

homeowner, municipal, and industrial markets. Has a network of approx. 1,345 rental locations in 49 states, all 10 Canadian provinces, four European countries, Australia, and New Zealand. As of 12/31/21, its rental fleet totaled approx. 780,000 units. Rentals were

and 6,200 salaried employees. Offs./dirs. own 1.0% of common stock (3/22 proxy). Chrmn.: Dr. Jenne Britell. CEO: Matthew Flannery. Inc.: DE. Address: 100 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902. Telephone: 203-622-3131. Internet: www.ur.com

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '19-'21 Past 5 Yrs. 15.0% 17.0% 10 Yrs. 12.5% of change (per sh) to '25-'27 Revenues "Cash Flow" 15.0% 12.5% 18.5% 18.0% Earnings 20.0% Dividends Book Value 29.5% 23.5%

466

704 720

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Cal-	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) B				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	2117	2290	2488	2456	9351
2020	2125	1939	2187	2279	8530
2021	2057	2287	2596	2776	9716
2022	2524	2700	3000	3076	11300
2023	2680	2870	3185	3265	12000
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB Ful				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2019	3.31	4.75	5.96	5.60	19.52
2020	3.35	3.68	5.40	5.04	17.44
2021	3.45	4.66	6.58	7.39	22.06
2022	5.73	6.50	8.60	8.17	29.00
2023	6.45	7.30	9.65	9.20	32.60
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2018					
2019	NO CASH DIVIDENDS				
2020	BEING PAID				
2021					
2022	1				

This year could be one of record demand for the services provided by United Rentals. That was the scenario painted by CEO Matthew Flannery during the equipment leasing giant's first-quarter conference call in late April. Notably, the company's chief executive pointed including several positive factors, sustained post-pandemic rebound several end markets and a strong U.S. economy in general. He also cited broader utilization of rental equipment within key industrial and construction verticals, as users of backhoes and the like come to better appreciate the advantages of leasing versus buying. Against that backdrop, the company raised its near-term outlook. Notably, leadership now sees United Rentals generating revenue of between \$11.10 billion and \$11.50 billion this year, up 14%-18% from 2021's nearly \$9.72 billion tally and nicely above its previous \$10.65 billion-\$11.05 billion target range. Meantime, profitability on an adjusted EBITDA basis is seen jumping 18%–22%, to as much as \$5.4 billion, nicely above the initial expectation of a 12%–17% rise. Equipment leasing demand related to

the multibillion-dollar Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Acts (IIJA) is expected to kick in next year. Leadership recently suggested that there is likely to be few, if any, shovel-ready IIJA projects in 2022. Still, it said that it sees a strong project funnel beginning in 2023, and that United Rentals should "punch above its weight" when it comes to securing IIJArelated business. With that in mind, we have share net rising 12%, to \$32.60, in 2023, on top of a projected 31% bottom-line advance this year.

A greener rental fleet may give United Rentals a leg up on the competition. To that end, it recently ordered 500 of Ford's new battery-electric F-150 Lightning pickup trucks and 30 E-Transit vans. Meantime, new POWERBANK lithium battery packs are expected to replace some of the diesel fuel used by the generators that the company leases.

Shares of United Rentals have sold off sharply of late, amid concerns of a slowing economy. At these levels, we like the issue's long-term recovery potential.

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(A) Diluted earnings. Quarterly figures may not add due to rounding or change in share count. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(charges): '06, (22¢); '07, 49¢; '08, (\$14.89); '09, 14¢; '10, (B) Acquired RSC Holdings on 4/30/12.

(43¢); '11, (49¢); '12, (\$2.97); '13, (\$1.27); '14, (C) On a gross basis. (\$1.76); '17, \$5.14. Next earnings report due (D) In millions.

Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability**

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability B+ 35 85 85