

hospital products, consumer products, and animal health lines. Important 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-

R&D, 15.8%. '03 depreciation rate: 6.1%. Estimated plant age: 17 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" 20.5% 21.5% 18.0% 19.0% 15.0% 13.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value 15.5% 15.5% 18.0% 19.0%

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**Current Assets** 

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2001	7645	7686	7898	9030	32259
2002	7747	7296	7996	9334	32373
2003	8525	9993	12504	14166	45188
2004	12487	12274	13350	14499	52610
2005	13200	13000	14125	15500	55825
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AF FL				
endar	Mar.31			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	.54	.59	2.12
2005	.57	.53	.61	.69	2.40
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID B=				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2000	.09	.09	.09	.09	.36
2001	.11	.11	.11	.11	.44
2002	.13	.13	.13	.13	.52
2003	.15	.15	.15	.15	.60
2004	.17	.17	.17		

Pfizer is under pressure on multiple fronts . . . Alpharma recently launched a generic copy of *Neurontin*, deciding not to wait for a final court ruling on a patent dispute; it may have to pay a penalty. As such, sales of the epilepsy and neuropathic pain drug will start eroding a few months sooner than expected. The early launch also gives management less time to switch patients to Lyrica (successor to Neurontin), hurting its growth prospects. As well, a number of other big sellers, notably Viagra, Zoloft, and Lipitor, are facing increasing competitive challenges. Important, too, Merck's removal of Cox II inhibitor *Vioxx* has raised anxiety about Pfizer's Bextra and Celebrex Cox II pain relievers. Last, the company over the next three years will have to contend with a substantial and rising generic risk, as patents on Zithromax, Zoloft, Norvasc, and Zyrtec expire.

... but the gigantic drugmaker is as well-equipped to handle the myriad difficulties as any, to be sure. Despite the pressures, most of the medicines noted above still have decent growth prospects left. Moreover, a very broad and deep pipeline, supported by a research and develop-

ment budget that will probably exceed \$8 billion in 2005, promises to regularly augment an already large product portfolio. Recently launched Inspra (for hypertension and congestive heart failure) and Spiriva (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) each have blockbuster sales potential. Caduet, a pill that combines Lipitor and Norvasc, will be additive to revenues. And, we're optimistic about soon-to-be-introduced *Lyrica*, *Indiplon* (insomnia), Exubera (inhaled insulin), and Macugen (diabetic macular edema). Factoring in the company's prodigious (and empowering) cash flow, we're confident that Pfizer will be able to navigate the many hurdles coming up, while keeping share net rising, albeit not as robustly as in recent years.

This top-quality issue is attractively priced, in our view. We think investors have discounted the worst possible shortand long-term scenarios, and PFE stock now trades at valuation levels not seen in 15 years. At the current price, these timely shares offer compelling 3- to 5-year price gains potential, along with an aboveaverage yield and a growing dividend.

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(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 Jan.

(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, (E) Warner-Lambert, acqd. 6/00, is included in Sept., and Dec.■ Div'd reinvest. plan available. historical data starting in 2000's first guarter. (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