

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '18-'20 to '24-'26 10 Yrs. of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. 15.5% 22.0% 14.5% 20.0% 11.5% 11.5% Sales "Cash Flow" 13.0% Earnings Dividends 23.5% 20.5% . 0.5 % Nil -3.5% Book Value -15.0% -27 5%

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QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2018 9536 2019 2411 2590 2666 2483 10150 2020 2476 3092 3208 2829 11605 13100 2021 3091 3466 3480 3063 2022 3185 3570 3585 3160 13500 EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 Year endar 2018 3.61 4.28 4.50 3.72 16.10 2019 4.05 4.51 5.08 4.25 17.88 2020 3.97 7.10 7.07 5.40 23.53 2021 7.06 8.33 8.07 6.04 29.50 2022 7.40 31.00 8.75 8.45 6.40 **QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID** Cal-Full endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2018 NO CASH DIVIDENDS 2019 2020 **BEING PAID** 2021

cling and wiper/bulb replacement. As of Dec. 31, 2020, operated 5,594 stores in 47 states and 22 in Mexico. Acquired Mayoreo de

We have raised our 2021 share-net estimate for O'Reilly Automotive by **\$1.80.** At \$29.50, our new call represents an increase of 25% over the \$23.53 a share that the autoparts distributor and retailer earned in 2020. Key assumptions include revenues of \$13.1 billion (up 12.9%, year over year) and a 50-basis-point improvement in the net margin (estimated 15.6% versus 2020's 15.1%). With the company buying back \$2 billion worth of stock through the first nine months of 2021 alone, aftertax profit is also being divvied up among fewer shares these days, which is further boosting EPS comparisons.

The DIY business continues to exceed

expectations. Indeed, according to management, parts demand from do-it-yourself mechanics remains surprisingly resilient, even as the expiration of governmentsponsored benefit programs has left many households with less disposable income and as the easing of COVID-19 restrictions has meant more spending options. That said, with automakers in general not able to meet near-term demand due to ongoing supply-chain constraints, the average age of cars on America's roads continues to Missouri. Address: 233 South Patterson, Springfield, Missouri 65802. Telephone: 417-862-6708. Internet: www.oreillyauto.com.

rise, resulting in higher overall spending on vehicle maintenance.

Geographic expansion remains priority in 2022. To wit, the company is on record saying that it expects to open between 175 and 185 new stores this year, versus the 170 or so ribbon cuttings in 2021. Notably, we look for Mexico to be a focus of O'Reilly's expansion efforts. It established a toehold south of the border in 2019, when it acquired Mayoreo de Autopartes y Aceites. Mayasa as it is popularly known recently operated 22 retail outlets under the Orma banner and six distribution centers that, together, serve an estimated 20,000 independent auto repair shops. Importantly, Mexico's vehicle population recently numbered more than 37 million, representing upside of 13% to O'Reilly's long-standing addressable market in the United States.

O'Reilly shares are ranked 3 (Average) for relative year-ahead price performance. What's more, with the stock's strong (43%) run-up in price over the past 12 months, we think that buy-and-hold investors will also do better elsewhere. Nils C. Van Liew January 21, 2022

(A) Next earnings report due early Feb. Earnings may not sum due to rounding. Excludes nonrecurring charges: '10, \$0.14; '11, \$0.11. (B) In millions.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 75 Price Growth Persistence 85 **Earnings Predictability** 100