

warding of air freight (45% of '09 revs.) and ocean freight (32%) as well as custom brokerage and import services (23%). Operates about 250 full-service offices, service centers or satellite offices, on six continents, and has over 47 contracts with independent agents

3.3% of common stock; T.Rowe Price, 7.6%; Morgan Stanley, 5.8%; BlackRock, 5.2% (3/10 Proxy). Chairman. & CEO: Peter J. Rose. Inc.: DE. Address: 1015 3rd Ave., 12th Fl., Seattle, WA 98104. Telephone 206-674-3400. Internet: www.expeditors.com.

Current Liab. 670.4 708.4 748.4 Past ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '07-'09 to '13-'15 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Revenues "Cash Flow" 15.0% 12.5% 11.0% 16.5% 18.5% 15.0% 12.0% Earnings 16.0% 12.5% 33.5% 19.0% 31.5% 16.0% 13.0% 10.5% Dividends Book Value

491.8

178<u>.6</u>

546.7

161.7

567.9

180.5

Accts Payable Debt Due

Cal- endar			ENUES (\$ Sep. 30		Full Year
2007 2008 2009 2010	1119.0 1307.3 912.7 1201.1	1258.6 1454.3	1411.0 1564.9 1037.3	1446.6 1307.4 1246.9	5633.9 4092.3
2011	1310	1440	1560	1630	5940
Cal- endar			ER SHARE Sep. 30		Full Year
2007 2008 2009 2010 2011	.27 .30 .28 .28 .33	.30 .32 .25 .31	.34 .39 .27 .35 .40	.32 .36 .32 .34 .40	1.21 1.37 1.12 1.28 1.50
Cal- endar	QUAR Mar.31		VIDENDS F Sep.30		Full Year
2006 2007 2008 2009 2010		.11 .14 .16 .19 .20		.11 .14 .16 .19	.22 .28 .32 .38

Expeditors is experiencing a strong recovery in demand for freight consolidation. In particular, airfreight volumes jumped 41% in the March quarter and have probably remained on a solid upward trajectory. Ocean tonnage is on the rise, too. Geographically, airfreight conditions in Asia have been brisk, as shipments within Asia, as well as to Europe and Latin America, are growing nicely. The U.S. export market is also surging, though to a lesser extent, as the dollar appreciates. Air revenues from Europe are bouncing back, and may benefit from the weakened euro. Gains in Ocean freight and services are primarily stemming from Asia, with the U.S. and Europe lagging.

But constraints on cargo space will likely continue to hamper pricing. Air carriers are planning to generally keep planes grounded, and capacity about flat this year, resulting in purchase price hikes for Expeditors. As a result, we think air yields have fallen back to historical levels, after expanding during 2009. Ocean revenues per container are declining, too. Because rate increases are not passed on immediately, Expeditors' yields tend to contract through the annual business cycle. while shipping activity climbs.

Improved salary expense leverage ought to help offset the impact of the vield downturn. Productivity is rising, as the headcount was about 5% lower year over year at the end of 2009. Expeditors' profit-based compensation structure should help operating margins.

Overall, we still anticipate a healthy bottom-line upturn this year, on robust revenue growth. However, given the tight capacity availability, we are cutting our 2010 share-net forecast slightly to \$1.28, versus \$1.12 last year. For 2011, our estimate is for a more moderate 10% revenue gain, but a 17% earnings advance.

Expeditors' long-term earnings prospects are solid. We believe the company can expand profits 15%-20% annually by capitalizing on the shipping requirements of an increasingly global economy. It will aim to further expand its foothold in the sizable Asian export market, including on growth routes to Europe, and in India.

Accordingly, the stock offers attractive 3- to 5-year total return potential. Damon Churchwell Īune 4, 2010

(A) Basic earnings through 1996. Diluted thereafter. Next earnings report due early Aug. Excludes nonrecurring gain/(loss): 2005, \$0.10; 2009, (1¢). 2007 earnings do not sum due to

(C) Dividends historically paid in mid-June and

rounding. **(B)** In millions, adjusted for stock splits. **(D)** Revenue figures after 2001 reclassified to reflect adoption of EITF D-103.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 65 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 90

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