

tions. Sold to OEMs (original equipment manufacturers) for incorporation into equipment and systems for computer, communications, industrial, instrumentation, military/aerospace, and consumer electronics applications. Foreign business: 81% of sales in '10.

ment, 9.2%; Capital Research Global Inv., 6.4% (2/11 proxy). Chairman: Ray Stata. President & CEO: Jerald Fishman. Inc.: MA. Address: 3 Technology Way, Norwood, MA 02062-9106. Telephone: 781-329-4700. Internet: www.analog.com.

386.6 556.3 Current Liab. **ANNUAL RATES** Past Est'd '08-'10 Past 5 Yrs. 5.5% 6.0% 7.5% to '14-'16 7.5% of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5.0% 5.5% 7.5% Sales "Cash Flow" 11.5% 14.0% 7.0% 11.5% Earnings Dividends Book Value 36.0%

2490.6

107.3

279.3

**Current Assets** 

Accts Payable Debt Due

3479.0

133.1

510.4

643.5

4339.1

106.0

435.8

Fiscal Year Ends		RTERLY S Apr.Per			Full Fiscal Year
2008	613.9	649.3	659.0	660.7	2582.9
2009	476.6	474.7	492.0	571.6	2014.9
2010	603.0	668.2	720.3	770.0	2761.5
2011	728.5	790.8	757.9	732.8	3010
2012	720	740	780	800	3040
Fiscal	EARNINGS PER SHARE AB Full				
Year Ends	Jan.Per	Apr.Per	Jul.Per	Oct.Per	Fiscal Year
2008	.40	.44	.44	.49	1.77
2009	.18	.21	.22	.36	.97
2010	.43	.55	.65	.70	2.33
2011	.66	.75	.71	.63	2.75
2012	.62	.68	.70	.75	2.75
Cal-	QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID C Full				
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2007	.18	.18	.18	.18	.72
2008	.18	.20	.20	.20	.78
2009	.20	.20	.20	.20	.80
2010	.20	.22	.22	.22	.86
2011	.22	.25	.25		

**Analog Devices reported solid results** on a year-over-year basis during the fiscal third quarter. The fiscal year ends October 29, 2011. Earnings per share increased 9% relative to last year's comparable quarter, on a sales gain of about 5%. Most end markets remained quite stable, and the top line would have been stronger if not for some supply-chain issues during the period.

We have pared our bottom-line expectations for both this year and next. Our view of the global chip market has been tempered by the current uncertain economic landscape. Though we look for GDP growth of 2% or so, on average, over the next few quarters, our outlook is quite tenuous at this juncture. We believe that a recession remains a 50/50 proposition at present. Indeed, if one occurs this would sharply curtail results for the cyclical semiconductor industry. Management noted in its recent conference call that there are some supply-chain problems, due to elevated inventory in some segments. Hence, a slowdown in end demand would perpetuate this problem. We still look for Analog to post a solid earnings gain this

fiscal year, with flat results likely in fiscal 2012.

Earnings are poised to grow at a double-digit annual clip over the pull to 2014-2016. Our cautious optimism is based on a strengthening global economy over that time period, which would result in improved supply and demand conditions in the broader chip market. There are currently some inventory issues in the distribution channel. Generally, it takes time for such a situation to be ironed out. Indeed, should the U.S. go into a recession this would exacerbate the problem. Nevertheless, assuming better days lie ahead, Analog's earnings should approach \$3.75 a share by 2014-2016. The company's Industrial and Automotive units are poised for a sharp bounce back should economic fortunes turn for the positive.

We have lowered these shares' Timeliness rank by a notch since our July **review.** Hence, they are now likely to be market performers in the year ahead. Return potential for the 3- to 5-years ahead is substantial at the current price. Risk is also below average relative to peers. Alan G. House

October 7, 2011

(A) Fiscal year ends on Saturday closest to Oc-(B) Fully diluted earnings. Excludes nonrecurring charges: '98, \$0.21; '01, \$0.19; '02, \$0.26;

'05, \$0.18; '06, \$0.05; '09, \$0.13. Excl. disc. ops: '08, \$0.88. Next earnings report due mid-Nov.

June, September, and December.

(D) Includes intangibles. In '10: \$367.2 mill., \$1.23/share.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A+ 80 Price Growth Persistence **Earnings Predictability** 60

(C) Dividends historically paid in mid-March, (E) In millions, adjusted for stock split. © 2011, Value Line Publishing LLC. All rights reserved. Factual material is obtained from sources believed to be reliable and is provided without warranties of any kind. THE PUBLISHER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ERRORS OR OMISSIONS HEREIN. This publication is strictly for subscriber's own, non-commercial, internal use. No part of it may be reproduced, resold, stored or transmitted in any printed, electronic or other form, or used for generating or marketing any printed or electronic publication, service or product.