and Porter-Cable and Delta listings lost in 2005 as a result of an aging product line. During the second half of 2006, the company is set to launch a host of innovative new products, including DeWalt's next-generation cordless line and a variety of consumer tools, which should help boost the top line. Separately, in response to accelerating commodity cost pressure, BDK will implement additional price increases later this year, which should help improve the company's margins. Nevertheless, Black & Decker's top and bottom lines are still likely to feel the effects of a relatively more modest North American economic climate. As such, we now look for the company to report net income of about \$7.25 a share in 2006 — down from our earlier call of \$7.45 — on a modest 3% sales advance. An 8% year-over-year earnings advance is likely the following year.

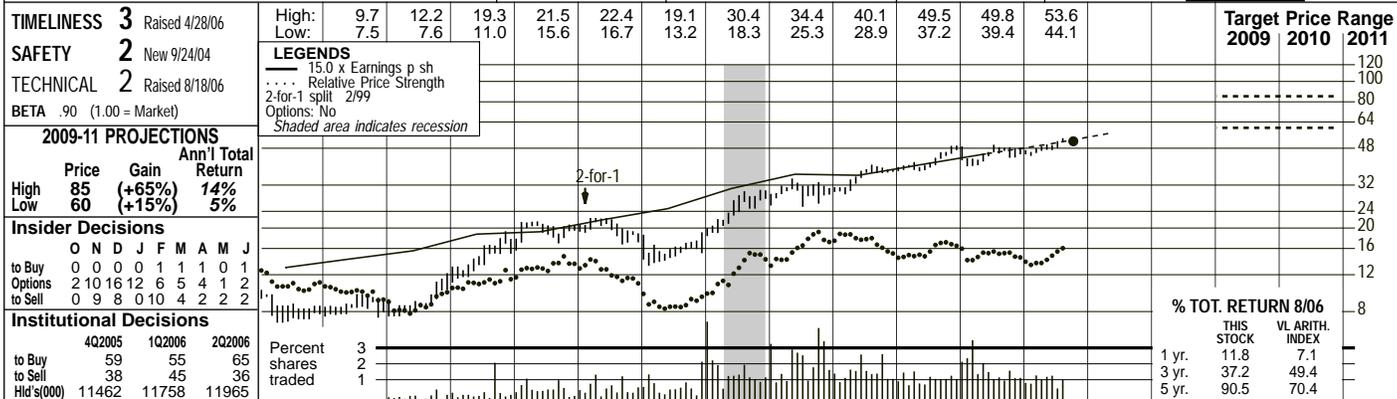
The company remains committed to boosting shareholder value. Early in the September interim, BDK announced that its board of directors upped its stock repurchase authorization by 8.0 million shares, which represents more than 10% of the total shares outstanding. Black & Decker bought back roughly 2.3 million shares in the second quarter, and 4.1 million shares year to date, thereby completing its previous authorization. Since early 2003, the company has spent over \$900 million to repurchase nearly 16% of its common stock and has more than tripled its quarterly dividend.

Based on recent price and earnings momentum, Black & Decker stock is now ranked to lag the market over the coming six to 12 months. However, once the company works it way through the aforementioned challenges, we look for BDK to post solid sales and earnings gains 3 to 5 years hence. Consequently, investors willing to commit funds over the long haul may wish to consider these shares, as they offer above-average total-return potential through 2009-2011.

Kenneth A. Nugent September 1, 2006

(A) Dtd eqs. Excl. n/r. items: '92, (\$2.06); '93, 28c; '96, (67c); '98, (\$10.85); '00, (17c); '01, (87c); '02, (39c); '03 (20c); '04, 43c; '05, 19c. Excl. chg. for acctg. change: '92, \$3.11; '93, 35c; '98, \$9.45. Excl. gains from disc. opers.: '95, 45c; '96, 77c. Next earnings report due late Oct. (B) Dividend historically paid in mid-March, June, September, and December. ■	Div'd reinvest. plan avail. '05, \$1115.7 mill., \$142.42/sh. (D) In mill. (E) EPS does not tally due to rounding.	Company's Financial Strength B+ Stock's Price Stability 75 Price Growth Persistence 80 Earnings Predictability 65
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BOK FINANCIAL NDQ-BOKF RECENT PRICE **51.79** P/E RATIO **14.8** (Trailing: 16.7 Median: 13.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.85** DIV'D YLD **1.2%** VALUE LINE



Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
Price	..	.41	.63	.72	.86	.95	1.04	1.25	1.28	1.46	1.65	2.06	2.41	2.38	2.68	3.01	3.35	3.80	Earnings per sh ^A	4.90
Gain30	.55	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.75
High	..	5.03	3.31	4.16	4.44	5.71	6.84	8.12	9.51	9.93	12.80	14.98	19.02	20.60	23.25	22.99	26.05	29.50	Book Value per sh	41.60
Low	..	21.35	41.85	46.25	50.00	50.22	50.46	50.80	50.69	53.62	53.78	54.31	56.72	58.92	59.50	66.96	67.00	67.50	Common Shs Outst'g ^B	69.00
Options to Buy	..	22.8	7.5	11.6	9.6	9.0	8.6	11.6	15.3	13.6	9.5	11.9	12.5	14.7	15.6	14.9	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
Options to Sell	..	1.46	.45	.69	.63	.60	.54	.67	.80	.78	.62	.61	.68	.84	.82	.80			Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
Hlds(000)	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.0%

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Total Assets (\$mill)	27050
LT Debt \$1018.2 mill.	4620.7	5399.6	6809.4	8374.0	9748.3	11130	12245	13582	14395	16253	17600	19600	21000	22500	24000	25500	27000	28500	Loans (\$mill)	15625
LT Interest \$15.0 mill.	2349.4	2712.0	3487.0	4567.3	5435.2	6193.5	6784.9	7355.3	7820.3	9036.1	10200	11350	12500	13650	14800	15950	17100	18250	Net Interest Inc (\$mill)	700
Due in 5 Yrs. \$1280.0 mill.	127.4	155.6	182.3	236.1	268.9	326.8	368.2	390.0	423.2	449.3	495	545	595	645	695	745	795	845	Loan Loss Prov'n (\$mill)	30.0
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$15.0 mill.	4.3	9.0	14.5	10.4	17.2	37.6	33.7	35.6	20.4	12.4	20.0	30.0	40.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	80.0	90.0	Noninterest Inc (\$mill)	570
No defined Benefits Pension Plan	105.3	129.7	161.9	188.5	199.1	259.3	324.0	303.0	312.6	345.6	375	435	495	555	615	675	735	795	Noninterest Exp (\$mill)	700
Pfd Stock None	159.0	195.2	217.8	280.5	303.0	353.2	425.6	410.1	444.9	467.8	500	545	590	635	680	725	770	815	Net Profit (\$mill)	340
Common Stock 66,850,046 shares	54.1	64.6	74.7	89.2	100.1	126.2	150.4	158.4	179.0	201.5	225	260	295	330	365	395	425	455	Income Tax Rate	36.0%
MARKET CAP: \$3.5 billion (Mid Cap)	22.1%	20.3%	33.3%	33.3%	32.2%	35.4%	36.0%	33.8%	33.8%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	36.0%	Return on Total Assets	1.25%
ASSETS(\$Mill.)	1.17%	1.20%	1.10%	1.07%	1.03%	1.13%	1.23%	1.17%	1.24%	1.24%	1.30%	1.35%	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%	1.30%	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	1000
Loans	..	..	..	..	..	1031.0	1407.3	1243.4	1171.0	1166.6	1350.3	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	1100	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	2870
Funds Sold	7.8%	8.1%	7.4%	6.7%	7.2%	7.4%	8.9%	9.0%	9.7%	9.5%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	Shr. Eq. to Total Assets	10.5%
Securities	50.8%	50.2%	51.2%	54.5%	55.8%	55.6%	55.4%	54.2%	54.3%	55.6%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	58.0%	Loans to Tot Assets	58.0%
Other Earning	15.0%	14.8%	14.8%	16.0%	14.2%	15.2%	13.8%	12.9%	12.8%	13.1%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	12.0%
Other	15.3%	15.3%	15.3%	16.5%	14.5%	15.5%	13.9%	13.0%	12.9%	11.8%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	11.0%	Retained to Com Eq	10.0%
LIABILITIES(\$Mill.)	3%	2%	1%	2%	..	..	..	..	..	10%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	16%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	15%
Deposits	9674.4	10399.9	11306.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Funds Borrowed	1555.5	1337.9	2342.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Long-Term Debt	1166.6	1350.3	1018.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Shr. Equity	1398.5	1539.2	1583.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	600.4	1626.3	673.8
Total	14395.4	16252.9	16924.1
Loan Loss Resrv.	114.8	103.9	104.5

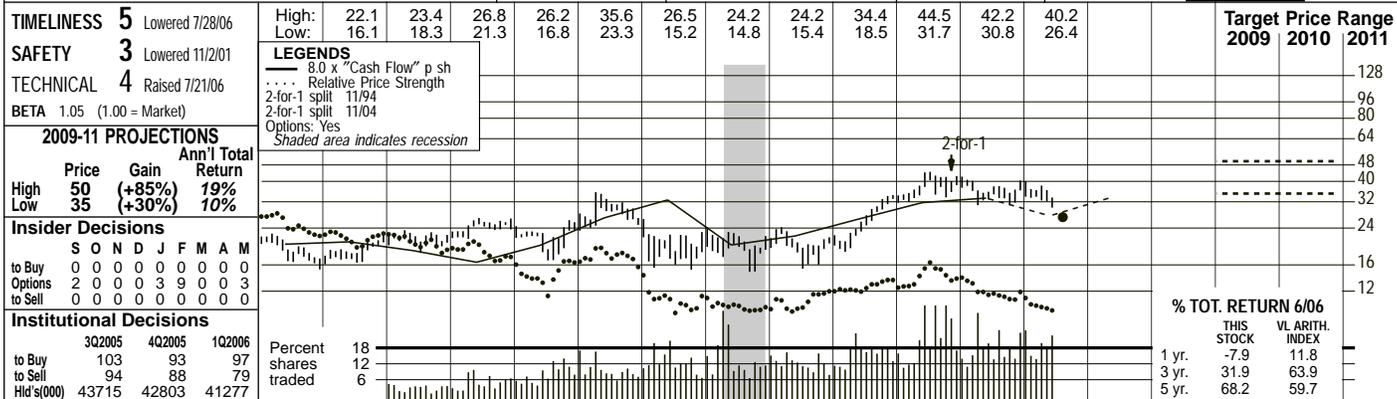
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Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Full Year
ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)						
Loans	13.5%	9.0%	11.5%
Earnings	12.5%	13.0%	10.5%	..	..	..
Dividends	..	..	NMF	..	..	..
Book Value	16.5%	15.5%	11.0%	..	..	..
Total Assets	12.5%	8.5%	10.5%	..	..	..
LOANS (\$ mill.)						
Cal-endar	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31		
2003	6857	6920	7165	7355		
2004	7371	7396	7784	7820		
2005	7977	8406	8774	9036		
2006	9098	9689	9850	10200		
2007	10500	10800	11100	11350		
EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A						
Cal-endar	Mar 31	Jun 30	Sep 30	Dec 31		Full Year
2003	.62	.69	.58	.49		2.38
2004	.58	.68	.72	.70		2.68
2005	.78	.75	.76	.72		3.01
2006	.81	.82	.85	.87		3.35
2007	.95	.95	.95	.95		3.80
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C						
Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31		Full Year
2002	..	..	..	..		..
2003	..	..	..	..		..
2004	..	..	..	..		..
2005	..	.10	.10	.10		.30
2006	.10	.15	.15	.15		.30

BOK Financial had another solid quarter. The Oklahoma-based bank holding company reported share earnings growth of 9% (\$0.02 higher than our estimate). The strong showing was fueled partly by a 6% sequential increase in the company's loan portfolio. After a slow start in the first quarter, loan growth seems to have returned to historical levels. In contrast, deposits decreased by almost \$2 million during the quarter. **Deposit growth has been a recurring problem.** Deposits have lagged lending activity for the last few quarters, and the company has been forced to finance loan expansion through borrowings. Core deposits funded 48% of loans in the June interim, down from 49% in the previous quarter. The need for increased leverage puts a damper on the earnings potential of the loan portfolio. **BOK's loan pipeline looks strong.** Demand in the company's Dallas, Houston, Denver, and Phoenix regional markets remains strong. Additionally, in the core state of Oklahoma, loans in the energy industry are increasing at a steady rate. A higher loan count should help boost net interest income, but we expect continued pressure on margins due to the aforementioned debt-related interest expenses. **The company's high ratio of non-interest income should help smooth earnings volatility.** BOK derives about 45% of its top line from various nonspread-based sources such as deposit fees, transaction card fees, and trust fees. The relative stability of these revenue sources increases earnings consistency and allows the bank to trade at a premium relative to its peers. **New markets offer compelling expansion potential.** Although most of the company's assets are situated in Oklahoma, BOK is actively trying to expand into several new, fast-growing markets. The company's Bank of Texas subsidiary (operates in Dallas and Houston) has been expanding at a rapid pace, and now holds about \$3 billion in assets. **Shares of BOK Financial have limited long-term appreciation potential,** based on their current quotation. Meanwhile, the stock is ranked average for year-ahead performance. *Praneeth Satish* September 22, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings (primary in 1995 and 1996). Next earnings report due in mid-October. (B) In millions, adjusted for split. (C) Dividends expected to be paid in late-Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability 95 Price Growth Persistence 70 Earnings Predictability 90 To subscribe call 1-800-833-0046.

