

Accts Payable 55.2 83.7 78.0 65.9 50.4 64.2 Current Liab. 105.6 149.6 142.2 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Past Est'd '11-'13 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 20.5% 5 Yrs. 19.5% to '16-'18 14.5% 27.0% 30.5% 12.0% 27.0% 32.0% 13.5%

23.5%

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16.5%

446.2

Current Assets

Debt Due

Sales

"Cash Flow"

Earnings

Dividends

Book Value

QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A Full Fiscal Year Fiscal Sep.Per.Dec.Per.Mar.Per. Jun.Per. Ends 119.6 133.3 116.2 145.8 2010 159.6 598.5 153.2 142.4 143.3 2011 2012 133.4 145.5 131.7 137.6 548.2 2013 127 0 143 0 163.3 230.2 663 5 227.4 825 2014 222.6 205 170 Fiscal Year Ends EARNINGS PER SHARE A B Fiscal Year Sep.Per Dec.Per Mar.Per Jun.Per. .48 .62 .70 2010 .46 2.26 2011 .67 .55 .57 2.51 .72 .54 2012 .57 .68 .51 2.28 2013 .37 .53 .79 1.39 3.11 .90 .70 3.90 2014 1.31 99 **QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID** Cal-Full endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2010 NO CASH DIVIDENDS 2011 2012 BEING PAID 2013 2014

18.5%

to interact with various mobile computing, communications, entertainment, and other electronic devices. Its touch-sensitive pads, screens and other products are sold to PC and mobile phone manufacturers, as well as to other consumer electronic OEMs, primarily

Synaptics shares took a tumble after touchscreen maker provided weaker-than-expected revenue guidance for the December interim. Management's guidance range of \$192 million to \$208 million (34%-45% year-over-year growth), failed to meet the lofty expectations of some investors and the shares fell 14.5% following the news.

The company attempted to quell investors' concerns. Management was adamant that the first six months of fiscal 2014 (ends June 28, 2014) are playing out as planned. Recently, it landed prized design wins from Motorola with its latest line of *Droid* smartphones, helping the touchscreen unit's top line climb 152% year over year, and 6% sequentially. The Google subsidiary outfitted the well-reviewed *Moto X*, the *Droid Ultra*, and Droid Maxx with its on-cell touchscreen solutions. The Droid Mini used SYNA's more lucrative in-cell technology, but both approaches eliminate the need for certain parts, allowing for thinner smartphones, clearer displays, and a more streamlined supply process. We have little reason to believe that design wins won't continue, tes, Inc., 11.1%; BlackRock, Inc., 10.9%; The Vanguard Group, Inc., (9/13 proxy). CEO: Richard Bergman. Inc.: DE. Address.: 3120 Scott Blvd., Suite 130 Santa Clara, CA 95054. Telephone.: 408-454-5100. Internet: www.synaptics.com.

especially since competing firms Atmel and Cypress still appear behind with development of strong competition for SYNA's on-cell and in-cell technology. All this likely relieved some concerns, as the shares have since recovered two-thirds of the initial loss experienced after the earnings release.

Synaptics has bought some new technology. The company recently announced the acquisition of Validity Sensors, a provider of fingerprint identification solutions. We view this as a deft move, as consumers are becoming increasingly concerned with privacy and security for their information and devices. It also reinforces SYNA's strategy of offering the most cutting-edge human interface technology available. We think future acquisitions are likely in the cards for Synaptics.

These shares look good for the long haul. Although neutrally ranked, SYNA's long-term outlook appears solid as we have confidence that the company will continue to develop and acquire new ways to interact with computing devices. Indeed, we think this stock is a solid choice.

Kevin Downing January 3, 2014

(A) Fiscal year ends on the last Saturday in (B) Diluted earnings. Earnings may not sum due to rounding. Next earnings report due

1/23/14. Excludes nonrecurring losses: '08, \$0.35; '09, \$0.13; '10, \$0.12; '11, \$0.03. GAAP earnings before '09, excludes stock-based compensation thereafter.

(C) In millions, adjusted for split

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

B++ 35 75