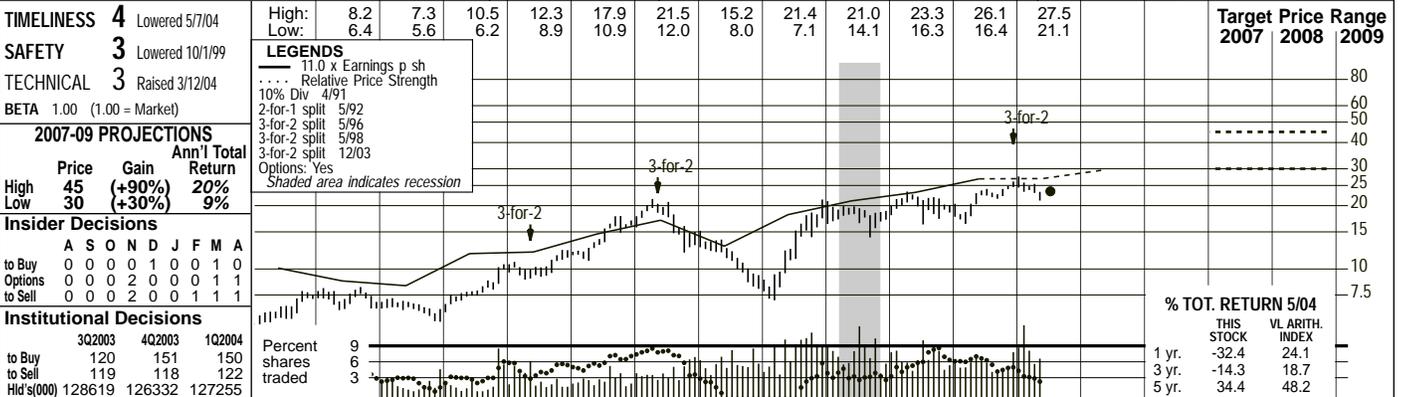


OLD REPUBLIC INT'L NYSE-ORI

RECENT PRICE **23.41** P/E RATIO **9.6** (Trailing: 9.9 Median: 9.5) RELATIVE P/E RATIO **0.52** DIV'D YLD **2.3%** VALUE LINE



1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	© VALUE LINE PUB., INC.	07-09
5.68	5.27	5.68	6.13	6.45	7.12	7.38	7.03	6.95	7.07	7.84	8.55	8.74	10.01	11.80	14.22	15.30	16.50	P/C Prem Earned p sh	19.80
1.22	1.29	1.32	1.38	1.29	1.26	1.31	1.41	1.33	1.31	1.36	1.44	1.54	1.54	1.51	1.54	1.65	1.75	Investment Inc p sh	2.20
d1.74	d1.46	d1.28	d1.29	d1.40	d1.27	d.84	d.57	d.43	d.28	d.61	d1.09	d.40	d.36	d.29	--	.05	.10	Underwriting Inc p sh ^D	.25
.26	.57	.56	.73	.92	.80	.76	1.08	1.09	1.33	1.55	1.17	1.65	1.92	2.11	2.44	2.45	2.70	Earnings per sh ^A	3.25
.09	.10	.10	.11	.12	.13	.14	.15	.22	.22	.26	.33	.37	.39	.42	1.11	.50	.55	Div's Decl'd per sh ^B	.67
3.94	4.30	5.06	6.07	6.34	7.18	7.64	9.06	9.71	10.39	11.52	11.99	13.74	15.60	17.45	19.57	21.50	23.70	Book Value per sh	30.20
141.69	154.11	156.00	158.50	171.09	174.97	173.94	178.07	195.61	207.10	200.10	183.30	177.38	178.47	180.90	181.67	182.00	182.00	Common Shs Outst'g ^C	182.00
73%	78%	62%	71%	100%	101%	86%	88%	106%	137%	149%	95%	93%	117%	117%	110%	Bold figures are Value Line estimates		Price to Book Value	120%
11.3	5.9	5.6	5.9	6.9	9.1	8.7	7.4	9.5	10.7	11.1	9.7	7.8	9.5	9.7	8.8			Avg Ann'l P/E Ratio	11.0
.94	.45	.42	.38	.42	.54	.57	.50	.60	.62	.58	.55	.51	.49	.53	.51			Relative P/E Ratio	.75
3.1%	2.8%	3.2%	2.5%	1.8%	1.8%	2.1%	1.9%	2.1%	1.6%	1.5%	2.9%	2.9%	2.2%	2.1%	5.2%			Avg Ann'l Div'd Yield	1.9%

CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 3/31/04				1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Debt \$137.4 mill. Due in 5 Yrs \$137.4 mill.				1282.9	1251.7	1360.4	1464.6	1568.1	1567.2	1550.3	1786.8	2135.4	2582	2785	3000						
LT Debt \$137.4 mill. LT Interest \$9.0 mill.				58.7%	59.1%	55.3%	53.8%	49.9%	53.0%	49.0%	48.2%	45.7%	42.5%	43.0%	43.0%						
Leases, Uncapitalized Annual rentals \$34.0 mill.				52.1%	48.3%	51.0%	50.2%	57.9%	59.8%	55.6%	55.4%	56.8%	57.5%	57.0%	56.5%						
Pension Assets-12/03 \$175.0 mill.				-10.8%	-7.5%	-6.2%	-4.0%	-7.8%	-12.8%	-4.6%	-3.6%	-2.4%	--	Nil	.5%						
Oblig. \$195.8 mill.				32.4%	32.8%	31.7%	32.3%	31.3%	29.3%	30.7%	31.7%	29.8%	32.3%	32.0%	32.0%						
Pfd Stock None				151.2	212.8	234.8	283.9	323.7	226.8	297.5	346.9	383.8	447.2	450	500						
Common Stock 181,970,003 shs.				6.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.2%	6.1%	5.9%	5.9%	5.3%	4.7%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%						
MARKET CAP: \$4.3 billion (Mid Cap)				6262	6593	6656	6923	7020	6938	7281	7920	8715	9712	10000	10300						
FINANCIAL POSITION (\$MILL.)				1404.7	1685.0	1920.6	2153.2	2305.4	2199.1	2438.7	2784.0	3155.8	3554	3910	4310						
Bonds				10.8%	12.6%	12.2%	13.2%	14.0%	10.3%	12.2%	12.5%	12.2%	12.6%	11.5%	11.5%						
Stocks				8.9%	11.1%	10.1%	11.0%	11.7%	7.5%	9.5%	9.9%	9.8%	6.9%	9.0%	9.0%						
Other				22%	16%	19%	16%	16%	28%	22%	20%	20%	45%	20%	20%						
Total Assets				6262	6593	6656	6923	7020	6938	7281	7920	8715	9712	10000	10300						
Unearned Premiums				1404.7	1685.0	1920.6	2153.2	2305.4	2199.1	2438.7	2784.0	3155.8	3554	3910	4310						
Reserves				10.8%	12.6%	12.2%	13.2%	14.0%	10.3%	12.2%	12.5%	12.2%	12.6%	11.5%	11.5%						
Other				8.9%	11.1%	10.1%	11.0%	11.7%	7.5%	9.5%	9.9%	9.8%	6.9%	9.0%	9.0%						
Total Liab'ties				22%	16%	19%	16%	16%	28%	22%	20%	20%	45%	20%	20%						

BUSINESS: Old Republic International Corp. is a multiple lines insurance holding company. Its subsidiaries market, underwrite, and manage a wide range of specialty and general insurance programs in the property and liability, mortgage guaranty, title, and life and disability insurance fields. Mix of premiums earned as of 12/31/03: general insurance, 54%; title insurance, 28%; mortgage insurance, 16%; life insurance, 2%. The company has approximately 6,645 employees. Officers and directors own 3.7% of common stock; Employees Savings and Stock Ownership Plan, 5.3% (4/04 proxy). Chairman, President & CEO: A.C. Zucaro. Incorporated: Delaware. Address: 307 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60601-5382. Telephone: 312-346-8100. Internet: www.oldrepublic.com.

ANNUAL RATES						Past 10 Yrs.			Past 5 Yrs.			Est'd '01-'03 to '07-'09					
of change (per sh)						5.5%	7.5%	8.5%	5.5%	7.5%	8.5%	5.5%	7.5%	8.5%	5.5%	7.5%	8.5%
Premium Inc						1.5%	2.5%	6.5%	1.5%	2.5%	6.5%	1.5%	2.5%	6.5%	1.5%	2.5%	6.5%
Invest Income						10.0%	10.0%	7.0%	10.0%	10.0%	7.0%	10.0%	10.0%	7.0%	10.0%	10.0%	7.0%
Earnings						13.5%	14.5%	.5%	13.5%	14.5%	.5%	13.5%	14.5%	.5%	13.5%	14.5%	.5%
Dividends						10.5%	10.0%	9.5%	10.5%	10.0%	9.5%	10.5%	10.0%	9.5%	10.5%	10.0%	9.5%
Book Value																	

Cal-endar	NET PREMIUMS EARNED (\$ mill.)					Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2001	406.3	435.6	463.1	481.8	1786.8	
2002	489.0	512.3	549.6	584.5	2135.4	
2003	583.9	621.2	672.8	704.2	2582.1	
2004	660.7	690	710	724.3	2785	
2005	720	745	760	775	3000	

Cal-endar	EARNINGS PER SHARE ^A					Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year	
2001	.47	.51	.46	.48	1.92	
2002	.49	.57	.54	.51	2.11	
2003	.60	.62	.64	.59	2.44	
2004	.52	.61	.65	.67	2.45	
2005	.66	.67	.67	.70	2.70	

Cal-endar	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^B				Full Year
	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	
2000	.087	.093	.093	.093	.37
2001	.093	.10	.10	.10	.39
2002	.10	.107	.107	.107	.42
2003	.107	.113	.113	.78	1.11
2004	.113	.13			

Signs of a slowdown are becoming a bit more apparent at Old Republic. No doubt, the industrywide trend of implementing rate hikes has been benefiting the insurer. In the General Insurance (GI) segment, price adjustments and stiffer underwriting guidelines applied since 2001 have helped to generate solid earnings, contributing nicely to corporate profits. With prices stabilizing lately, premium advances in the GI unit might slow later this year. But the combined ratio should remain healthy, and hence benefit the bottom line. Still, the results in the GI unit probably won't be strong enough to offset weakness in ORI's other divisions, which has become more noticeable recently.

Growth in the Title Insurance segment continues to decelerate. Granted, the Title Insurance (TI) division has enjoyed strong growth over the last couple of years or so, thanks to the low interest rates that have fueled refinancing activity and home purchases. Even in the March period, ORI managed to post respectable premium increases, as a result of a backlog of title-insurance orders from 2003's final quarter. But, with the rise of interest rates looming, we expect the pace to slow.

Performance in the Mortgage Guaranty area could be better. Business has been declining and the loss ratio has been high, due to lofty delinquency rates and the severity of claims, although these trends have stabilized recently. There might be some improvement later this year and more so next year, however, as the employment market (a factor that influences this business) continues to firm.

Our near-term view is cautious. We've reduced our 2004 share-net target by \$0.15. But our 2005 call is little changed, given our belief that the performance of the units will even out somewhat.

Earnings prospects seem decent for the long haul. We doubt the boom of refinancing/home-buying activity will occur again in the next several years. In light of that, we think the TI and MG segments will experience modest growth over the 2007-2009 span. And we envision progress in the GI unit to be moderate, as well.

Overall, these untimely shares are not a standout for the long term, as their appreciation potential is about average.

J. Susan Ferrara June 25, 2004