

ness cases, luggage, leather outerwear, gloves, scarves, and personal planning products. Also licenses watches, footwear, and home and office furniture. Operates 441 North American stores (in-

Off./dir. own 5.1% of common shares (10/09 Proxy). Chairman and CEO: Lew Frankfort. Inc.: MD. Add.: 516 W. 34th St., New York, NY, 10001. Tel.: 212-594-1850. Internet: www.coach.com

ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '07-'09 Past to '13-'15 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. Sales 27.0% 33.5% 13.0% 10.0% 'Cash Flow' Earnings Dividends 34.0% 10.0% 30.5% Book Value 13.0%

315.9

450.9

356.2

459.7

439.3

551.2

Debt Due

Current Liab.

Other

Fiscal Year	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A				Full Fiscal
Ends	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Year
2007	529.5	805.6			2612.5
2008	676.7	978.1	744.5		3180.8
2009	752.5				3230.5
2010	761.4	1065.0			
2011	825	1150	900	950	3825
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B				
Year Ends	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Fiscal Year
2007	.31	.57	.39	.42	1.69
2008	.41	.69	.46	.50	2.06
2009	.44	.67	.38	.43	1.91
2010	.44	.75	.50	.54	2.23
2011	.51	.86	.56	.62	2.55
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID E				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2006					
2007					
2008					
2009		.075		.075	.225
2010	.075		.15		

investment community forced to take notice of Coach's most recent success. Although the handbag and accessories maker's strong second-quarter (fiscal year ends July 3rd) was largely ignored by most on Wall Street, the stock has surged nearly 25% since our February review, with the bulk of the upswing coming on the heels of the company's release of March-period results. It posted earnings of \$0.50 in the quarter, 32% better than the year before, with strength in the direct-to-consumer segment and in China fueling a 12% top-line advance. Meanwhile, lower manufacturing costs and a more favorable product mix enabled the operating margin to climb a few hundred basis points.

We've raised our fourth-quarter estimates. Most of management's earlier initiatives are paying off. It has been able to lower the cost structure and better control inventory levels, specifically in indirect channels, while continuing to grow the top line at a healthy clip. The decision to introduce lower-price products to circumvent the shaky economy and get customers in the doors has done just that. Coach should

continue to gain traction in China, helping it earn \$0.54 a share in the June quarter. The company has its sights set on **Western Europe now.** Management has announced plans to launch at least 14 stores in France over the next three years with the first slated to open this summer. It also intends on breaking ground in the U.K., Ireland, Spain, and Portugal within the next year. This venture has prompted us to introduce a fiscal 2011 shareearnings estimate of \$2.55. Although the initiative will likely take a little while to turn profitable, an aggressive sharerepurchase plan should enable COH to

maintain healthy bottom-line growth.

The stock is ranked 1 (Highest) for **Timeliness.** Coach is executing on all fronts and should continue to report healthy share-earnings advances for the foreseeable future. We've upped our Target Price Range to account for success overseas, and think the stock holds worthwhile 3- to 5-year appeal, despite the price run-up. The recent decision to double the quarterly dividend speaks volumes for the company's prognosis. Andre J. Costanza

(A) Fiscal year ends Sat. closest to June 30th. (B) Diluted egs. Includes the expensing of stock options beginning in fiscal 2007. Reflects discontinuation of corporate accounts business

count only reflects North American retail and record as of 6/8/09.

beginning 2006. Excludes \$0.12 of non-recurring items in '08. Next egs. report due late July. May not add due to rounding. **(C)** Store dividend paid on 6/29/09 to stockholders on

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

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