

cessors and marketers of chicken, beef, and pork products. Major customers: grocery chains, wholesale clubs, meat distributors, restaurants, and military commissaries. Brands include Tyson, Jimmy Dean, Hillshire Farms, and Ball Park. Acq'd AdvancePierre, 6/17; Hillshire Farms, 8/14. Exports generated 10% of fiscal '24

employees. Tyson Ltd. Partnership controls 99.9% of Class B shrs.; off./dir., 2.0% of Class A shrs.; Vanguard, 12.4%; BlackRock, 9.5% (12/24). Chairman: John Tyson. CEO: Donnie King. Incorporated: DE. Address: 2200 Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, AR 72762-6999. Telephone: 479-290-4000. Internet: www.tyson.com.

Past Est'd '22-'24 **ANNUAL RATES** Past of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. **5 Yrs.** 6.5% to '27-'29 4.5% 8.0% 6.5% Sales "Cash Flow" 5.0% 6.0% 6.0% -5.0% Earnings 21.5% Dividends Book Value 8.5% 9.0% 7.0% 9.0%

9630

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9751

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Fiscal Year Ends			ALES (\$ m Jun.Per	ill.) ^A Sep.Per	Full Fiscal Year
2021	10460	11300	12478	12811	47049
2022	12933	13117	13495	13737	53282
2023	13260	13133	13140	13348	52881
2024	13319	13072	13353	13565	53309
2025	13400	13150	13450	13600	53600
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B				Full
Year Ends				Sep.Per	Fiscal Year
2021	1.94	1.34	2.70	2.30	8.28
2022	2.87	2.29	1.94	1.63	8.73
2023	.85	d.04	.15	.37	1.34
2024	.69	.62	.87	.92	3.10
2025	.85	.80	.95	.95	3.55
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021	.445	.445	.445	.46	1.80
2022	.46	.46	.46	.48	1.86
2023	.48	.48	.48	.49	1.93
2024	.49	.49	.49	.50	1.97
2025					

Tyson Foods produced a strong finish to fiscal 2024 (ended September 28th). Indeed, the leading protein packer continued to gain bottom-line momentum during the latest September quarter, catapulting 149%, to \$0.92 a share, on a modest 2% top-line uptick. The large jump in profitability was driven by improved manufacturing network utilization. Moreover, the company has streamlined its Chicken segment production footprint by shuttering several less-efficient manufacturing plants and debuting high-speed automated facilities in the U.S. throughout the recent fiscal year. These network efficiencies began to pay off at the halfway point of fiscal 2024, after incurring higher start-up costs at the front half of the year. Additionally, strong results in the Prepared Foods unit have been the result of previously rampedup marketing investments made to mitigate competition in the retail channel. These efforts helped to overcome supply challenges in the Beef division that will likely continue to linger in fiscal 2025. Meanwhile, lower costs of sales also supported profits, with particularly lower and transportation expenses, that also supported margins.

We look for earnings to climb about 15% in fiscal 2025, to \$3.55 a share. We look for sales to be only slightly higher when compared to fiscal 2024, due to headwinds in the Beef segment. Meanwhile, Tyson anticipates a noticeable improvement in performance across Prepared Foods unit, through product diversifications that should strengthen its market presence. Overall, Tyson plans to shift its product mix from core proteins to branded value-added offerings, as part of a new branded advertising campaign. The International business should continue to see improvement, reflecting its multi-protein expansion plans. Having a wellknown brand name also helps. These new offerings and enhanced production capabilities ought to strengthen results.

The issue has slipped a notch in Timeliness, to 4 (Below Average). A generous yield is one of this stock's key selling points. However, the issue lacks 3to 5-year appreciation potential at the current juncture.

grain and feed costs and decreased freight Oriatal J. Haiby

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(A) FY ends on the Sat. nearest Sept. 30th. (B) Dil. egs. Excl. net nonrecur. gains/losses: '09, d\$1.50; '12, d32¢; '13, d29¢; '14, d55¢; '15, d26¢; '17, d52¢; '18, \$2.03; '19, 6¢; '20,

8¢; '23. d\$3.21 Next earnings report due mid-February (C) For Class A shs. Div'ds. paid in mid-March, June, Sept., and Dec. Currently pays qtly. (E) In millions.

div'd. of 40.1¢/shr. on Class B shrs. Special div'd of 10¢ paid in '13. (D) Includes intangibles. At 9/30/23, \$46.50/sh.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 80 Price Growth Persistence 30 **Earnings Predictability** 40

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