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ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '01-'03 Past 10 Yrs. 9.0% 12.5% 13.5% 5 Yrs. 7.5% 11.0% 12.5% to '07-'09 9.5% of change (per sh) Sales "Cash Flow" 11.5% 12.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 12.0% 16.0% 13.5%

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Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

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Fiscal Year Ends			ALES (\$ m Sep.Per		Full Fiscal Year
2001	8021	8342	8238	8403	33004
2002	8743	9073	9079	9403	36298
2003	9831	10322	10455	11254	41862
2004	11559	11484	11553	12004	46600
2005	12225	12250	12125	12800	49400
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				<u>F</u> ull .
Year Ends	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Fiscal Year
2001	.50	.51	.50	.40	1.91
2002	.59	.60	.60	.44	2.23
2003	.69	.70	.69	.57	2.65
2004	.83	.82	.78	.64	3.07
2005	.90	.89	.85	.71	3.35
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2000	.14	.16	.16	.16	.62
2001	.16	.18	.18	.18	.70
2002	.18	.205	.205	.205	.80
2003	.205	.24	.24	.24	.93
2004	.24	.285	.285		<u> </u>
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Johnson & Johnson is putting forth a surprisingly strong showing this year. The launch of *Cypher*, a drug-eluting stent, helped the company's bottom line surge 21% in 2003. In view of the then-impending launch of a competing product by Boston Scientific, however, we had expected 12 months ago that growth would decelerate markedly in 2004. Indeed, with several important drugs also in danger of competition from generic products, we had anticipated the growth rate about halving. On the contrary, with *Cypher* off to a great debut in Japan, and legal squabbles forestalling generic rivals, share net was 17% ahead of the year-earlier pace with only the final quarter left untallied. J&J topped our (and consensus) estimates in all three quarters. Management recently raised its guidance from \$3.03 to \$3.05-\$3.07, and our final estimate for this year is \$3.07.

We expect earnings growth to slow appreciably in 2005. Sales of Procrit/Eprex dropped 12% (to \$887 million) in the last quarter, and its contributions will probably continue to shrink. As well, Duragesic (pain patch), Sporanox (antifungal), and Concerta (deficit disorder), all of

which helped the company to top year-todate expectations, may well face competi-tion from facsimiles. Recently approved Charite (artificial disc for use in spinal surgeries) will add new revenues, and J&J has other products on the short-term launch pad. Our view, though, is that they'll be insufficient, at least in the near term, to keep the share-net advance from decelerating into single-digits next year. We have added a nickel to our profit estimate, but the \$3.35-a-share figure represents year-to-year growth of only 9%. This top-quality issue is favorably ranked for the year ahead ... Year-over-year bottom-line comparisons have been strong over the past several quarters. The stock price also has solid momentum. ... and we think it deserves consideration for the long haul, as well. In the

current configuration, J&J shares will probably yield decent, risk-adjusted total returns out to late-decade. Important, too, the company has the financial and managerial wherewithal to transfigure its growth profile, through a major (or multiple) acquisition and/or stock repurchases. George Rho December 3, 2004

(A) Year ends on last Sunday of December.
(B) Primary earnings through '96, diluted thereafter. Excludes nonrecurring gains/(losses): '90, 5¢; '92, 23¢; '98, 22¢; '99, 2¢; '01, (7¢);

'02, (7¢); '03: Q2, (30¢). May not sum to total due to rounding. Next earnings report due mid-Jan. (C) Dividends historically paid mid: March, June, Sept., Dec. ■Div'd reinvestment plan

available. **(D)** Incl. intang.: In '03, \$12.2 billion, \$3.91/sh. **(E)** In mill., adj. for stock splits.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 95 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100