

1155.9 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '20-'22 10 Yrs. 16.5% of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 20.0% 'Cash Flow' 44.5% 30.0% 19.0% Nil Book Value 14.5% 33.0% 11.0%

567.9

641.5

484.2

992 0

Debt Due

Current Liab

Other

Sales

Earnings

Dividends

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2020 475.9 546.8 701.4 761.1 2485.2 2021 807.4 920.0 942.7 1067.1 3737.2 2022 1135.9 1291.4 1088.3 1049.2 4564.7 2023 850 1000 1050 1300 4200 2024 1100 1200 4650 975 1375 EARNINGS PER SHARE A Full Cal-Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Year 2020 .67 1.02 1.82 1.97 5.48 2.32 2.01 1.93 8.30 2021 2.04 2022 1.57 2.19 .83 .83 5.42 6.25 2023 1.50 1.95 2.10 2.00 2.20 2.30 8.15 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID D Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar 2019 2020 NO CASH DIVIDENDS 2021 **BEING PAID** 2022

and Bi-Fuel. Acquired Ottomotores, 12/12; Tower Light, 8/13; Country Home Prod., 8/15; and Pramac Group, 3/16. Generac's

Generac Holdings' stock, which did very poorly in 2022, has recovered to some degree in 2023. Since peaking at about \$525 in late 2021, the value of the equity is still down by around 75%, despite having risen by 28%, year to date.

The company ended last year on a down note. In the fourth quarter, sales fell 2%, while share earnings declined nearly 60%. A slump in the new housing market and a spike in expenses were mostly to blame for the disappointing performance. Cash flow rose, however.

Earnings ought to recover this year and improve further in 2024. The soft housing industry will probably continue to act as a drag on demand from residential customers. Increased demand resulting from greater exploration activity in the energy industry could well offset much of this, though. All told, we think that the company's bottom line will recover 15%, to \$6.25 and climb another 30%, to \$8.15 in 2024. Investors should note that our profit estimates are assuming a normal level of power outages. Any major disruption in the country's distribution system would likely cause a large spike in demand for

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backup power generators.

Long-term prospects for seem extremely bright. Over the past decade, management aggressively pursued a strategy of expanding the company's reach in new industrial markets and geographically. The company was able to put up impressive metrics during this time. (See Annual Rates box on the left side of the page.) All of the maneuvering has been to position Generac to benefit from the vulnerable electric distribution systems in the United States and around the world. Despite setting aside funds to upgrade the outdated domestic system, it remains in questionable shape. Manmade and natural disasters, including cyber attacks, and a shortage of base load units could easily cause blackouts. Also, with the percentage of homes having standby power in the single digits, this market is untapped.

We believe that these shares offer compelling value for investors with a horizon out to 2026-2028. Even though we have toned-down our earnings and sales projections to that time, the stock has outsized capital appreciation potential. James A. Flood March 17, 2023

(A) Diluted earnings. GAAP accounting. Next earnings report due mid-May. (B) In millions.

\$2.332 billion/\$37.68 a share. (D) Paid a special dividend of \$6.00 a share in June 2012, \$5.00 a share in June 2013. (E) 2014 numbers are pro forma.

Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 35 55 **Earnings Predictability**