

248.1 1225.2 708.5 2181.8

158.2 1863.2 458.3 2479.7 Past Est'd '18-'20 to '24-'26 16.0% **5 Yrs.** 18.5% 21.0% 20.5% 21.0% 22.0%

3075.5

3337.6

3070.5

125.3 2106.9

336.9 2569.1

Past

10 Yrs.

20.0%

22.0% 19.5%

**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

Revenues "Cash Flow"

Dividends Book Value

Earnings

**ANNUAL RATES** 

of change (per sh)

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.)E Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar 2018 2659.7 3096.5 3092.0 2973.2 11821.4 3221.7 3332.3 3269.0 2019 2849.7 12672.7 2020 2803.8 2758.6 3620.2 3941.8 13124.3 4343.0 6169.8 6127.8 22650 2021 6009.4 27150 2022 6150 6500 7000 7500 **EARNINGS PER SHARE A** Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2018 2.07 2.44 3.84 2.54 10.86 2.42 2.63 3.64 2.89 11.60 2019 2020 1.97 3.38 6.84 7.02 19.53 9.33 36.00 2021 5.81 10.11 10.75 5.90 10.50 10.20 37.50 2022 10.90 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2018 .29 29 .29 1.14 2019 .29 .29 .30 .30 1.18 2020 .30 .30 .31 .31 1.22 2021 .31 .35 .35 1.36 2022

is a retailer of new and used vehicles and related services. As of 12/31/20, it offered 33 brands of new vehicles and all brands of used vehicles in 210 stores in the U.S. The company sells cars via its web sites: Lithia.com and DCHauto.com. Its largest concentration of dealerships are located in California, Oregon, Texas, and

Lithia Motors' near-term business prospects look promising. Demand for used vehicles is expected to remain high in the coming months. Also, due to the ongoing supply and demand imbalance, average selling prices will likely stay elevated. So far, the company has enjoyed a 24% increase in same-store new vehicle revenue thanks to rising (12%) average selling prices. Moreover, the company is successfully growing its used and new vehicle inventory through acquisitions, which is in line with the growth plan (more below).

Considering the encouraging ninemonth performance, we have raised our share-net estimates. The company is progressing nicely with the growth plan and is upgrading its digital capabilities to win new customers. Although the overall market dynamics remain challenging, higher average selling prices will likely counterbalance softness in the supply of retail units. In all, we have raised our 2021 and 2022 share earnings calls by \$2.50 and \$2.25, to \$36.00 and \$37.50, respectively.

Lithia Motors is on track with its fiveyear plan, but delays are probable. In- Emma Jalees

President & CEO: Bryan B. DeBoer. Chairman: Sidney DeBoer. Officers & directors own less than 1.0% of class A shares; Lithia Holding Company, LLC and Chairman Sidney B. DeBoer together own 100% of the B shares (3/21 Proxy). Addr.: 150 N. Bartlett St. Medford, OR 97501, Tel.: 541-776-6401, Internet: www.lithia.com

vestors may recall that the company aspires to generate \$50 billion in revenues and \$50 per share in earnings by 2025. The auto retailer completed its first year of the plan and acquired nearly 48% of the targeted \$20 billion in revenue through ac-Management continues quisitions. identify accretive deals that can expand Lithia's footprint and support its five-year strategy. We have adopted a conservative 3- to 5-year stance considering the ongoing industrywide supply-chain drawbacks and car shortages, which may hinder aspired top- and bottom-line targets.

Driveway, the digital platform, will likely support its e-commerce channel. Shopping vehicles online should boost the auto retailer's digital sales and improve customer retention. The platform is gaining popularity as indicated by the third quarter's 18% year-over-year gain in same-store online traffic. Also, 25% of total retail units were transacted digitally.

Timely shares of Lithia Motors have above-average long-term capital appreciation potential at the recent quotation.

January 21, 2022

(A) Fully dil. egs. May not sum due to rdg./shs. out. Excludes discontinued ops: '14, \$0.12; '13, \$0.03; '12, \$0.04; '11, \$0.12; '10, (\$0.01); '09, \$0.14. Excl. nonrecurring items: '14, (\$0.05);

'10, (\$0.38); '09, (\$0.20). '17 excl. tax benefit, \$1.31. Next earnings report due late April. (B) Dividends historically paid in late March, (D) in millions. May, August, and November.

(E) 2020 rev. may not sum due to rdg

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B++ 35 Price Growth Persistence 75 **Earnings Predictability** 65

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