BRIGGS & STRATTON NYSE-BGG **RECENT PRICE 27.07** **P/E RATIO 13.4** (Trailing: 10.5; Median: 14.0) **RELATIVE P/E RATIO 0.77** **DIV'D YLD 3.3%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
17.33	16.43	18.01	19.70	22.22	23.16	22.25	25.90	27.86	32.36	36.57	30.38	35.34	38.05	38.12	51.21	50.00	51.95	Sales per sh ^A	60.10
1.30	1.26	1.60	2.03	2.51	2.58	2.34	2.06	2.48	3.36	4.08	2.49	2.75	3.31	3.97	4.17	3.45	4.25	"Cash Flow" per sh	6.10
.61	.63	.89	1.22	1.77	1.81	1.60	1.08	1.43	2.26	2.77	1.11	1.18	1.75	2.77	2.76	1.90	2.60	Earnings per sh ^B	4.15
.40	.40	.40	.43	.45	.51	.53	.55	.56	.58	.60	.62	.63	.64	.66	.68	.88	.90	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	1.02
.65	.55	.70	.66	.71	2.27	1.34	1.40	.96	1.42	1.64	1.42	1.02	.92	1.04	1.66	1.35	1.45	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.60
4.69	4.92	5.40	6.22	6.98	7.60	8.65	6.91	6.64	7.89	9.41	9.79	10.39	11.82	16.00	17.15	18.35	19.60	Book Value per sh ^D	24.75
57.85	57.85	57.85	57.85	57.85	57.85	57.85	50.83	47.65	46.40	43.49	43.20	43.28	43.57	51.09	51.85	51.00	51.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^E	52.50
11.8	11.2	12.2	11.2	11.4	9.8	12.9	20.6	16.5	11.0	8.9	18.2	17.1	11.6	12.0	13.8			Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	10.5
.88	.72	.74	.66	.75	.66	.81	1.19	.86	.63	.58	.93	.93	.66	.63	.72			Relative P/E Ratio	.70
5.5%	5.7%	3.7%	3.1%	2.2%	2.9%	2.6%	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.4%	3.1%	3.1%	3.2%	2.0%	1.8%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.3%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06				1287.0	1316.4	1327.6	1501.7	1590.6	1312.4	1529.4	1657.6	1947.4	2654.9	2550	2650	Sales (\$mill) ^A	3155		
Total Debt \$484.9 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$215.0 mill.				15.3%	11.2%	13.0%	15.3%	16.1%	12.1%	12.1%	13.0%	15.5%	11.4%	10.0%	11.5%	Operating Margin	14.5%		
LT Debt \$441.9 mill. LT Interest \$34.5 mill.				43.0	43.4	47.7	49.6	51.4	59.7	66.0	63.5	66.9	73.5	78.0	83.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	103		
(LT interest earned: 8.0x; total interest coverage: 7.4x) (32% of Cap'l)				92.4	61.6	70.6	106.1	126.1	48.0	53.1	80.6	136.1	142.8	97.0	133	Net Profit (\$mill)	218		
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$7.6 mill.				38.0%	38.0%	37.6%	37.5%	37.0%	33.2%	34.0%	32.0%	33.6%	33.1%	32.0%	33.0%	Income Tax Rate	35.0%		
Pension Assets-7/05 \$917.4 mill.				7.2%	4.7%	5.3%	7.1%	7.9%	3.7%	3.5%	4.9%	7.0%	5.4%	3.8%	5.0%	Net Profit Margin	6.9%		
Pfd Stock None				266.2	204.4	159.1	176.7	159.2	371.2	403.9	505.8	681.4	766.5	780	800	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	950		
Common Stock 51,139,960 shs as of 4/28/06				60.0	142.9	128.1	113.3	98.5	508.1	499.0	503.4	360.6	486.3	400	390	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	370		
(51.56 mill. diluted shs.)				500.5	351.1	316.5	365.9	409.5	422.8	446.6	515.0	817.6	889.2	935	1000	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	1300		
MARKET CAP: \$1.4 billion (Mid Cap)				17.3%	13.3%	17.6%	23.5%	25.5%	6.8%	7.9%	9.9%	13.1%	11.7%	8.5%	10.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	14.0%		
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 3/31/06				18.5%	17.5%	22.3%	29.0%	30.8%	11.4%	11.8%	15.7%	16.6%	16.1%	10.5%	13.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	17.0%		
(\$MILL.)				12.4%	8.8%	13.6%	21.6%	24.1%	5.0%	5.8%	10.3%	12.9%	12.1%	5.5%	8.5%	Retained to Com Eq	12.5%		
Cash Assets				33%	50%	39%	26%	22%	56%	51%	34%	22%	25%	46%	35%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	25%		
Receivables				BUSINESS: Briggs & Stratton Corporation is the world's largest manufacturer of air-cooled gasoline engines, which range from 3.5 to 25.0 horsepower. Engines are sold to original equipment manufacturers of lawn mowers, tractors, garden tillers, generators, pressure washers, compressors, and pumps. Also produces small outboard marine engines. Foreign sales: 18%. Acquired Generac Portable Products 5/01; Simplicity Manuf., 7/04; Murray Inc. assets, 2/05. Has about 9,075 employees; 4,060 stockholders. 2005 depreciation rate: 7.5%. Officers and directors own 4.2% of common (9/05 Proxy). Chairman, President & CEO: John S. Shively, Inc.: Wisconsin. Addr.: 12301 West Wirth St, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222. Tel.: 414-259-5333. Web: www.briggsandstratton.com.															

We're cautiously optimistic that fiscal 2007 (year ends July 1st) will be a better year for Briggs & Stratton's Engine group. In fiscal 2006, the company had to deal with tough fiscal 2005 sales comparisons. Importantly, mass merchandisers, such as Home Depot and Walmart, with a wary eye on consumer spending, became cautious regarding their purchases of lawn & garden equipment. The retailers endeavored to work down their inventories and changed their shelf mix in favor of lower-priced equipment. B&S implemented a price hike to reflect value-added features and cover higher materials and labor costs, before the spring selling season. That hike was not all that well received. Given the market situation, management carefully cut production. At this juncture, the retailers have not yet developed restocking plans for the 2007 season, which determines upcoming small gasoline engine orders from the OEMs. Still, we believe that the market focus will begin to shift back to better margined products. B&S is trimming staff and improving purchasing and operating efficiency to shore up profitability.

The Power Products division ought to turn in a respectable performance, as well. In recent years, stormy weather across the U.S. has lifted demand for portable generators. We expect the positive current sales trend of B&S's product offerings to stay in place, at least through the end of this fiscal year. Too, pressure washer sales should start to firm up — thanks to improving store placement — after weakness experienced in fiscal 2006. **B&S stock is not timely.** There is a reasonably good chance that business at both the Engine and Power Products segments will increase this fiscal year, but this is by no means assured. And raw material and employee benefit expenses likely will pressure margins. Operating efficiency measures, product surcharges (as opposed to price hikes), the transfer of some production to more economical offshore locations, and recent common stock buybacks should all lend notable support to share net going forward. The stock's total-return potential to 2009-2011 is above average. Even so, there's no rush to begin rebuilding a stake here.

Fiscal Year Ends	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Sep.	Per.	Dec.	Mar.	
2003	236.5	352.6	560.4	508.1	1657.6
2004	331.4	416.0	654.7	545.3	1947.4
2005	439.0	503.7	840.5	871.7	2654.9
2006	511.7	574.3	800.2	663.8	2550
2007	515	580	830	725	2650

Fiscal Year Ends	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{ABF}				Full Fiscal Year
	Sep.	Per.	Dec.	Mar.	
2003	d.16	.27	.91	.70	1.75
2004	.09	.44	1.44	.80	2.77
2005	.10	.52	1.18	.98	2.76
2006	.01	.42	1.16	.31	1.90
2007	.08	.47	1.20	.85	2.60

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^{DC}				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.16	.32	--	.16	.64
2003	.16	.32	--	.165	.65
2004	.165	.33	--	.17	.67
2005	.17	.34	--	.22	.73
2006	.22	.44	--	--	--

(A) Fiscal year ending the Sunday nearest last day in June. (B) Diluted earnings. Excludes net nonrecurring gains/(losses) in '89, (50c); '94, (\$1.07); '00, 44c; 1Q, '05, (13c); 2Q, '05, (38c); 3Q, '05, 38c; 1Q, '06, 8c. Incl. early retirement program charge in '97, 80c; '02, 24c. Next earnings report due in mid-Oct. (C) Div'ds hist. paid in early Jan., Apr., June, Oct. ■ Div'd reinvestment plan. (D) Incl. intang. assets in '05, \$6.74/sh. (E) In mill., adj'd for splits. (F) Quarters may not add due to dilutive effects of convert. debt.

Company's Financial Strength B+
Stock's Price Stability 70
Price Growth Persistence 50
Earnings Predictability 45

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BRUNSWICK CORP. NYSE-BC RECENT PRICE **28.52** P/E RATIO **11.4** (Trailing: 9.4 Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.67** DIV'D YLD **2.1%** VALUE LINE

TIMELINESS 5 Lowered 2/3/06	High: 24.0	25.9	37.0	35.7	30.0	22.1	25.0	30.0	32.1	49.8	49.8	42.8	Target Price Range		
SAFETY 3 New 7/27/90	Low: 16.4	17.3	23.1	12.0	18.1	14.8	14.0	18.3	16.3	31.3	35.0	27.1	2009	2010	2011
TECHNICAL 3 Lowered 8/11/06	LEGENDS — 9.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh ... Relative Price Strength Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession														
BETA 1.20 (1.00 = Market)	160 120 100 80 60 50 40 30 20 15														



2009-11 PROJECTIONS																	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
High	60	(+110%)	21%														Sales per sh	74.15
Low	40	(+40%)	10%														"Cash Flow" per sh	6.05
Insider Decisions																	Earnings per sh ^A	4.00
Institutional Decisions																	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.68
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06																	Cap'l Spending per sh	2.65
Total Debt \$723.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$3.6 mill.																	Book Value per sh ^C	34.45
LT Debt \$722.6 mill. LT Interest \$53.2 mill.																	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	90.00
(Total interest coverage: 9.2x) (26% of Cap'l)																	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	12.0
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$43.5 mill.																	Relative P/E Ratio	.80
Pension Assets 12/05-\$931.8 mill. Oblig. \$1051.0 mill.																	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.4%
Pfd Stock None																		
Common Shrs 92,728,141 shares as of 7/28/06																		
MARKET CAP: \$2.6 billion (Mid Cap)																		

1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002 ^E	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007		
28.06	23.57	21.65	23.17	28.29	31.07	32.10	36.76	38.48	46.66	43.64	38.39	41.17	44.81	54.01	61.93	61.85	64.80	Sales (\$mill)	6675
2.03	1.50	1.64	1.81	2.61	2.85	3.20	3.73	3.70	4.30	4.48	2.79	3.28	4.41	5.05	4.20	4.60	4.60	Operating Margin	11.5%
.38	.00	.43	.57	1.35	1.65	1.88	2.14	2.14	2.41	2.73	.96	1.14	1.65	2.77	3.25	2.50	2.75	Depreciation (\$mill)	185
.44	.44	.44	.44	.44	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.60	.60	.60	.60	Net Profit (\$mill)	360
1.00	.91	.93	1.01	1.10	1.25	1.73	1.92	1.93	2.16	1.79	1.27	1.25	1.73	1.77	2.44	2.15	2.35	Income Tax Rate	31.0%
9.33	8.79	8.65	8.44	9.54	10.65	12.16	13.22	12.79	14.16	12.22	12.65	12.22	14.36	17.68	20.69	23.90	25.60	Net Profit Margin	5.4%
88.30	88.60	95.13	95.26	95.45	97.90	98.47	99.48	102.54	91.81	87.34	87.80	90.16	92.13	96.83	95.66	92.50	90.00	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	1010
30.7	--	34.3	26.6	15.8	12.2	12.0	14.2	11.6	9.9	6.8	21.5	21.0	14.8	14.9	13.3	13.3	13.3	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	725
2.28	--	2.08	1.57	1.04	.82	.75	.82	.60	.56	.44	1.10	1.15	.84	.79	.71	.71	.71	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	2305
3.8%	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%	2.1%	2.5%	2.2%	1.6%	2.0%	2.1%	2.7%	2.4%	2.1%	2.0%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	Return on Total Cap'l	10.0%
BUSINESS: Brunswick Corp. is one of the largest U.S. makers of leisure and recreational products. Lines include Brunswick bowling centers, equipment, billiards; Life Fitness, Parabody, Hammer Strength exercise equipment; Sea Ray, Bayliner, Boston Whaler boats; Mercury, Mariner, MerCruiser engines. Divested outdoor products group in 2001 and 2002. Foreign: 35% of '05 sales. '05																			

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh)																
Sales	7.0%	4.5%	5.5%																
"Cash Flow"	6.0%	0.5%	6.0%																
Earnings	8.0%	1.0%	7.5%																
Dividends	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%																
Book Value	6.5%	6.0%	12.0%																

Brunswick shares have sold off markedly since our May review. The company earned \$0.93 per share during the June quarter, which was in line with its guided share-net range of \$0.90-\$0.97. However, the outlook for the back half of this year is more pessimistic. Retail demand for marine products has waned in recent weeks, which has resulted in increased inventories in the distribution channel. As a result, Brunswick will cut production levels in order to adapt to the decline in demand. Thus, reduced revenues, coupled with lower absorption of fixed overhead costs, will result in lower share earnings for the year. That said, we have cut our 2006 earnings outlook for Brunswick by \$0.70, to \$2.50 per share. **We have also scaled back our expectation for next year.** It will likely take quite some time for these inventory issues to be ironed out and, therefore, we are more cautious toward our 2007 outlook. We target share net of \$2.75, a \$0.90 reduction from our call three months ago. On the other hand, we believe that the fitness segment will continue to post solid results, thanks to the ongoing expansion of health clubs in both domestic and international markets. What's more, management continues to emphasize cost control in that segment, which should continue to help profitability. We also look for decent growth from the stable bowling & billiard segment going forward.

