

252 1 16%; customer support, 44%; cloud services, 29%; professional 10.0 services, 11%. R&D: 11% of '18 revs. Acquired Global 360, 7/11; renechea. Incorporated: Ontario, Canada. Address: 275 Frank Tompa Drive, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada N2L 0A1. Telephone: 519-888-7111. Internet: www.opentext.com.

1127.0 994.6 875.3 Current Liab. ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '16-'18 Past 10 Yrs. to '21-'23 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Revenues "Cash Flow" 9.0% 17.0% 12.0% 11.5% 12.0% 18.0% Earnings Dividends 19.5% 13.0% 19.0% 10.0% Book Value 16.0% 18 5% 5.5%

182.8 602.1

Debt Due

Other

10.0 682.4

Full Fiscal Year Fiscal Year QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) A Sep.30 Dec. 31 Mar. 31 Jun. 30 Ends 2015 453.8 467.8 447.6 482.7 1851.9 2016 434.5 465.4 440.5 483.8 1824.2 491.7 542.7 593.1 663.6 2291.1 2017 2018 734.4 754.2 2815. 640.7 685.9 740 715 762.8 2885 2019 EARNINGS PER SHARE AB Full Fisca Year Fiscal Year Sep.30 Dec. 31 Mar. 31 Jun. 30 Ends 2015 .27 .30 .96 2016 .17 .36 .29 .35 1.17 2017 .19 .18 .08 .17 .62 2018 .14 .32 .22 .23 .91 2019 .13 .33 .28 .36 1.10 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAIDE Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year 39 2015 087 .10 10 10 2016 .10 .115 .115 .115 .45 2017 .115 .132 .132 .132 .51 2018 .132 .152 .152 .152 .59 2019

Open Text announced it will acquire Liaison Technologies, a cloud-based data integration solutions provider. Open Text is set to pay \$310 million in cash for the business-to-business cloud provider. The deal is expected to wrap up before the end of January, subject to customary closing conditions, and all associated financial data will be disclosed subsequent to closing.

Fiscal 2019 is off to a mediocre start (year began July 1, 2018). First-quarter revenue and earnings both came in below our expectations. Foreign exchange headwinds played a partial role, but we think a quick recovery took place during the recently-ended December period. Recurring sources are fast approaching 80% of total revenue, driven by demand for cloud and maintenance services. Moreover, operating margins are slowly improving (a direct benefit of its \$29 million restructuring program announced last summer), which points to stronger share profits over the back half of fiscal 2019.

Nevertheless, we are modestly scaling back our current fiscal-year top- and **bottom-line forecasts.** We now look for Nicholas P. Patrikis

revenues of \$2.885 billion (down from \$2.925 billion) and earnings of \$1.10 a share (lowered from \$1.25).

Additional acquisitions are probably on tap over the stretch to 2021-2023. Indeed, strategic purchases are one of the main cogs in Open Text's growth wheel, alongside product enhancements and expanding its customer base. The balance sheet is in decent shape (Financial Strength rating: B++), as the company generates sufficient free cash flow from operations and now maintains a leverage ratio just over 40% of total capital. Overall, we expect Open Text to keep the purse strings relatively loose as we head into next decade.

This equity is ranked to move in line with the year-ahead broader market averages. However, long-term business prospects, especially within the cloudfocused information technology space, are promising. The stock price has dipped a bit over the past few months, but capital gains potential is still only average. Therefore, if may be best for patient accounts to remain on the sidelines.

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(A) Fiscal year ends June 30th. All amounts reported in U.S. dollars. (B) Diluted earnings. Excl. nonrecurring gains/(losses): '16, \$3.42. Egs. may not sum due to rounding. Next egs.

report early February. **(C)** Includes intangibles in 2018: \$4876.7 mill., \$18.27/share. **(D)** In millions, adjusted for splits. **(E)** Dividend payment initiated June, 2013. Quarterly payments will

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence