

portant product names include, Norvasc (cardiovascular); Zoloft (antidepressant); Zithromax (antibiotic); Lipitor (cholesterol); Aricept (Alzheimer's); Cardura (cardiovascular); Diflucan (antifungal); Zyrtec (antihistamine); Viagra (impotence); Celebrex/Bextra (rheu-

yrs. Has about 122,000 employees, 147,000 stockholders. Directors/Officers own less than 1% of stock (3/04 proxy). Chairman & Chief Executive Officer: Henry McKinnell. Inc.: Delaware. Address: 235 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017. Tel.: 212-573-2323.

**ANNUAL RATES** Est'd '01-'03 Past Past 10 Yrs. 11.5% 5 Yrs. 11.0% to '07-'09 10.0% of change (per sh) Sales "Cash Flow" 18.0% 19.0% 20.5% 21.5% 15.0% 13.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value 15.5% 15.5% 18.0% 19.0% 13.0% 15.0%

24781

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8669 8266

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**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab.

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Cal- endar	QUA Mar.31	RTERLY S Jun.30	ALES (\$ r Sep.30		Full Year
2001	7645	7686	7898	9030	32259
2002	7747	7296	7996	9334	32373
2003	8525	9993	12504	14166	45188
2004	12487	12274	12831	14148	51740
2005	12950	12800	13600	14950	54300
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AF				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2001	.33	.30	.34	.34	1.31
2002	.38	.31	.38	.46	1.53
2003	.45	.30	.47	.53	1.75
2004	.52	.47	.55	.59	2.13
2005	.55	.51	.55	.64	2.25
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2001	.11	.11	.11	.11	.44
2002	.13	.13	.13	.13	.52
2003	.15	.15	.15	.15	.60
2004	.17	.17	.17	.17	.68
2005	1				1

Some perspective is required in assessing Pfizer's important Cox II pain relievers. The company's stock peaked in 1999, lifted by euphoria over its impotence drug Viagra, with some on Wall Street predicting annual sales of \$12 billion. It has been sliding ever since, however, hurt by a myriad of industry- and company-specific concerns. Among the latter are forthcoming patent expirations, ongoing patent-related court battles, and the drugmaker's gigantic, growth-inhibiting, size. All of these are legitimate worries, but we think Pfizer, considering its deep newdrug pipeline and top-notch finances, will be able to keep the bottom line ascending to decade's end, albeit not at the pace typical in recent history. That said, if the company were to follow Merck's lead and took Celebrex and Bextra off the market, as the stock's recent price action might suggest, earnings growth could prove elusive.

Only one study has linked Celebrex to higher cardiovascular risk. This is the 2.000-patient APC cancer study, which showed increased risk of strokes and cardiac arrests in both the 400 mg and 800 mg doses, compared with placebo; it fueled

massive media coverage in late December and drove the FDA to issue a cautionary note. To provide some context, the raw numbers were 6, 15, 20 for placebo, 400, and 800, respectively, representing a risk factor of .9%, 2.2%, and 3.3%

The preponderance of the evidence shows no such association. The 1,500 patient PreSAP cancer study, which was reviewed by the same independent board that looked at APC, actually showed a slightly lower risk of CV events with the 400 mg dose, compared with placebo. Another NIH clinical trial recently came to the same conclusion, while also finding that Naproxen, a non-prescription pain reliever, increased CV events. These two studies support a decade's worth of clinical data demonstrating Celebrex's safety. We would point out, too, that most prescriptions are for 100 and 200 mg doses. On a final note, the Cox II drugs have shown some efficacy in preventing colon cancer.

We think the upside potential of this blue chip far outweighs the risks. An FDA meeting to discuss all the pain relievers is slated for mid-February. January 21, 2005 George Rho

(A) Based on avg. shares out. Excl. non-rec. gains (losses): '91, (10¢); '92, (14¢); '93, (27¢); '98, 18¢; '99, (5¢); '00, (43¢); '01, (11¢); '02, (7¢); '03, (\$1.21) Next egs. rpt. due late Apr.

(C) Incl. intang. In '03: \$58.7 bill., \$7.69/sh. (D) In mill., adj'd for stock splits.

(B) Dividends historically paid in mid-Mar., Jun, Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan available. | (E) Warner-Lambert, acqd. 6/00, is included in Sept., and Dec. ■ Div'd reinvest. plan available. | historical data starting in 2000's first quarter. (F) Pharmacia acquired 4/03, and included from second quarter.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 90 Price Growth Persistence 70 **Earnings Predictability** 100