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	934.5	1071	1036	1087.2	4128.7
2004	1199	1422	1273	1335.3	5229.3
2005	1400.3	1599	1435	1489.5	5923.8
2006	1413.4	1543	1370	1393.6	5720
2007	1410	1520	1395	1505	5830

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.22	.59	.41	.43	1.65
2004	.50	.93	.75	.59	2.77
2005	.64	1.15	.73	.73	3.25
2006	.64	.93	.48	.45	2.50
2007	.70	1.00	.55	.50	2.75

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	--	--	--	.50	.50
2003	--	--	--	.50	.50
2004	--	--	--	.60	.60
2005	--	--	--	.60	.60
2006	--	--	--	.60	.60

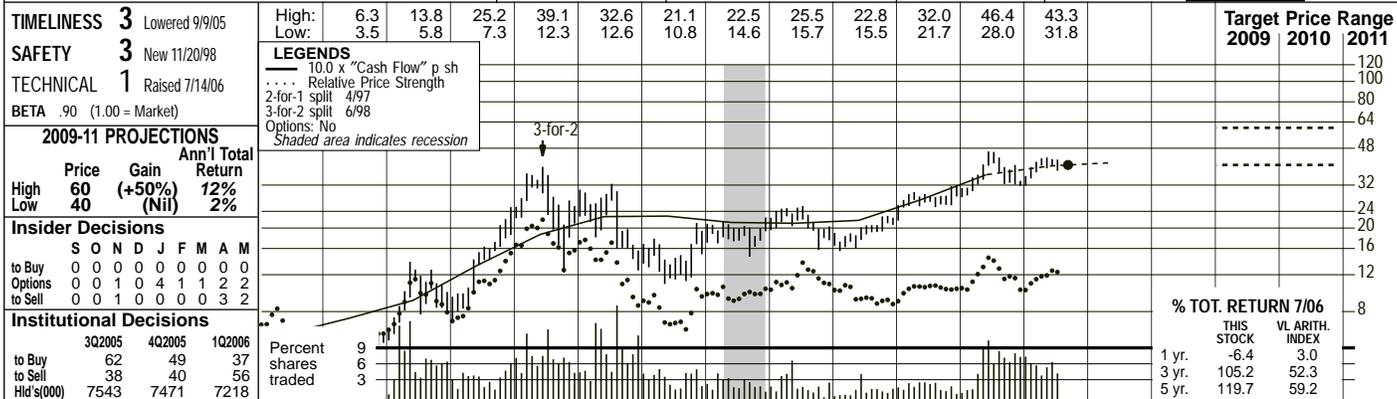
We do not recommend Brunswick shares at this time. Investors are advised to wait for signs of a turnaround in the marine industry before initiating a position here. *Alan G. House* August 18, 2006

(A) Dil. egs. Excl. nonrecur. items: '90, \$0.41; '91, d\$0.27; '92, d\$0.71; '93, d\$0.33; '95, d\$0.33; '97, d\$0.63; '98, d\$0.26; '99, d\$2.00; '00, d\$0.45; '03, d\$0.18; '05, \$0.65. Excl. disc. ops. '00, d\$3.36. Excludes extraordinary losses: '01, \$0.03; '02, \$0.28. Next egs. rpt. early Nov. (B) Beg. in 2002, div'd. paid once a yr. (in Dec). (C) Div'd reinvest. plan avail. (D) Incl. intang. In '05: \$1023.1 mill., \$10.70/sh. (E) In mill. (F) '00 fig. restated to reflect Outdoor Prod. units held for sale as discontinued operations.

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Company's Financial Strength	B++
Stock's Price Stability	60
Price Growth Persistence	45
Earnings Predictability	45

BUCKLE INC. NYSE-BKE RECENT PRICE **39.98** P/E RATIO **15.1** (Trailing: 15.2 Median: 14.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.87** DIV'D YLD **1.9%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB, INC.	09-11
--	--	7.53	6.21	7.07	8.39	9.85	12.37	15.38	18.12	19.30	18.36	19.06	19.68	21.72	25.91	27.20	29.20	Sales per sh ^A	38.90
--	--	.72	.55	.63	.74	.91	1.32	1.87	2.27	2.28	2.13	2.11	2.17	2.75	3.59	3.95	4.10	"Cash Flow" per sh	5.00
--	--	.38	.34	.37	.47	.62	1.05	1.47	1.64	1.63	1.52	1.47	1.56	1.94	2.54	2.65	2.85	Earnings per sh ^{A B}	3.60
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--	--	2.55	2.13	2.52	3.00	3.73	4.98	6.65	7.88	9.52	11.07	12.58	13.85	15.35	15.50	17.10	19.75	Book Value per sh	28.35
--	--	15.00	20.87	20.52	20.54	20.95	21.66	21.97	20.73	20.38	21.12	21.05	21.48	21.69	19.34	19.30	19.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	18.00
--	--	17.7	17.1	13.1	11.5	15.4	14.8	18.7	12.9	9.1	12.5	14.2	12.6	14.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	14.0
--	--	1.07	1.01	.86	.77	.96	.85	.97	.74	.59	.64	.78	.72	.76	.76	.76	.76	Relative P/E Ratio	.95
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CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 4/29/06				2004	2005	4/29/06	BUSINESS: The Buckle, Inc. is a retailer of medium- to higher-priced casual apparel for fashion-conscious young men and women aged 12 to 24. The company operates 346 stores in 38 states throughout the central, northwestern, and southern regions of the U.S. under the names "Buckle" and "The Buckle." The merchandise mix includes denims, casual tops, sweaters, slacks, outerwear, accessories, and shoes. 2005 sales: denim, 43%; tops and sweaters, 30%; shoes, 8%; all other categories, 19%. Has about 6,500 employees, 351 shareholders. Off. and dir. own 58.3% of stock (5/06 Proxy). Chairman: Daniel J. Hirschfeld. CEO & Pres.: Dennis H. Nelson, Inc.: NE. Address: 2407 W. 24th St., Kearney, NE 68845. Tel.: 308 236-8491. Internet: www.buckle.com.												
Total Debt	None			206.4	267.9	337.9	375.5	393.2	387.6	401.1	422.8	470.9	501.1	525	555	Sales (\$mill) ^A	700		
Leases, Uncapitalized	Annual rentals \$33.2 mill.			34.6%	36.9%	37.9%	37.7%	36.3%	36.1%	35.9%	36.9%	36.9%	38.8%	42.0%	41.5%	Gross Margin	39.5%		
No Pension Plan				12.5%	15.3%	17.4%	17.8%	16.0%	15.3%	14.5%	14.5%	16.9%	18.8%	18.5%	18.0%	Operating Margin	17.0%		
Pfd Stock	None			181	203	222	248	274	295	304	316	327	338	351	365	Number of Stores	410		
Common Stock	19,595,389 shs. as of 5/26/06 (Options exercisable: 10.4%) MARKET CAP: \$775 million (Small Cap)			13.6	23.3	34.0	37.4	34.8	32.9	32.1	33.7	43.2	51.9	53.0	57.0	Net Profit (\$mill)	68.0		
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)				37.1%	37.7%	37.2%	37.2%	36.7%	36.9%	36.5%	36.2%	36.3%	37.0%	36.5%	36.5%	Income Tax Rate	37.0%		
Cash Assets	199.4	165.6	157.6	6.6%	8.7%	10.1%	10.0%	8.8%	8.5%	8.0%	8.0%	9.2%	10.4%	10.1%	10.3%	Net Profit Margin	9.7%		
Receivables	1.9	4.8	3.3	54.9	77.9	104.0	107.6	135.9	176.9	143.9	180.2	229.6	200.9	230	255	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	330		
Inventory (FIFO)	68.3	68.7	67.4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Nil	Nil	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil		
Other	5.7	6.9	7.3	78.0	107.9	146.1	163.3	194.1	233.7	264.7	297.6	332.9	299.8	330	375	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	510		
Current Assets	275.3	246.0	235.6	17.5%	21.6%	23.3%	22.9%	17.9%	14.1%	12.1%	11.3%	13.0%	17.3%	16.0%	15.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	13.5%		
Accts Payable	12.7	11.1	16.7	17.5%	21.6%	23.3%	22.9%	17.9%	14.1%	12.1%	11.3%	13.0%	17.3%	16.0%	15.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	9.5%		
Debt Due	--	--	--	17.5%	21.6%	23.3%	22.9%	17.9%	14.1%	12.1%	9.9%	10.1%	13.4%	11.5%	11.0%	Retained to Com Eq	10.0%		
Other	33.0	34.0	19.1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13%	22%	23%	27%	28%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	28%		
Current Liab.	45.7	45.1	35.8																

The Buckle's July-period results probably were unexciting. Comparable-store sales declined in each month of the quarter. Sales of the pivotal gals' denim lines grew at a slower clip than in the prior year. That was mainly reflected in softer junior-size results due to tough comparisons versus the 2005 showing. Denim markdowns were also taken to ensure proper inventory levels for the back-to-school season. Partially counterbalancing this trend was higher unit pricing that resulted from a better product mix, along with higher initial markups. Overall, we now believe second-quarter share profits, which include a \$0.03 charge for expensing stock options, will decline compared to the strong year-earlier period.

We're still looking for better second-half earnings. That's based on the company facing much easier sales comparisons. The improved inventory position may enable it to avoid damaging promotional activity in a season that appears to lack standout styles.

The Buckle has solid financial underpinnings. For starters, it has no debt. The company's liquid balance sheet (the \$8.04-a-share cash balance equals 67% of current assets) allows it to open new stores, spend for capital projects (estimated at \$27.5 million this year), pay dividends, and repurchase shares. (Additionally, the company has another \$2.22 a share in long-term investments.) We think, at the current price, the retailer will nibble at buying the remaining 596,100 shares authorized for repurchase.

The Buckle has a low shrinkage rate. During the last three years, the company's merchandise shrinkage rate was 0.6%, 0.7%, and 0.6%, respectively. This condition is partially responsible for BKE's high net profit margin.

The Buckle caters to the rapidly growing, free-spending teen market, but its current share price limits the 3- to 5-year capital gains potential here. Furthermore, we believe the company would have to accelerate its store opening schedule before institutional investors would accord this well-run business a P/E multiple exceeding that of the median level of stocks reviewed in The Value Line Investment Survey.

Jerome H. Kaplan
August 11, 2006

Fiscal Year Begins	QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.) ^A				Full Fiscal Year
	Apr.Per	Jul.Per	Oct.Per	Jan.Per	
2003	81.7	85.7	121.3	134.1	422.8
2004	94.8	96.8	133.7	145.6	470.9
2005	105.5	104.1	138.1	153.4	501.1
2006	109.6	102.4	148	165	525
2007	115	110	155	175	555

Fiscal Year Begins	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}				Full Fiscal Year
	Apr.Per	Jul.Per	Oct.Per	Jan.Per	
2003	.14	.17	.56	.69	1.56
2004	.27	.24	.67	.76	1.94
2005	.40	.38	.82	.96	2.54
2006	.47	.35	.87	.96	2.65
2007	.50	.40	.93	1.02	2.85

Calendar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	--	--	--	--	--
2003	--	--	.10	.10	.20
2004	.10	.10	.10	.12	.42
2005	.12	.12	.15	.17	.56
2006	.17	.17	.17		

