

49738 49846 Est'd '21-'23 to '27-'29 10.0% 11.5% Nil

7.5%

QUARTERLY REVENUES (\$ mill.) Cal-Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Mar.31 Year 2021 6033 6238 6182 6918 25371 2022 6483 6806 6846 7383 27518 2023 7040 7287 7418 8026 29771 2024 7699 7800 8000 8251 31750 2025 8150 8300 8550 33000 EARNINGS PER SHARE A Cal-Full Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar Mar.31 Year 2021 3.52 .92 1.00 .92 .68 2022 .43 d.29 1.15 .81 2.09 .70 .92 3.84 2023 .93 1.29 1.32 1.00 1.25 2024 4.40 2025 1.10 1.35 1.50 4.85 **QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID** Cal-Full endar Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 2020 2021 NO CASH DIVIDENDS 2022 **BEING PAID** 2023

44975

45101

10 Yrs.

47078

48466

Past

5 Yrs.

15.5%

17.0%

7.5%

Other

Current Liab.

ANNUAL RATES

of change (per sh)

Revenues "Cash Flow"

Earnings

Dividends

Book Value

Paydiant, and Braintree. Has more than 425 million active users. In 2023, approximately 25.0 billion transactions were completed on its

PayPal started the year off on a **bright note.** First-quarter revenues of \$7.7 billion, or a 9% annual advance, came in better than anticipated, thanks largely to improving operating metrics during the period, such as total payment volumes, payment transactions, and transactions per active account. On the earnings front, PayPal reported profits of \$0.83 per share, up 19% versus the previous-year figure. Operating margins improved nearly 1% year over year, supporting the gain. Based on our model, we look for top- and bottomline expansion of 7% and 15%, respectively, in 2024.

The stock price has treaded water for much of this year. From a financial standpoint, the company has performed decently over the past year or so. That said, few price catalysts have been present, and investors appear somewhat unenthusiastic about the current year's projected growth rates. In the same breath, our Timeliness Ranking System pegs PayPal shares as just an Average (3) selection for relative year-ahead price performance.

We think better days probably

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ahead. While active accounts have stagnated of late, there seems to be some increased activity amongst the existing customer base. Looking further out, spending from global customers and the utilization of the platform by merchants ought to be supported by a healthier macroeconomic environment. In addition to stringent cost controls, we expect leadership to focus heavily on driving active account growth over the next several years. What's more, the company's balance sheet is in good condition, with solid cash reserves and a manageable debt load. On top of buying back stock, we would not be surprised to see management dip its toe into the acquisition market.

Subscribers with a long-term bent may want to have a closer look here. At the recent quotation, capital appreciation potential over the 2027-2029 time frame is well above *The Value Line Invest*ment Survey median. Conservative accounts may want to hold off, however, as the stock holds weak scores for Price Stability (40 out of 100) and Earnings Predictability (50).

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(A) Diluted earnings. Earnings may not sum to total due to rounding. Next earnings report due early October (B) Figures for full-year 2013 and 2014 are pro

forma. (C) In millions.

Company's Financial Strength B++ Stock's Price Stability Price Growth Persistence 40 60 **Earnings Predictability**