

**Current Assets** 27607 30205 33532 266 999 340 2250 Accts Payable 375 Debt Due 22723 Other 14474 18263 20853 Current Liab. 15739 23098

**ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '20-'22 10 Yrs. of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. to '26-'28 Revenues 17.5% 16.5% 23.5% 14.0% 14.5% 18.0% 'Cash Flow' 11 0% Earnings Dividends 13.5% 13.0% Book Value

Fiscal Year	QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) AD				Full Fiscal
Ends	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Year
2020	6054	5854	4837	5101	21846
2021	5687	5729	6130	6559	24105
2022	7059	7189	7275	7787	29310
2023	7936	7985	8123	8609	32653
2024	8525	8675	9100	9550	35850
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE ABDFull .				
Year Ends	Dec.31	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Fiscal Year
2020	1.46	1.38	1.07	1.12	5.04
2021	1.42	1.38	1.49	1.62	5.91
2022	1.81	1.79	1.98	1.93	7.50
2023	2.18	2.09	2.16	2.33	8.77
2024	2.35	2.30	2.45	2.70	9.80
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ■				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2020	.30	.30	.30	.32	1.22
2021	.32	.32	.32	.375	1.34
2022	.375	.375	.375	.45	1.58
2023	.45	.45	.45	.52	1.87
2024					

and PLUS brands. Visa/PLUS is one of the largest global ATM networks. Visa's global network, VisaNet, delivers value-added pro-

In all likelihood, Visa got off to a solid start in fiscal 2024. (Fiscal years conclude on September 30th; the electronic payments processor was set to release December-period financials shortly after this Issue went to press.) Our respective revenue and earnings forecasts for the fiscal 2024 first quarter, at \$8.53 billion and \$2.35 per share, would each represent year-over-year growth of 7%-8%.

Meanwhile, the company recently completed a modest acquisition. On January 16th, Visa closed the buyout of Pismo, a global cloud-native platform serving card issuers and other core banking activities. The addition should enable Visa to provide support and connectivity for emerging payment schemes and real-timepayments (RTP) networks for financial institution clients. The terms of the deal were not disclosed, but Pismo ought to be nominally accretive to Visa's results

Transaction data has been healthy. In fiscal 2023, total dollar volumes in Europe, Asia/Pacific, and Latin America expanded 12.5%, 3.2%, and 12.4%, respectively, from the previous year. Activity has been brisk in North America, as well, with volumes

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up 5.4% and 6.9%, respectively, in the United States and Canada. The segment comprised of Central Europe, the Middle East, and Africa will likely be a laggard in the near term due to the ongoing conflict in Israel. Also note that Visa suspended operations in Russia in March of 2022 because of the war with Ukraine. (All figures are presented on a constant-dollar basis.)

We have bumped up our revenue and earnings-per-share estimates for fiscal **2024.** Our year-ahead top- and bottom-line targets, at \$35.9 billion (previously \$34.5 billion) and \$9.80 per share (previously \$9.50), respectively, would represent annual growth of 9%–10% and 11%–12%.

Top-quality (Safety: 1) Visa stock should appeal to investors of all stripes. The board of directors is shareholder friendly, including a recent hike to the quarterly dividend to \$0.52 per share (+16%). The balance sheet remains healthy, with the debt-to-total capital ratio at a manageable 35% in the September period and a cash hoard of \$16.3 billion. Also note that the company has our Highest rating for Financial Strength (A++). February 2, 2024 Sharif Abdou

(A) Fiscal year ends Sept. 30th. (B) Earnings based on adjusted diluted class-A shares. Excludes nonrecurring charges: '12, (\$1.03); '16, \$0.36; '19, \$0.17; '20, \$0.14; '21, \$0.28; '22,

April. (C) Includes intangibles. Fiscal 2023: June, September, and December. \$44.1 billion, \$23.85 per share. (D) May not sum due to rounding and/or change in share

\$0.50; '23, \$0.48. Next earnings report due late | count. (E) Div'd historically paid in early March,

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 90 90 **Earnings Predictability**