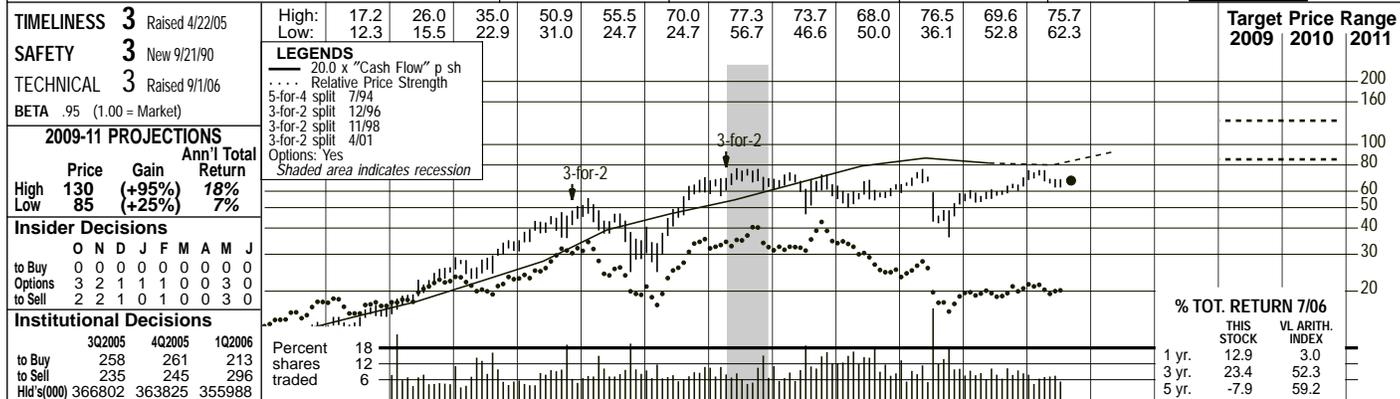
(A) Fiscal year ends on the Saturday closest to January 31st of the following year. (B) Primary earnings through '96, diluted thereafter. Excludes cumulative effect of change in accounting: '00, (\$0.02). Next earnings report due August 17th. (C) Dividend historically paid in late January, April, July, and October. (D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

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Company's Financial Strength		A
Stock's Price Stability		70
Price Growth Persistence		75
Earnings Predictability		85

CARDINAL HEALTH NYSE-CAH RECENT PRICE **67.25** P/E RATIO **19.2** (Trailing: 21.0; Median: 24.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.14** DIV'D YLD **0.5%** VALUE LINE



Year	1990	1991	1992	1993 ^E	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
Price	14.93	20.76	24.40	--	45.35	55.14	41.06	44.68	51.79	52.21	60.57	86.16	99.84	116.68	150.57	175.50	193.90	212.75	Sales per sh ^A	265.25
Gain	.28	.39	.48	--	.63	.75	.89	1.11	1.39	1.96	2.34	2.73	3.28	3.96	4.31	4.09	4.10	4.55	"Cash Flow" per sh	6.40
Return	.24	.30	.36	--	.47	.60	.73	.90	1.13	1.37	1.71	2.07	2.64	3.19	3.56	3.06	3.10	3.65	Earnings per sh ^B	5.45
Options	.01	.02	.02	--	.03	.04	.04	.04	.05	.06	.07	.09	.10	.11	.12	.15	.33	.36	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	.36
to Buy	.14	.11	.07	--	.09	.30	.34	.31	.44	.78	.74	.76	.64	.98	.95	1.34	1.30	1.30	Cap'l Spending per sh	1.30
to Sell	2.44	2.76	3.17	--	2.89	3.87	4.31	5.43	6.51	8.42	9.55	12.12	14.38	17.94	18.46	20.13	20.85	21.45	Book Value per sh	23.80
Hld's(000)	366802	363825	355988																Common Shs Outst'g ^D	410.00
to Buy	19.4	25.0	18.4	--	21.4	22.1	23.3	27.4	30.4	32.2	21.3	30.0	25.9	18.9	17.9	17.1	21.2		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	20.0
to Sell	1.44	1.60	1.12	--	1.40	1.48	1.46	1.58	1.58	1.84	1.38	1.54	1.41	1.08	.95	.90	1.12		Relative P/E Ratio	1.45
Hld's(000)	3.0%	2.0%	3.0%	--	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	1.0%	1.0%	2.0%	2.0%	3.0%	5.0%		Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	.3%

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993 ^E	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11
Total Debt	8862.4	10968	12927	21481	25247	38660	44394	50467	65054	74911	81638	88300	108750	Sales (\$mill) ^A	108750				
LT Debt	3.5%	4.0%	4.2%	5.9%	6.0%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	4.1%	3.4%	3.5%	4.0%	Operating Margin	4.5%					
LT Interest	32.5	51.3	64.3	233.5	245.9	280.6	243.5	265.8	299.2	409.7	410	415	Depreciation (\$mill)	425					
(LT int. earned: 24.2x)	159.7	221.3	282.9	573.9	729.5	942.7	1213.4	1445.1	1563.8	1333.9	1305	1535	Net Profit (\$mill)	2290					
Leases, Uncapitalized	40.7%	40.1%	38.5%	36.6%	36.1%	35.3%	34.1%	33.3%	31.9%	33.7%	32.0%	32.0%	Income Tax Rate	34.0%					
No Defined Benefit Pension Plan	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.7%	2.9%	2.4%	2.7%	2.9%	2.4%	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%	Net Profit Margin	2.1%					
Pfd Stock None	854.1	1094.9	1384.6	2187.6	2609.1	4141.5	5096.2	5935.2	3688.5	3337.7	3403.9	3515	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	3800					
Common Stock 417,677,798 shs. as of 4/30/06.	265.1	277.8	272.6	1223.9	1485.8	1871.0	2207.0	2471.9	2834.7	2319.9	2599.7	2350	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	1900					
MARKET CAP: \$28.1 billion (Large Cap)	930.7	1332.2	1625.2	3463.0	3981.2	5437.1	6393.0	7758.1	7976.3	8593.0	8490.7	8600	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	9775					
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 3/31/06 (\$MILL.)	14.0%	14.3%	15.3%	13.3%	14.4%	14.0%	14.9%	14.7%	14.9%	12.8%	14.0%	15.0%	Return on Total Cap'l	16.5%					
Cash Assets	17.2%	16.6%	17.4%	16.6%	18.3%	17.3%	19.0%	18.6%	19.6%	15.5%	15.0%	16.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	23.5%					
Receivables	16.3%	15.9%	16.7%	14.9%	17.6%	16.7%	18.3%	18.0%	18.9%	14.9%	14.5%	15.5%	Retained to Com Eq	22.5%					
Inventory (LIFO)	5%	4%	4%	10%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	8%	7%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	5%					
Other																			
Current Assets																			
Accts Payable																			
Debt Due																			
Other																			
Current Liab.																			

BUSINESS: Cardinal Health, Inc. is a leading provider of products and services for the healthcare ind. Sales (op. profit) in '05: Pharma Distr. 81% (45%); Med. Prods. & Services, 13% (29%); Pharma Svcs. 4% (14%); Automation, 2% (12%). Operates distrib. ctrs. serving the cont'l U.S. Acq'd Whitmire Distrib., 2/94; Humiston-Keeling & Behrens, 7/94; Medicine Shoppes, 11/95; Pyxis, 5/96; Owen Health., 3/97; R.P. Scherer, 8/98; Allegiance Corp., 2/99; Bergen Bruns., 8/00; Bindley Western, 2/01. '05 depr. rate: 8.8%. Has 55,000 empl. FMR Co. owns 11.6% of common; Dodge & Cox, 8.2%; Off. & dir., 2.0% (9/05 Proxy). President & CEO: R. Kerry Clark, Inc.: OH. Address: 7000 Cardinal Place, Dublin, OH 43017. Tel: 614-757-5000. Internet: www.cardinal-health.com.

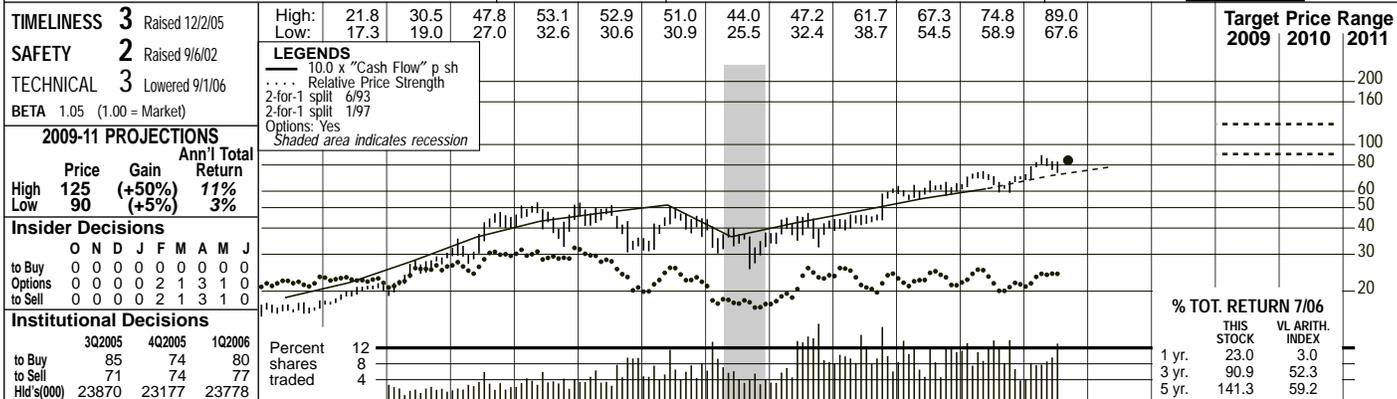
Cardinal Health's fiscal 2006 (year ended June 30th) wasn't particularly inspiring. Indeed, despite a 9% top-line improvement, the company reported only a modest 1% year-over-year earnings advance. CAH's bottom line was tempered by the company's recent adoption of FAS 123R, the new accounting standard for stock-based compensation, which pared about \$0.33 a share from net income. **Prospects for the current fiscal year are much brighter.** Early in calendar 2005, Cardinal introduced the specifics of its three-year overhaul plan, which should help boost annual operating earnings by about \$500 million by fiscal 2008. The first leg of the plan, which focused on reducing CAH's worldwide headcount, has been completed. The second part of the plan is in full swing: it aims to further enhance service to customers through better integration across the company's four segments and continued streamlining and improvement of internal operations. In keeping with management's desire to focus its energy on more lucrative, market-leading products and services, CAH recently sold off its U.K.-based Intercare Pharmaceuti-

Fiscal Year Ends	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Full Fiscal Year
QUARTERLY SALES (\$mill.) ^A						
Sep.30	11417	12706	12837	13507	150467	50467
Dec.31	15388	16351	16392	16923	65054	65054
Mar.31	17796	18555	19103	19457	74911	74911
Jun.30	19373	19919	20638	21708	81638	81638
2007	21025	21615	22095	23565	88300	88300
EARNINGS PER SHARE ^{A B}						
Sep.30	.67	.77	.85	.90	3.19	3.19
Dec.31	.74	.85	1.00	.97	3.56	3.56
Mar.31	.61	.73	.94	.78	3.06	3.06
Jun.30	.63	.75	.85	.87	3.10	3.10
2007	.78	.87	.99	1.01	3.65	3.65
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C						
Mar.31	.025	.025	.025	.025	.10	.10
Jun.30	.025	.03	.03	.03	.12	.12
Sep.30	.03	.03	.03	.03	.12	.12
Dec.31	.03	.03	.03	.06	.15	.15
2007						

cal Distribution unit and its Fort Worth, Texas, manufacturing site. All told, we look for Cardinal to post fiscal 2007 earnings of \$3.65 a share, as its bottom line reap the rewards of the abovementioned operational excellence programs. **Cardinal Health seems to be putting its cash to good use.** Management is committed to distributing up to 50% of operating cash flow to shareholders. As a result, in mid-May, the board of directors approved an increase to the company's quarterly dividend, which now stands at \$0.09 a share. Then, in mid-July, CAH agreed to purchase \$395 million of its common stock in a private transaction with an unaffiliated third party. This buyback is part of a new \$500 million share repurchase program approved by the board late in the final quarter of fiscal 2006. Subsequently, in early August, the board approved an additional \$1.5 billion share repurchase program. **This stock's current quotation may be an attractive entry point for long-term investors,** as it offers solid total-return potential over that period. *Kenneth A. Nugent September 1, 2006*

Company's Financial Strength	A
Stock's Price Stability	60
Price Growth Persistence	60
Earnings Predictability	85

