

velopment, manufacture, and sale of a broad range of products in the healthcare field. Has three business segments: Consumer (baby care, skin care, oral care, wound care, etc.), Pharmaceutical (antiinfective, antipsychotic, contraceptive, dermatology, gastrointestinal, etc.), and Medical Devices & Diagnostics (electrophysiol-Neutrally ranked Johnson & Johnson

shares are treading water. Indeed, this

top-quality issue has traded in an ex-

review. More specifically, the stock price

has stayed between \$66 and \$64 since

mid-December. The Dow Jones Industrial

Average, meanwhile, is up about 9% since

just before Christmas and 6% year to date.

Most healthcare stocks are also up consid-

What is keeping investors at bay? We

surmise the recent string of lackluster re-

sults and weaker-than-expected guidance

piling up of late). This compared unfavor-

erably over the same time frames.

are largely to blame.

narrow range since our last

tion, etc.). Employs about 114,000. Officers & directors own less than 1% of common stock; BlackRock, 5.2%; State Street, 5.0% (3/11 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: W. C. Weldon. Incorporated: NJ. 08933. Telephone: 732-524-0400. Internet: www.jnj.com

23072 21731 21686 **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '08-'10 Past 10 Yrs. 9.0% 5 Yrs. 7.5% of change (per sh) to '15-'17 4.5% 5.0% 5.0% Sales "Cash Flow" 8.5% 8.5% 11.0% 12.0% Earnings Dividends Book Value 12.0% 11.0% 6.5% 11.0% 13.5%

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Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Current Liab

Cal- endar			ALES (\$ m Sep.Per	ill.) ^A Dec.Per	Full Year
2009	15026	15239	15081	16551	61897
2010	15631	15330	14982	15644	61587
2011	16173	16597	16005	16255	65030
2012	16300	16900	16700	17200	67100
2013	17200	17700	17700	17800	70400
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB				Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	
2009	1.26	1.15	1.20	1.02	4.63
2010	1.29	1.21	1.23	1.03	4.76
2011	1.35	1.28	1.24	1.13	5.00
2012	1.32	1.29	1.27	1.24	5.12
2013	1.40	1.38	1.37	1.30	5.45
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C■				Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2008	.415	.46	.46	.46	1.80
2009	.46	.49	.49	.49	1.93
2010	.49	.54	.54	.54	2.11
2011	.54	.57	.57	.57	2.25
2012	.57				

(A) Years end on last the Sunday in December.
(B) Primary earnings thru '96, diluted thereafter. Excludes nonrecurring: '98, 22¢; '99, 2¢; '01, d7¢; '02, d7¢; '03 d30¢; '04, d26¢; '05,

fourth-quarter showing was decent, as revenues rose 4% compared to a year ago and share earnings climbed 10%. All three of the healthcare conglomerate's segments contributed to the gains, but nearly all of the growth was generated abroad due to the soft domestic operating climate. Management's guidance for 2012 was also well below expectations. J&J is looking for share earnings to fall between \$5.05 and \$5.15 this year, excluding the impact of some special items (which have really been

d4¢; '06, d3¢; '07, d52¢; '09, d23¢; '10, 2¢; '11, d\$1.51. Next earnings report due late April. (C) Dividends historically paid: March, June, September, and December. ■ Dividend rein-

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vestment plan available.
(D) Includes intangibles. In '10: \$32.0 billion, \$11.69 a share.

The company's

(E) In millions, adjusted for stock split.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 100 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 100

Address: One Johnson & Johnson Plaza, New Brunswick, NJ ably to both our previous bottom-line target of \$5.25 a share and Wall Street's consensus. We also knocked off more than \$1 billion from our top-line estimate, though the increasing likelihood of unfavorable currency translation was a big reason for

the revision. All told, we think investors

were looking for more.

Things should pick up some in 2013. We think robust growth and handsome profits will be tough to come by for most in the healthcare space this year, due to the soft global economy and lower healthcare utilization. The lingering effects of recent recalls may well further weigh down J&J. But the skies should start to clear between now and next year, which ought to pave the way for decent top- and bottom-line growth here. Moreover, acquisitions and ongoing operational improvements should provide further boosts.

This steady blue chip is still an excellent buy-and-hold investment, thanks to the solid dividend and decent capital appreciation potential. Short-term investors may want to consider an options strategy to take advantage of JNJ's recent stability. Erik A. Antonson February 24, 2012