

companies. Provides design software, Internet-portal services, wireless development platforms, and point-of-location applications for over four million customers. Architecture, Engineering and Con-

less than 1% of stock (5/24 Proxy). CEO: Andrew Anagnost. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 111 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903. Telephone: 415-507-5000. Internet: www.autodesk.com.

Past Est'd '22-'24 **ANNUAL RATES** Past 10 Yrs. 9.5% 13.5% to '28-'30 9.5% of change (per sh) **5 Yrs.** 16.5% Revenues "Cash Flow" 11 5% 10.5% Earnings 18.0% Dividends Book Value Nil -1.0% 15.0%

3341

102

3898

4000

3579

100

4251

4351

3482

242 300

4609

5151

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Fiscal Year Begins	QUAR Apr.30		VENUES (S Oct.31	mill.) A Jan.31	Full Fiscal Year
2022	1170	1237	1280	1318	5005
2023	1269	1345	1414	1469	5497
2024	1417	1505	1570	1639	6131
2025	1590	1650	1680	1720	6640
2026	1730	1790	1820	1860	7200
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B				Full
Year Begins	Apr.30	Jul.31	Oct.31	Jan.31	Fiscal Year
2022	.67	.85	.91	1.35	3.78
2023	.75	1.03	1.12	1.31	4.19
2024	1.16	1.30	1.27	1.40	5.12
2025	1.20	1.35	1.40	1.40	5.35
2026	1.40	1.50	1.55	1.75	6.20
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2021			-		
2022	NO CASH DIVIDENDS				
2023	BEING PAID				
2024					

Autodesk will likely post solid fiscal first-quarter results (ended April **30th).** Revenues probably rose to \$1.6 billion as the company gained from higher demand for its software. Demand remains elevated for its AutoCAD and AutoCAD LT offerings, while the top line ought to gain from its cloud offerings. The Architecture, Engineering, Construction & Operations unit is gaining from good market acceptance. Autodesk has been changing its distribution strategy, which will optimize its functionality and allow for better margins. Still, inflationary pressures likely caused a rise in administrative costs, but the bottom line benefited from lower interest expenses due to a lower total debt load. All told, we think earnings per share reached \$1.20 in the April quarter.

Operational improvement should occur in 2025 as sales climb higher. The has benefiting been from company currency-related tailwinds, which ought to help the top line expand. The optimization of the sales and marketing plan should also benefit operations by better-aligning incentives. On the cost side, we expect these will grow at a slower pace than the

top line. All told, we expect earnings to rise to \$5.35 per share this year.

The company should show considerable profit momentum over the long haul. We think that revenues will continue to rise at a decent clip, as more customers utilize its offerings for construction and engineering purposes. This software is at the top of the market, and more colleges and universities are utilizing it in their engineering courses, suggesting that it is becoming ubiquitous in the field. This will probably boost pricing power. The op-timization of the sales plan ought to reach completion, allowing for more direct sales. We project earnings per share will grow to \$6.20 in 2026 and \$8.00 by 2028-2030.

We expect stock repurchases to be notable here. The company bought back 1.4 million shares for \$414 million in the fourth quarter and stated that it plans to spend between \$1.1 billion and \$1.2 billion on the initiative in fiscal 2025. This should support earnings-per-share growth.

Timely Autodesk shares hold good 3-5-year appreciation potential, to based on strong earnings growth. John E. Seibert III May 2, 2025

(A) Fiscal year ends Jan. 31st of following calendar year. (B) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrec. loss: '12,

2025

not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report | lion, \$22.50/share. due late May. | (D) In millions (C) Includes intangibles. In 2024: \$4.816 bil-

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 55 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 30