CARLISLE CO'S NYSE-CSL RECENT PRICE **84.00** P/E RATIO **15.2** (Trailing: 17.1; Median: 16.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.90** DIV'D YLD **1.3%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
20.42	16.41	17.27	20.04	22.47	26.85	33.21	41.80	50.28	53.48	58.55	61.11	64.43	68.02	72.10	72.79	80.65	85.50	Sales per sh	103.20
1.50	1.23	1.41	1.61	1.87	2.20	2.79	3.63	4.31	4.74	5.15	3.63	4.23	4.82	5.53	6.15	7.10	7.85	"Cash Flow" per sh	9.35
.72	.60	.79	.92	1.15	1.41	1.80	2.28	2.77	3.12	3.14	1.52	2.37	2.88	3.77	4.29	5.40	6.00	Earnings per sh ^A	7.25
.31	.32	.33	.35	.38	.42	.47	.53	.60	.68	.76	.82	.85	.87	.90	.96	1.04	1.10	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	1.20
.57	.65	.65	.93	1.01	1.22	1.14	1.97	3.18	1.59	1.96	2.13	1.29	1.36	2.34	3.33	3.40	3.80	Cap'l Spending per sh	4.85
6.82	6.23	6.68	7.23	8.04	8.92	10.04	11.57	13.48	15.87	18.11	17.85	18.08	20.39	22.61	24.05	26.75	28.25	Book Value per sh ^C	37.10
30.41	30.51	30.58	30.51	30.83	30.64	30.64	30.16	30.18	30.13	30.25	30.26	30.60	30.99	30.90	30.36	31.00	31.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	31.00
10.9	14.4	13.3	15.8	14.4	13.9	14.0	16.3	16.2	13.6	13.0	23.2	16.9	16.3	16.0	15.7	15.0	15.0	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	15.0
.81	.92	.81	.93	.94	.93	.88	.94	.84	.78	.85	1.19	.92	.93	.85	.84	.85	.84	Relative P/E Ratio	1.00
3.9%	3.7%	3.1%	2.4%	2.3%	2.1%	1.8%	1.4%	1.3%	1.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.1%	1.9%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.5%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06		1017.5	1260.6	1517.5	1611.3	1771.1	1849.5	1971.3	2108.2	2227.6	2209.6	2500	2650	Sales (\$mill)	3200
Total Debt	\$324.5 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$324.5 mill.	12.5%	13.2%	13.0%	13.4%	13.3%	8.7%	9.4%	9.6%	10.7%	11.9%	12.5%	13.0%	Operating Margin	13.0%
LT Debt	\$282.0 mill. LT Interest \$16.0 mill.	29.8	38.8	45.2	47.4	59.5	64.0	57.0	60.4	52.6	53.2	55.0	58.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	65.0
(LT interest earned: 14.0x; Total interest coverage: 13.2x)		55.7	70.7	84.9	95.4	96.2	46.0	72.4	88.9	118.3	133.3	165	185	Net Profit (\$mill)	225
Pension Assets-12/05	\$129.9 mill. Oblig. \$173.2 mill.	39.5%	39.5%	39.5%	38.4%	36.2%	34.9%	34.5%	32.5%	30.5%	31.1%	33.0%	33.0%	Income Tax Rate	33.0%
Pfd Stock	None	5.5%	5.6%	5.6%	5.9%	5.4%	2.5%	3.7%	4.2%	5.3%	6.0%	6.6%	7.0%	Net Profit Margin	7.0%
Common Stock	30,810,444 shares as of 8/1/06	175.2	191.4	223.2	300.6	176.5	279.5	157.2	245.1	294.7	288.5	345	380	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	560
MARKET CAP: \$2.6 billion (Mid Cap)		191.2	209.6	273.5	281.7	281.9	461.7	293.1	294.6	259.6	282.4	270	260	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	250
CURRENT POSITION	2004 2005 6/30/06 (\$MILL.)	307.5	348.8	406.9	478.1	547.9	540.3	631.9	698.5	730.2	830	875	875	Return on Total Cap'l	16.5%
Cash Assets	25.0	38.7	30.3	BUSINESS: Carlisle Companies Inc. is a diversified manufacturing and distribution firm. Construction Materials (39% of '05 sales) includes non-residential roofing systems, coatings and waterproofing. Industrial Components (34%) includes braking products, tire & wheel and cable assemblies. Diversified Components (27%) includes engineered plastic and rubber products, specialty trailers, and food processing equipment. Backlog of \$298.5 mill. at 12/31/05. 2005 depreciation rate: 2.8%. Has about 11,000 employees. Off. & dir. control 7.0% of stock (3/06 Proxy). Chrmn.: Stephen P. Munn. Pres. & CEO: R. McKinnish, Inc.: DE. Address: 13925 Ballantyne Corporate Place, Ste. 400, Charlotte, N.C., 28277. Telephone: 704-501-1100. Internet: www.carlisle.com.											
Receivables	227.4	163.3	265.1	<p>Carlisle continues to post strong results. For the second quarter, the company reported year-over-year revenue growth of 17%, while share net jumped 28%. Organic sales growth accounted for 83% of the increase in revenue, with the remaining increase coming as a result of acquisitions and foreign exchange fluctuations. The construction materials segment remains the primary driver of the expansion, with sales rising 29%, due to higher volumes of insulation, as well as the division's expanded geographic reach. Total system sales were also robust. The diversified components division also boosted results during the quarter, with revenues here rising 20% from a year ago. This was driven by strong demand from the specialty trailer business and the wire and cable sector. Recent acquisitions in two brake businesses also boosted results here. We are raising our 2006 top- and bottom-line estimates to \$2.5 billion and \$5.40 per share, respectively. We anticipate continued strength from the construction materials segment, driven by robust growth in the nonresidential construction markets. This segment has also made significant strides in expanding its geographic footprint, as the roofing business continues to perform well due to its penetration of western U.S. markets. Higher raw material and freight costs will put some pressure on earnings, but we expect Carlisle to recover these costs in the coming quarters through higher prices. We also anticipate strength from the diversified components group, as strong demand for specialty trailers and wire and cable products should fuel growth. However, the industrial components group will likely remain a drag on business, as continued weakness in the consumer lawn and garden markets overshadows strength in the commercial lawn markets.</p> <p>At the current quotation, shares of Carlisle offer below-average appreciation potential over the 3- to 5-year period. Over the next six to 12 months, the shares are ranked to mirror the broader markets, as strength from both the construction materials and diversified components groups will be tempered by continued weakness in the industrial components division.</p> <p><i>Jason Dalavagas</i> <i>September 1, 2006</i></p>											
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Current Assets	652.9	661.2	766.6	<p>made significant strides in expanding its geographic footprint, as the roofing business continues to perform well due to its penetration of western U.S. markets. Higher raw material and freight costs will put some pressure on earnings, but we expect Carlisle to recover these costs in the coming quarters through higher prices. We also anticipate strength from the diversified components group, as strong demand for specialty trailers and wire and cable products should fuel growth. However, the industrial components group will likely remain a drag on business, as continued weakness in the consumer lawn and garden markets overshadows strength in the commercial lawn markets.</p> <p>At the current quotation, shares of Carlisle offer below-average appreciation potential over the 3- to 5-year period. Over the next six to 12 months, the shares are ranked to mirror the broader markets, as strength from both the construction materials and diversified components groups will be tempered by continued weakness in the industrial components division.</p> <p><i>Jason Dalavagas</i> <i>September 1, 2006</i></p>											
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Current Liab.	358.2	372.7	390.2	<p>made significant strides in expanding its geographic footprint, as the roofing business continues to perform well due to its penetration of western U.S. markets. Higher raw material and freight costs will put some pressure on earnings, but we expect Carlisle to recover these costs in the coming quarters through higher prices. We also anticipate strength from the diversified components group, as strong demand for specialty trailers and wire and cable products should fuel growth. However, the industrial components group will likely remain a drag on business, as continued weakness in the consumer lawn and garden markets overshadows strength in the commercial lawn markets.</p> <p>At the current quotation, shares of Carlisle offer below-average appreciation potential over the 3- to 5-year period. Over the next six to 12 months, the shares are ranked to mirror the broader markets, as strength from both the construction materials and diversified components groups will be tempered by continued weakness in the industrial components division.</p> <p><i>Jason Dalavagas</i> <i>September 1, 2006</i></p>											

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11	Full Year
of change (per sh)	10.0%	5.5%	8.0%	
Sales	12.0%	5.5%	8.0%	
"Cash Flow"	11.5%	3.0%	12.0%	
Earnings	12.0%	4.0%	15.5%	
Dividends	9.0%	6.0%	5.0%	
Book Value	10.5%	7.0%	12.0%	

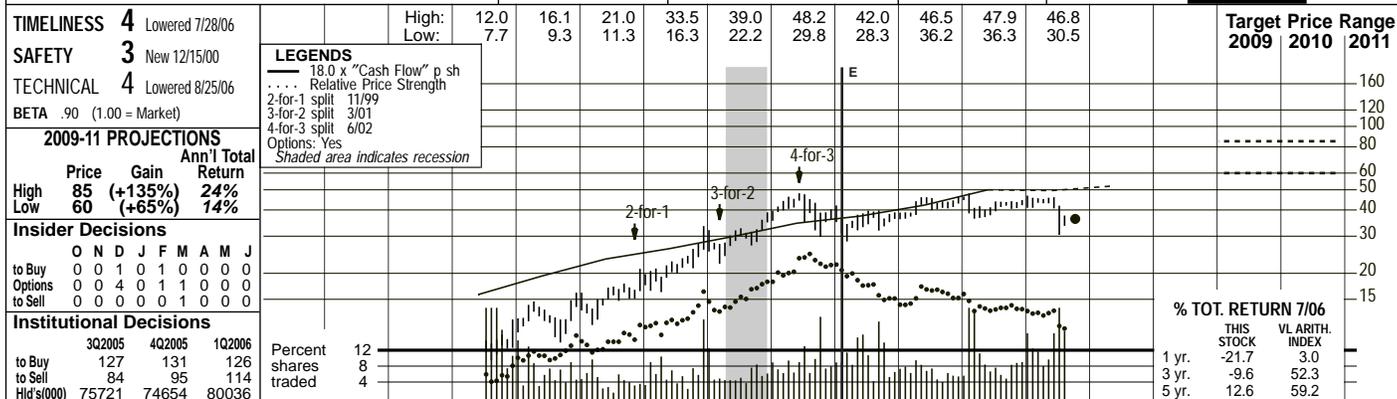
Cal-endar	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	475.8	554.4	549.5	528.5	2108.2
2004	503.2	590.3	585.0	549.1	2227.6
2005	536.4	591.9	547.1	534.2	2209.6
2006	621.1	692.7	611.2	575	2500
2007	670	710	650	620	2650

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.56	.92	.80	.60	2.88
2004	.74	1.30	1.04	.69	3.77
2005	.93	1.38	1.12	.86	4.29
2006	1.16	1.76	1.40	1.08	5.40
2007	1.30	1.90	1.55	1.25	6.00

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.21	.21	.215	.215	.85
2003	.215	.215	.22	.22	.87
2004	.22	.22	.23	.23	.90
2005	.23	.23	.25	.25	.96
2006	.25	.25	.27		

(A) Primary earnings through 1996, diluted thereafter. Excludes extraordinary gains (losses): '91, (.87c); '99, (1c); '01, (.70c); '05, 10c; '06, 14c. Excludes loss from discontinued operations: '04, \$1.23; '05, 87c. Next egs. rpt. due late October. (B) Dividends historically paid in early March, June, September, December. ^DDiv'd. reinvestment plan avail. (C) Includes intangibles. In 2005: \$331.3 million, \$10.91/share. (D) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

CHOICEPOINT INC. NYSE-CPS RECENT PRICE **36.25** P/E RATIO **20.8** (Trailing: 22.0 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.22** DIV'D YLD **Nil** VALUE LINE



ChoicePoint Inc., a Georgia corporation, was created through the combination of businesses that constituted the Insurance Services Group of Equifax Inc. ChoicePoint became a separately traded public entity when it was spun off in August of 1997 in the form of a stock dividend. Each Equifax shareholder received one share of ChoicePoint for every 10 shares of Equifax common stock.	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC. 09-11	
	--	7.13	6.93	7.28	7.31	7.86	9.26	9.19	10.27	12.21	11.85	13.35	Revenues per sh	17.50
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06 Total Debt \$196.8 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$196.8 mill. LT Debt \$95.0 mill. LT Interest \$10 mill. (17% of Cap'l) Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$24.1 mill.	--	.88	1.08	1.30	1.45	1.66	1.92	2.08	2.34	2.77	2.75	2.90	"Cash Flow" per sh	3.95
	--	.40	.54	.64	.77	.95	1.33	1.42	1.62	1.78	1.70	1.90	Earnings per sh A	2.90
No Defined Pension Plan Common Stock 84,964,415 shs.	--	.34	.23	.23	.18	.23	.23	.24	.32	.33	.45	.45	Cap'l Spending per sh B	.45
	--	2.18	2.72	3.43	4.94	5.81	7.28	9.13	11.00	11.78	14.55	17.10	Book Value per sh B	26.90
MARKET CAP: \$3.1 billion (Mid Cap)	--	58.56	58.64	59.08	81.15	83.43	85.49	86.56	89.43	86.63	82.00	81.00	Common Shs Outst'g C	78.00
	--	24.4	23.3	24.0	28.4	31.3	30.5	25.2	25.8	23.4	20.5	20.5	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	25.0
CURRENT POSITION 2004 2005 6/30/06 (\$MILL.)	--	1.41	1.21	1.37	1.85	1.60	1.67	1.44	1.36	1.25	--	--	Relative P/E Ratio	1.65
	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	Nil
Cash Assets	366.5	417.3	406.5	430.1	593.5	656.0	791.6	795.7	918.7	1029.8	970	1080	Revenues (\$mill)	1365
	18.1%	19.2%	23.7%	27.3%	29.1%	31.7%	31.1%	33.0%	33.0%	31.8%	31.5%	32.0%	Operating Margin	33.0%
Receivables	18.7	27.6	31.0	37.9	53.6	59.5	45.8	53.1	61.3	76.7	70.0	75.0	Depreciation (\$mill)	75.0
Other	23.3	23.9	32.1	38.8	64.4	79.2	118.7	126.9	148.0	163.6	145	160	Net Profit (\$mill)	235
Current Assets	43.2%	47.7%	44.0%	43.4%	40.0%	42.6%	38.4%	38.5%	38.1%	36.0%	38.0%	38.0%	Income Tax Rate	38.0%
Accts Payable	6.4%	5.7%	7.9%	9.0%	10.9%	12.1%	15.0%	16.0%	16.1%	15.5%	14.9%	14.8%	Net Profit Margin	17.2%
Debt Due	46.9	68.9	18.6	67.4	72.0	d72.0	2.6	25.5	d5.3	1.6	120	250	Working Cap'l (\$mill)	800
Other	1.1	95.5	191.7	187.2	141.6	2.4	97.1	1.8	.0	80.0	100	50.0	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	300
Current Liab.	196.3	127.7	159.6	202.9	401.1	484.8	622.6	790.5	983.7	1020.9	1195	1385	Shr. Equity (\$mill)	2100
	11.9%	12.2%	10.1%	11.4%	12.9%	16.3%	17.0%	16.2%	15.2%	15.0%	11.5%	10.5%	Return on Total Cap'l	9.5%
	11.9%	18.7%	20.1%	19.1%	16.1%	16.3%	19.1%	16.1%	15.0%	16.0%	12.0%	11.5%	Return on Shr. Equity	11.0%
	11.9%	18.7%	20.1%	19.1%	16.1%	16.3%	19.1%	16.1%	15.0%	16.0%	12.0%	11.5%	Retained to Com Eq	11.0%
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BUSINESS: ChoicePoint Inc. provides decision-making intelligence, including risk management and fraud prevention to businesses, government agencies, and individuals. Its businesses are focused on four primary markets - Insurance Services, Business Services, Gov. Services, and Marketing Services. Sold Osborn Grp. (8/01); Commerical Specialists Assoc. (2/03). 2005 revenue segments: Insurance Services, 40%; Business & Gov. Services, 37%; Marketing Services, 14%; Other, 9%. Has about 5,325 employees. Baron Capital owns 11.7% of common stock; T. Rowe Price, 6.8%; Off./dir. own 8.1% (3/06 proxy). Chrmn. & CEO: Derek Smith. Inc.: GA. Addr.: 1000 Alderman Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30005. Tel.: 770-752-6000. Web: www.choicepointinc.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past 10 Yrs. Past 5 Yrs. Est'd '03-'05 of change (per sh) to '09-'11

