

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '13-'15 Past of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '19-'21 30.0% 29.0% 34.0% Nil Revenues "Cash Flow" Earnings - -Dividends 21.5% **Book Value**

1424

1925

1809

Current Liab.

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) F				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Year
2013	1458	1813	2016	2585	7872
2014	2502	2910	3203	3851	12466
2015	3543	4042	4501	5841	17928
2016	5382	5900	6300	7418	25000
2017	7200	7800	8400	9600	33000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A F				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun. 30	Sep. 30	Dec. 31	Year
2013	.09	.13	.17	.20	.60
2014	.25	.30	.30	.25	1.10
2015	.18	.25	.31	.55	1.29
2016	.52	.40	.48	.80	2.20
2017	.70	.55	.65	1.00	2.90
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2012					
2013	NO CASH DIVIDENDS				
2014	BEING PAID				
2015					

Shares of Facebook continue to trade higher. The company reported impressive results for the March quarter. The top line increased over 50%, year to year. Share net of \$0.52 was a dramatic improvement from the prior-year tally. Non-GAAP earnings per share advanced over 80%, to \$0.77. Monthly active users grew 15%, year over year, to 1.65 million. Mobile monthly active users increased 21%. Mobile advertising revenue represented about 82% of total ad revenue, up from 73% in the first quarter of 2015.

The board of directors has approved a

proposal to create a new class of nonvoting capital stock. Assuming shareholder approval, Facebook would issue two shares of Class C capital stock as a onetime stock dividend for each outstanding share of its Class A and Class B stock. The motivation here appears to be to allow founder and chief executive Mark Zuckerberg to retain voting power while, over time, giving away a large portion of his stock for charitable purposes.

Strong performance ought to continue in the coming quarters, and we expect that revenues and earnings will

advance considerably in the current year. Growth will probably continue at a good pace from 2017 onward. The company occupies an enviable position in the social networking space, and should experience favorable trends in member engagement in the coming years. We look for strong growth from several different avenues, though mobile advertising will likely remain the most important performance driver in the near term.

This stock is well ranked for yearahead relative price performance. Long-term appreciation potential is above average here. Note that we have substantially raised our 3- to 5-year earnings projection and Target Price Range. This assumes impressive bottom-line growth at Facebook, and that the shares will continue to trade at a premium valuation. Risktolerant subscribers seeking exposure to the social media space may want to take a closer look. Conservative investors can probably find more-suitable choices elsewhere, given the dynamic environment in which the company operates and the equity's rich valuation.

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(A) Diluted earnings. Next earnings report due laté July. (B) In millions.

(E) Includes intangibles. At 3/31/16, \$21,096 (C) Class A stock is entitled to one vote per

share and Class B stock is entitled to ten votes | mill., \$7.38 per share. per share.
(D) Data pro forma.

(F) Totals may not sum due to rounding.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

A+ 20 NMF NMF