Revenues	--	8.0%	9.0%
"Cash Flow"	--	13.5%	8.5%
Earnings	--	20.0%	10.5%
Dividends	--	--	Nil
Book Value	--	23.5%	17.0%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	194.9	199.2	201.5	200.1	795.7
2004	217.2	231.4	237.6	232.5	918.7
2005	252.7	259.4	267.3	250.4	1029.8
2006	236.0	240.8	260	233.2	970
2007	250	260	280	290	1080

EARNINGS PER SHARE A

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2003	.35	.37	.35	.35	1.42
2004	.37	.40	.43	.43	1.62
2005	.44	.44	.46	.44	1.78
2006	.40	.41	.44	.45	1.70
2007	.44	.46	.50	.50	1.90

QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID

Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year
2002					
2003					
2004					
2005					
2006					

NO CASH DIVIDENDS BEING PAID

ChoicePoint recently made the decision to divest three of its businesses, which include its Forensic DNA lab, the Direct Marketing Group, and the EquiSearch operations. Management concluded that these units do not fit well with ChoicePoint's operating model following a companywide strategic review. Due to the pending transactions, which we expect to conclude in the next few quarters, revenues and profits from these businesses are being excluded from our presentation for this year and going forward. **We look for the aforementioned moves to negatively impact earnings by \$0.05-\$0.10 a share this year.** On top of the divestiture, the company will probably face a tough back half of this year owing to softer demand in a few of its more profitable core businesses. A clamp down in hiring at larger corporations will likely impact revenue growth in its background checking business. Also, a struggling housing market has been reducing demand for the company's home insurance services products. In all, we have revised our bottom-line estimate downward by

\$0.20 to \$1.70 a share. However, ChoicePoint's earnings will probably bounce back in 2007. Wider margins, thanks to the absence of the divested units, should more than offset lost revenues next year. Meanwhile, the recent acquisition of Steel Card, which provides software upgrades to the personal lines unit, creates a more efficient system for filing insurance policies. Although the deal will likely have a negligible effect on earnings this year, the company should begin to reap benefits from the software in 2007. Additionally, ChoicePoint announced plans to purchase up to \$625 million in stock, funded with the cash received from the divestitures and possibly the issuance of more debt. **These shares are ranked to underperform the market in the year ahead based on our momentum driven ranking system.** However, the stock has wide appreciation potential out to 2009-2011, due to the recent dip in share-price, solid demand for information services, and likely recovered operating profitability. *Garrett Sussman* *September 8, 2006*

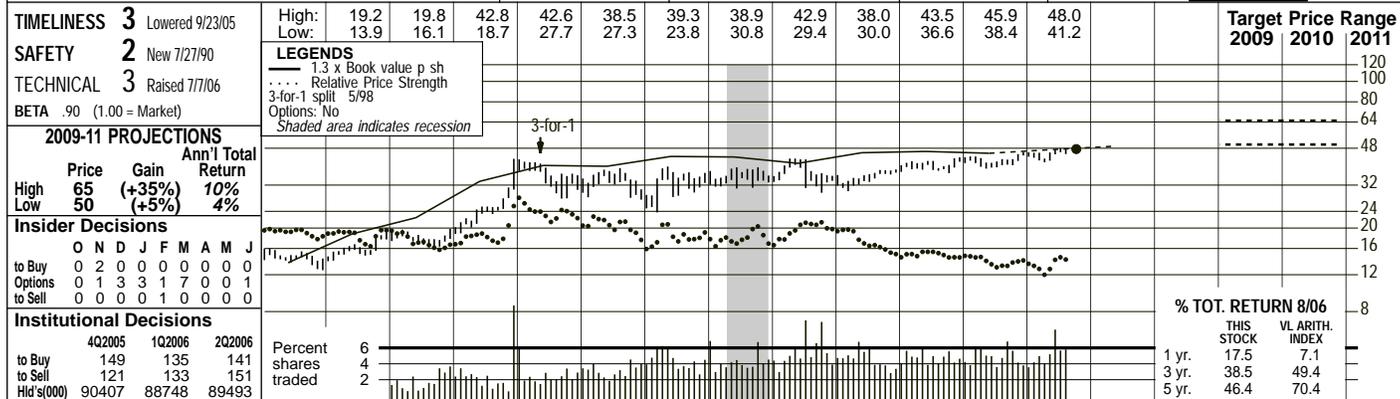
(A) Based on dil'd shs. Excl. nonrec. and dis. op. gain/(losses) per share; '97, (10c); '98, (7c); '99, (1c); '00, (32c); '01, (50c); '02, (32c); '03, (16c); '05, (8c); '06, 3c. May not sum due to rounding. Next egs. rpt. due late October. (B) Incl. intangibles. In '05: \$1020.2 mill, \$11.80/share. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits. (D) Beginning in 2002, income statement adjusted for the gross-up of revenue & expenses.

Company's Financial Strength	B+
Stock's Price Stability	60
Price Growth Persistence	75
Earnings Predictability	90

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CINCINNATI FINCL. NDQ-CINF RECENT PRICE **47.60** P/E RATIO **15.5** (Trailing: 15.8 Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.89** DIV'D YLD **2.9%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
4.61	4.93	5.45	5.95	6.36	6.86	7.43	7.91	8.39	9.28	10.30	11.60	13.39	15.04	16.65	17.57	18.20	18.70	P/C Prem Earned p sh ^A	20.90
.93	1.07	1.20	1.31	1.43	1.63	1.78	1.90	2.00	2.17	2.33	2.36	2.49	2.64	2.81	3.02	3.30	3.50	Investment Inc p sh ^A	4.10
.04	d.12	d.23	1.45	1.49	1.68	1.56	2.21	1.79	d.34	d1.56	d.94	d.61	.02	1.13	1.32	.90	.80	Underwriting Inc p sh ^A	.50
.72	.81	.93	1.08	1.07	1.21	1.19	1.61	1.28	1.38	.66	1.08	1.67	2.17	2.94	3.17	3.05	3.10	Earnings per sh ^B	3.30
.22	.24	.28	.31	.35	.39	.44	.50	.56	.62	.69	.76	.81	.91	1.04	1.21	1.34	1.40	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^C	1.60
5.61	7.97	9.41	10.62	10.55	14.43	17.25	25.67	30.59	30.35	33.80	33.58	31.34	35.17	35.64	34.98	36.40	38.10	Book Value per sh ^F	42.05
179.62	180.81	182.20	183.44	183.85	184.26	184.02	183.77	183.77	178.63	177.38	178.61	178.61	176.40	175.35	174.00	173.00	172.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^D	170.00
128%	122%	138%	151%	137%	111%	104%	97%	117%	110%	96%	105%	117%	99%	112%	120%	112%	120%	Price to Book Value	135%
10.0	12.1	14.0	14.9	13.5	13.3	15.2	15.6	28.0	24.2	48.9	32.7	21.9	16.1	13.5	13.2	13.5	13.2	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	17.0
.74	.77	.85	.88	.89	.89	.95	.90	1.46	1.38	3.18	1.68	1.20	.92	.71	.71	.71	.71	Relative P/E Ratio	1.15
3.1%	2.5%	2.2%	1.9%	2.4%	2.4%	2.5%	2.0%	1.6%	1.9%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.6%	2.5%	2.9%	2.5%	2.9%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	2.8%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06				BUSINESS: Cincinnati Financial Corporation is a holding company. Subsidiaries operate in the following areas: property and casualty insurance (Cincinnati Insurance, Cincinnati Casualty, and Cincinnati Indemnity), life and health insurance (Inter-Ocean Insurance and Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati which merged into Cincinnati Life Insurance Company 2/88), and financial services (CFC Investment Company). 2005 Property/Casualty premium distribution: Commercial lines, 74%; Personal lines, 26%. Has about 4,000 employees. Officers and directors own 10.1% of stock (3/06 Proxy). Chairman, President & CEO: J.J. Schiff, Jr. Incorporated: Ohio. Address: 6200 S. Gilmore Road, Fairfield, Ohio 45014. Telephone: 513-870-2000. Internet: www.cinfin.com.															
Total Debt \$791.0 mill. Due in 5 Yrs Nil				1366.5	1453.5	1542.6	1657.3	1827.6	2071.0	2391.0	2653.0	2919.0	3058.0	3150	3220	3550	P/C Premiums Earned	3550	
LT Debt \$791.0 mill. LT Interest \$52.0 mill.				79.6%	72.6%	79.2%	75.7%	86.5%	80.3%	76.4%	71.1%	63.2%	62.5%	64.5%	65.0%	67.5%	Loss to Prem Earned ^E	67.5%	
(Incl. \$420 mill. 6.9% non-redeemable sr. debts due '28 and \$371 mill. 6.125% sr. notes due '34) (12% of Cap'l)				20.4%	27.4%	20.8%	-3.6%	-14.3%	-27.8%	-14.3%	-8.1%	-4.6%	.1%	6.8%	7.5%	5.0%	4.5%	Expense to Prem Writ ^E	30.0%
Pension Assets-12/05 \$173.0 mill. Oblig. \$235.0 mill.				20.8%	24.1%	21.3%	20.8%	--	12.7%	19.6%	22.5%	26.1%	26.3%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%	Underwriting Margin ^E	2.5%	
Pfd Stock None				223.8	299.4	241.6	254.7	118.4	193.0	300.0	386.0	524.0	562.0	535	545	570	Income Tax Rate	25.0%	
Common Stock 173,224,905 shs. as of 7/25/06				5.2%	4.0%	3.6%	3.8%	3.7%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%	3.9%	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	5.0%	Net Profit (\$mill)	570	
MARKET CAP: \$8.2 billion (Large Cap)				7046	9493	11087	11380	13287	13959	14059	15509	16107	16003	16500	17000	18000	Inv Inc/Total Inv	5.0%	
FINANCIAL POSITION (SMILL.)				3174.1	4717.0	5620.9	5421.3	5995.0	5998.0	5598.0	6204.0	6249.0	6086.0	6300	6550	7150	Total Assets (\$mill)	18000	
Bonds				7.0%	6.3%	4.3%	4.7%	2.0%	3.2%	5.4%	6.2%	8.4%	9.2%	8.5%	8.5%	8.0%	Shr. Equity (\$mill) ^F	7150	
Stocks				4.6%	4.5%	2.5%	2.7%	NMF	1.0%	2.8%	3.7%	5.6%	5.9%	5.0%	4.5%	4.0%	Return on Shr. Equity	8.0%	
Other				35%	30%	41%	43%	101%	68%	47%	40%	34%	36%	43%	44%	48%	Retained to Com Eq	4.0%	
Total Assets				16107	16003	16936											All Div'ds to Net Prof	48%	
Unearned Prems				1539	1559	1634													
Reserves (p/c)				3549	3661	3796													
Other				4770	4697	5441													
Total Liab'ties				9858	9917	10871													

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05
of change (per sh)	10.0%	12.0%	4.0%
Premium Inc	7.0%	5.5%	6.5%
Invest Income	9.5%	20.0%	3.0%
Earnings	11.5%	11.0%	7.5%
Dividends	11.5%	2.0%	3.0%

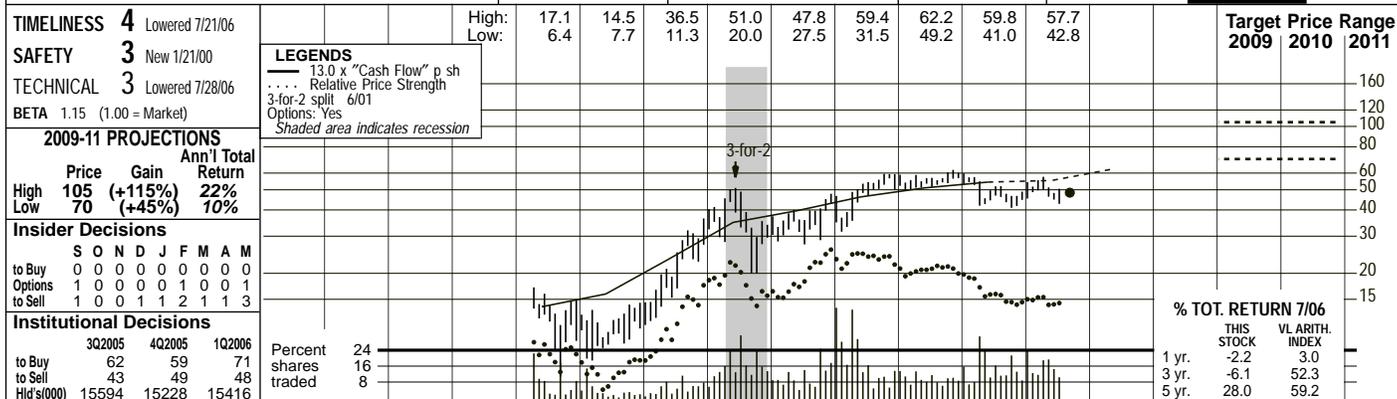
Cal-endar	P/C PREMIUMS EARNED (\$ mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	629	656	678	690	2653
2004	716	717	733	753	2919
2005	753	765	765	775	3058
2006	778	793	786	793	3150
2007	795	805	805	815	3220

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.54	.46	.45	.72	2.17
2004	.79	.67	.53	.94	2.94
2005	.78	.84	.61	.94	3.17
2006	.74	.72	.70	.89	3.05
2007	.76	.74	.71	.89	3.10

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^C				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.19	.202	.202	.202	.80
2003	.202	.227	.227	.227	.88
2004	.227	.250	.262	.262	1.00
2005	.262	.290	.305	.305	1.16
2006	.305	.335	.335		

Cincinnati Financial continues to be hurt by high catastrophe losses. As in the first quarter, June-period earnings were impacted by catastrophe losses that were above normal levels. In fact, such losses constituted eight percentage points of the combined ratio, thereby partially offsetting the solid written premium growth and investment income gains generated during the three-month span. **We're maintaining a guarded view with our earnings expectations for this year.** Written premiums appear to be on track to increase at least 2% in 2006. Much of this growth is likely to be driven by the commercial insurance segment, as new business continues to rise at a solid clip there, notwithstanding competitive market conditions. **The personal insurance line still needs improvement,** however, and is likely to register a decline for the year. Even so, we're encouraged by the steps CINF is taking to turn business around in this segment. Specifically, rates are being adjusted on certain types of coverage and credit scoring is being used in the pricing of automobile and homeowners' policies, which ought to lead to lower pricing for preferred customers. These initiatives should eventually help improve retention trends and boost new business in this unit, while improving underwriting profitability. Meanwhile, **the combined ratio is likely to be under pressure.** Management continues to expect the annual combined ratio to be between 92% and 94%, assuming a two-to-three percentage-point improvement from a favorable loss reserve development. But it noted that catastrophe losses could exceed its original estimate of 4.5 percentage points, given the high-than-expected outlays incurred so far. All told, we still expect the bottom line to recede this year, but look for a modest pickup in 2007 and thereafter, based on a somewhat more stable pricing environment, a respectable uptick in investment income, and a more normal level of catastrophe losses. **That said, this stock is suitable for risk-averse, income-oriented investors,** considering its Above-Average Safety rank, a perfect score for Price Stability, and decent prospects for dividend increases supported by healthy cash flow.

COLUMBIA SPORTSWR NDQ-COLM RECENT PRICE **48.36** P/E RATIO **14.7** (Trailing: 14.5 Median: NMF) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.85** DIV'D YLD **Nil** VALUE LINE



<p>Founded in 1938 and incorporated under Oregon law in 1961, Columbia Sportswear Company has grown from a small, regional hat distributor to a global leader in the active outdoor apparel industry. The company completed an initial public offering of 9,660,000 shares (including an over-allotment option of 1,260,000 shares) of its common stock on April 1, 1998, which net proceeds of approximately \$106.9 million. Goldman, Sachs & Co., NationsBanc Montgomery Securities LLC, and PaineWebber Incorporated were the U.S. underwriters.</p> <p>CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/06 Total Debt \$27.6 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$25.0 mill. LT Debt \$7.4 mill. LT Interest \$.5 mill. (1% of Cap'l)</p> <p>Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$7.2 mill. 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BUSINESS: Columbia Sportswear Company designs, manufactures, markets, and distributes active outdoor apparel, including outerwear (38% of '05 sales), sportswear (39%), rugged footwear (18%), and equipment/accessories (5%). As one of the largest outerwear manufacturers in the world and the leading seller of skiwear in the U.S., the company has developed an international reputation across an expanding product line for quality, performance, functionality, and value. Acq. Mountain Hardware, 3/03. Has 2,712 employees and 209 stockholders. All officers/directors own 63.6% of common (4/06 proxy). Pres. & CEO: Timothy P. Boyle (owns 41.6%). Inc.: Oregon. Addr.: 14375 NW Science Park Dr., Portland, Oregon 97229. Tel.: 503-985-4000. Internet: www.columbia.com.

Columbia Sportswear's operating margin remains under considerable pressure. Second-quarter share net of \$0.13 easily exceeded our estimate of \$0.06, thanks to cost-containment efforts, a shift in closeout sales to the September interim, robust footwear shipments in the U.S., and generally strong demand for Columbia-branded products overseas. But profits still fell on a year-over-year basis, and will likely decline during the second half of 2006. That's because of sizable infrastructure investments, including personnel costs, needed to expand the apparel maker's growing footwear and international businesses. Additionally, heightened competition at home—from aggressive private labels and high-end rivals like Nike, Timberland, and The North Face—is taking a toll on the company's core outerwear operations. These have historically been far more profitable than the newer sportswear and footwear divisions. Indeed, the high-margined domestic outerwear business continues to lose market share, notwithstanding management changes and ongoing initiatives aimed at moving the product line up the fashion ladder.

Long-term prospects still seem solid. Though the outlook for the U.S. outerwear unit is less than bright, gains by the sportswear and footwear categories, which continue to penetrate the department store channel, should support decent top-line advances at home through 2007 and beyond. Plus, international sales ought to remain brisk, owing, in part, to new marketing teams that were recently put to work on the other side of the Atlantic. This will, we think, give margins a needed boost by helping Columbia to leverage its large fixed-expense base.

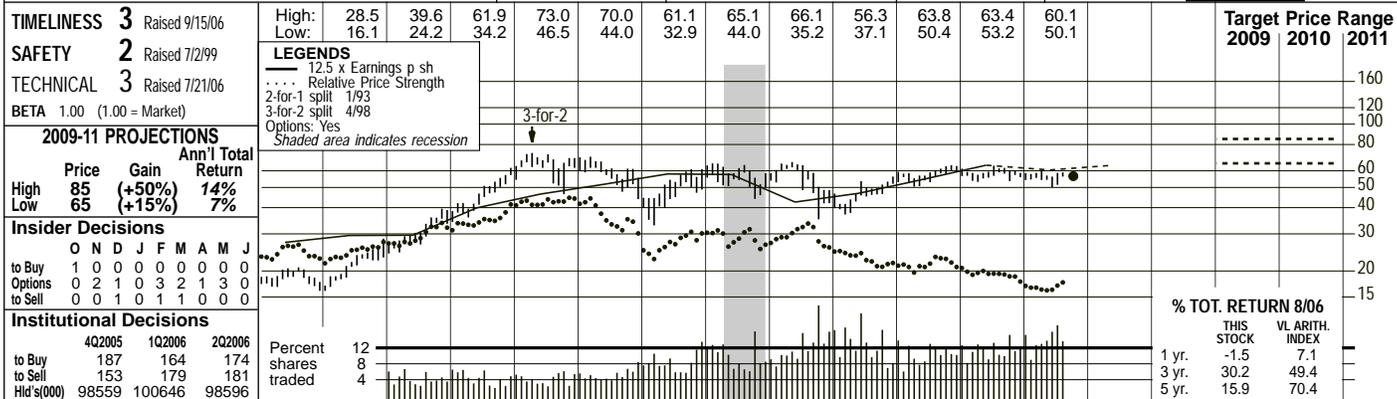
The company maintains a healthy balance sheet (Financial Strength: B++), with little debt and nearly \$240 million in cash. With this in mind, we believe that the firm may well initiate a dividend before too long. In the meantime, Columbia will probably continue to buy back stock and pursue accretive acquisitions.

These shares have good capital gains potential to decade's end. Nonetheless, we advise most investors to avoid this untimely issue until the bottom line returns to a growth mode.

Justin Hellman August 11, 2006

(A) Earnings based on diluted shares outstanding. Excludes nonrecurring gain/(loss): '99, (2¢); '00, 7¢. Next earnings report due in late October.	(B) In millions, adjusted for stock split.	(C) Doesn't sum due to rounding/change in shares outstanding.	<p>Company's Financial Strength B++</p> <p>Stock's Price Stability 50</p> <p>Price Growth Persistence 70</p> <p>Earnings Predictability 80</p>
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COMERICA NYSE-CMA RECENT PRICE **56.68** P/E RATIO **11.6** (Trailing: 11.2; Median: 13.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.66** DIV'D YLD **4.2%** **VALUE LINE**



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
1.65	1.67	1.27	1.90	2.19	2.36	2.37	3.19	3.72	4.14	4.63	4.61	3.40	3.75	4.36	5.11	4.85	5.10	Earnings per sh ^A	6.00
.58	.61	.63	.70	.83	.91	1.01	1.15	1.28	1.44	1.56	1.72	1.88	2.00	2.08	2.20	2.38	2.45	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	2.70
10.05	10.85	11.56	12.66	13.64	15.17	14.77	16.02	19.38	20.51	22.45	27.15	28.31	28.59	28.56	28.35	34.95	37.70	Book Value per sh	48.90
75.01	93.48	172.31	172.31	175.37	171.91	160.21	156.82	157.23	157.23	167.39	177.07	174.78	178.74	178.74	162.90	162.00	160.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	160.00
5.6	8.1	15.5	10.3	8.5	9.0	13.0	14.6	17.3	14.1	10.5	12.3	16.2	12.3	13.2	11.4	10.0	10.0	Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	12.5
4.2	5.2	9.4	6.1	5.6	6.0	8.1	8.4	9.0	8.0	6.8	6.3	8.8	7.0	7.0	6.1	6.1	6.1	Relative P/E Ratio	.95
6.2%	4.5%	3.2%	3.6%	4.4%	4.3%	3.3%	2.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.2%	3.0%	3.4%	4.3%	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	3.3%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06																				Total Assets (\$mill)		66500			
LT Debt \$6087 mill. LT Interest \$160 mill.																				Loans (\$mill)		57000			
Due in 5 Yrs. \$2500 mill.																				Net Interest Inc (\$mill)		2500			
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$79 mill.																				Loan Loss Prov'n (\$mill)		260			
Pension Assets-12/05 \$1093 mill. Oblig. \$1066 mill.																				Noninterest Inc (\$mill)		1400			
Pfd Stock None																				Noninterest Exp (\$mill)		2200			
Common Stock 162,211,468 shares																				Net Profit (\$mill)		980			
MARKET CAP: \$9.2 billion (Large Cap)																				Income Tax Rate		32.0%			
ASSETS(\$Mill.)				2004	2005	6/30/06																	Return on Total Assets		1.45%
Loans				40170	42731	45918																	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)		7000
Funds Sold				--	--	--																	Shr. Equity (\$mill)		7825
Securities				7173	5399	6361																	Shr. Eq. to Total Assets		12.0%
Other Earning				57	59	74																	Loans to Tot Assets		85.5%
Other				4366	4824	4727																	Return on Shr. Equity		12.5%
LIABILITIES(\$Mill.)																				Retained to Com Eq		7.0%			
Deposits				40936	42431	44126																	All Div'ds to Net Prof		44%
Funds Borrowed				193	302	442																			
Long-Term Debt				4286	3961	6087																			
Shr. Equity				5105	5068	5189																			
Other				1246	1251	1236																			
Total				51766	53013	57080																			
Loan Loss Resrv.				673	516	481																			

BUSINESS: Comerica Inc. is a multistate financial services provider and the largest bank in Michigan. Has banking subsidiaries in MI, CA, TX, and FL. Acquired Imperial Bancorp (1/01). Net loan losses, .25% of average loans in '05. Loan loss reserve, 1.19% of gross loans as of 12/31/05; nonperforming assets, 1.13%. Loan portfolio at 12/31/05: commercial, 56%; real estate 31% (comm.-

ANNUAL RATES	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Loans	6.0%	2.5%	8.5%
Earnings	7.5%	1.0%	7.5%
Dividends	10.0%	8.0%	6.0%
Book Value	7.5%	6.5%	14.0%
Total Assets	4.5%	4.0%	5.5%

Cal-endar	LOANS (\$Mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	41768	41662	39833	39499	
2004	39214	39337	39715	40170	
2005	41100	42415	42141	42731	
2006	44267	45918	46400	47000	
2007	47200	47700	48400	49000	

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	1.00	.97	.89	.89	3.75
2004	.92	1.10	1.13	1.21	4.36
2005	1.16	1.28	1.41	1.25	5.10
2006	1.18	1.22	1.20	1.25	4.85
2007	1.20	1.25	1.30	1.35	5.10

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.44	.48	.48	.48	1.88
2003	.48	.50	.50	.50	1.98
2004	.50	.52	.52	.52	2.06
2005	.52	.55	.55	.55	2.17
2006	.59	.59	.59	.59	

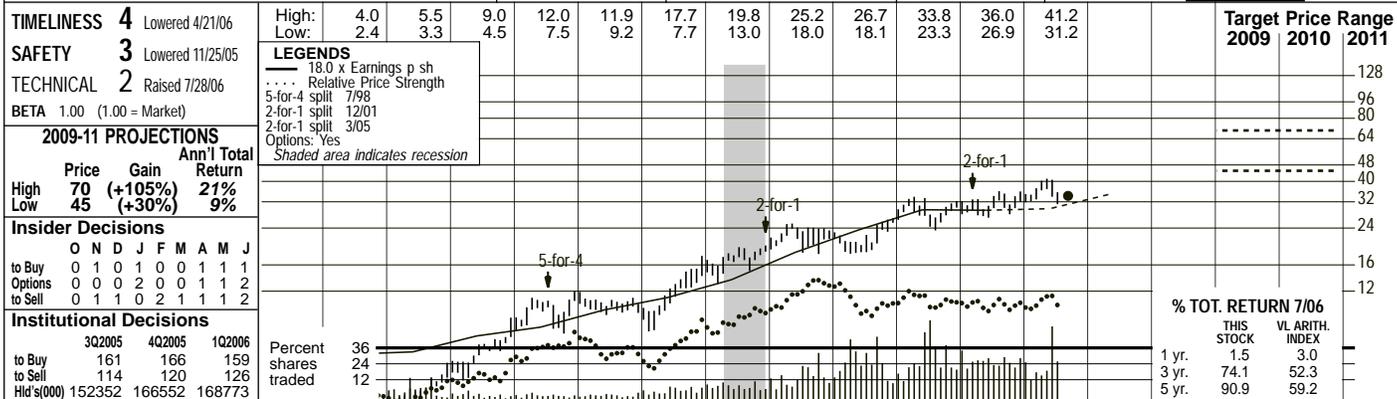
We expect Comerica's earnings to decline about 5% in 2006. Tight competition for deposits and loan business will likely continue to pressure margins. Although loan growth in Texas and California has been trending upward, the company's home market of Michigan has not been as good and will likely get worse over the next few quarters. That said, **Michigan's economy has been solid over the past few months.** Steel production in that area has helped keep the state's economy afloat during the summer months. However, significant cuts in production and employment in the auto industry over the next few quarters bode ill for near-term prospects. Therefore, we look for Comerica's credit quality to gradually deteriorate as the economy in its home market slows. In turn, management will probably have to start raising the loan loss provision, which will also hurt the bottom line. In sum, we don't look for positive year-to-year earnings comparisons until next year. **The company is looking to lessen its exposure to the auto industry.** Notably, about 15% of CMA's total loans are to auto

supplier and auto part companies (about 6% excluding dealer floor plan businesses). Management will continue to look to lessen some of its exposure to this industry by selling some of its loans to brokers and other parties. **Comerica's westward expansion will likely continue.** The company plans to open at least 10 new branches over the next six months. In all, Comerica expects to have about 70 branches in California by the beginning of 2007 versus 55 at the end of 2005. Furthermore, in an effort to compete with some of its competitors in California, the bank is opening 18 locations on Saturdays in certain key areas in that state. **These neutrally ranked shares offer decent total return potential.** The equity has an Above-Average rank for Safety (2) and a healthy dividend yield, along with a long-standing record of annual dividend increases, that income-oriented investors may find appealing. Too, we look for mid single-digit annual earnings growth after this year's estimated lackluster share-net performance. *George Y. Lee* September 22, 2006

(A) Diluted earnings (primary in 1995 and 1996). Excludes nonrecurring loss: '01, 73¢. Next egs. report due mid-October. (B) Dividends historically paid in early January, April, July, and October. (C) In millions, adjusted for splits. **Company's Financial Strength** A **Stock's Price Stability** 85 **Price Growth Persistence** 30 **Earnings Predictability** 75

COMMERCE BANCORP NYSE-CBH

RECENT PRICE **34.10** P/E RATIO **20.7** (Trailing: 22.3 Median: 19.0) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **1.17** DIV'D YLD **1.4%** VALUE LINE



1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	09-11
.09	.14	.21	.27	.36	.33	.34	.41	.45	.54	.62	.76	1.02	1.31	1.63	1.62	1.65	1.95	Earnings per sh ^A	3.25
.11	.06	.06	.07	.09	.10	.11	.14	.21	.21	.24	.28	.30	.33	.38	.44	.48	.50	Div'ds Decl'd per sh ^B	.68
1.52	1.65	1.71	1.95	1.86	2.25	2.24	2.60	2.83	2.94	3.87	4.85	6.77	8.31	10.37	12.86	14.35	15.90	Book Value per sh	22.70
30.26	30.27	43.01	46.73	56.22	68.82	77.75	93.71	106.08	121.34	127.05	131.26	135.67	153.74	160.64	179.50	185.00	185.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	185.00
14.4	7.6	8.1	8.4	7.8	9.4	11.6	15.3	21.5	19.0	18.9	22.7	21.8	16.6	17.9	19.1	<i>Bold figures are Value Line estimates</i>		Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	18.0
1.07	.49	.49	.50	.51	.63	.73	.88	1.12	1.08	1.23	1.16	1.19	.95	.95	1.02			Relative P/E Ratio	1.20
8.6%	5.4%	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%	3.2%	2.7%	2.2%	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.3%	1.4%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.2%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 6/30/06																		Total Assets (\$mill)		94000																			
Total Debt \$2568 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$2568 mill.				2862.0	3939.0	4894.1	6635.8	8296.5	11364	16404	22712	30502	38466	46400	56000	1081.8	1390.0	1905.0	2922.7	3638.6	4516.4	5731.9	7328.5	9319.0	12525	15400	18000	Loans (\$mill)	28800										
Leases, Uncapitalized: Annual rentals \$40.1 mill. No Defined Benefit Pension Plan				108.5	147.1	173.7	244.4	296.9	401.3	572.8	755.9	1017.8	1153.6	1390	1680	3.0	4.7	5.9	9.2	13.9	26.4	33.2	31.9	39.2	19.2	42.0	50.0	Net Interest Inc (\$mill)	2700										
Pfd Stock None Pfd Div'd None				30.0	57.4	89.0	114.6	150.8	196.8	257.5	332.5	375.1	442.8	540	650	94.1	137.9	182.0	252.5	315.4	420.0	579.2	763.4	938.8	1146.4	1400	1700	Noninterest Inc (\$mill)	1050										
Common Stock 186,497,629 shs.				26.6	40.3	49.3	66.0	80.0	103.0	144.8	194.3	273.4	282.9	320	380	26.6	40.3	49.3	66.0	80.0	103.0	144.8	194.3	273.4	282.9	320	380	Noninterest Exp (\$mill)	2700										
MARKET CAP: \$6.4 billion (Large Cap)				35.8%	34.9%	34.1%	32.2%	32.4%	32.1%	33.5%	33.7%	34.1%	34.3%	35.0%	35.0%	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	23.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	Nil	Nil	Income Tax Rate	35.0%									
ASSETS(\$Mill.)				2004	2005	6/30/06	37.8%	35.3%	38.9%	44.0%	43.9%	39.7%	34.9%	32.3%	30.6%	32.6%	33.0%	32.0%	30.6%	32.6%	33.0%	32.0%	30.6%	32.6%	33.0%	32.0%	30.6%	32.6%	33.0%	32.0%	Return on Total Assets	.65%							
LIABILITIES(\$Mill.)				2004	2005	6/30/06	14.7%	16.1%	16.4%	18.5%	16.3%	16.2%	15.8%	15.2%	16.4%	12.3%	12.0%	13.0%	10.5%	10.8%	8.8%	11.9%	10.2%	10.6%	11.4%	11.6%	12.9%	9.1%	9.0%	10.0%	Long-Term Debt (\$mill)	Nil							
Deposits				27658.9	34726.7	38049.8	6.3%	6.4%	6.1%	5.4%	5.9%	5.6%	5.6%	5.6%	5.5%	6.0%	5.5%	29.1	315.8	311.0	291.7	30501.6	38466.0	43436.3	32%	35%	47%	36%	37%	34%	28%	24%	22%	26%	28%	24%	20%	Retained to Com Eq	12.0%
Funds Borrowed				661.2	1106.4	2568.4	32%	35%	47%	36%	37%	34%	28%	24%	22%	26%	28%	24%	22%	26%	28%	24%	22%	26%	28%	24%	22%	26%	28%	24%	All Div'ds to Net Prof	20%							
Long-Term Debt				200.0	--	--	BUSINESS: Commerce Bancorp, Inc. provides personal, commercial, and trust services through its banking subsidiaries, which include Commerce Bank; Commerce Bank/Pennsylvania; and Commerce Bank/Shore. Serves NJ, PA, NY, DE and FL through 373 banking facilities. Retail svcs. include checking, savings, money markets, and CDs. At 12/05: consumer loans: 37% of gross loans; real estate, 18%; commercial, 45%. Net charge-offs: .14% of avg. loans. At 12/05, loan loss reserve: 1.06% of total loans; nonperforming assets: .09%. Has about 10,800 empls. Off. & dir. own 9.7% of stock (4/06 proxy). Chrmn. & Pres.: Vernon W. Hill, II, Inc.: NJ. Addr.: 1701 Route 70 East, Commerce Atrium, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. Tel.: 888-751-9000. Internet: www.commerceonline.com.																																
Net Worth				1665.7	2321.9	2526.4	<p>We have lowered our 2006 share-earnings estimate for Commerce by \$0.20, \$1.65. Second-quarter share net came in \$0.03 below our expectations as rising short-term interest rates and the flat yield curve environment compressed the net interest margin, causing it to decrease 54 basis points from last year, to 3.39%. That said, net interest income still increased 11%, due to a higher level of interest earning assets. Moreover, asset quality was solid as net charge-offs as a percentage of average loans outstanding improved from .09% a year ago, to .06%. Furthermore, the bank made healthy gains in deposits, assets, and loans in the June interim, while nonperforming assets and loans past due 90 days remained relatively stable.</p> <p>Commerce's expansion plans are moving full steam ahead. The bank has a goal of increasing its store base between 15% and 20% annually. For this year, it plans to add between 60 and 65 branches and create 1,800 jobs. The majority of these locations are within the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic region, but Commerce Bancorp also moved into southern Florida</p>																																
Other				315.8	311.0	291.7	<p>last year, and has roughly 30 locations in the state. True, this creates a lot of overhead, but the branches should eventually pay for themselves as volume builds. Earnings are capable of advancing 15%-20% a year out to the end of the decade. Asset, loan, and deposit growth should be around 20% a year as Commerce continues with its expansion strategy. Some margin improvement is essential for the bank to achieve our projections, however. Areas that Commerce doesn't intend to enter are the subprime and syndicated loan markets, which will probably keep asset quality relatively high.</p> <p>We rank this stock to underperform the year-ahead market. The narrow spread between long- and short-term interest rates will probably squeeze the net interest margin and limit earnings gains over the next few quarters. Until then, we believe that the bank will continue its expansion efforts and boost loan and deposit growth. The share price has decreased about 10% since our May review, but the stock does offer wide appreciation potential over the 3- to 5-year pull.</p>																																
Total				30501.6	38466.0	43436.3	<p><i>Randy Shrikishun</i> August 25, 2006</p>																																
Loan Loss Resrv.				135.6	133.7	140.7																																	

ANNUAL RATES of change (per sh)	Past 10 Yrs.	Past 5 Yrs.	Est'd '03-'05 to '09-'11
Loans	15.5%	20.0%	20.0%
Earnings	17.0%	23.0%	16.0%
Dividends	16.0%	12.0%	11.0%
Book Value	18.0%	26.5%	12.0%
Total Assets	16.5%	27.0%	20.5%

Cal-endar	LOANS (\$Mill.)				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	5898	6279	6720	7328	--
2004	7671	8206	8779	9319	--
2005	9837	10547	11151	12525	--
2006	13345	14133	14700	15400	
2007	16200	16800	17400	18000	

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2003	.30	.32	.34	.35	1.31
2004	.38	.40	.42	.43	1.63
2005	.45	.46	.45	.26	1.62
2006	.41	.41	.41	.42	1.65
2007	.43	.47	.50	.55	1.95

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2002	.075	.075	.075	.075	.30
2003	.082	.082	.082	.082	.33
2004	.095	.095	.095	.095	.38
2005	.11	.11	.11	.11	.44
2006	.12	.12	.12		

(A) Diluted earnings. Quarterly earnings may not sum to total due to rounding. Next earnings report due mid-Oct. (B) Dividends historically paid in mid-January, April, July, October. ■ Dividend reinvestment plan available. (C) In millions, adjusted for stock splits.

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Company's Financial Strength		B++
Stock's Price Stability		75
Price Growth Persistence		100
Earnings Predictability		90