

Include: Tootsle Koll, Tootsle Pop, Tootsle Bubble Pop, Tootsle Pop Drops, and Mason Dots. Acq'd Concord Confections (Dubble Bubble), 8/04; Brach's Confections' (Andes Candies), 5/00; Warner-Lambert's former chocolate/caramel brands (Junior Mints, Sugar Daddy, Sugar Babies, Charleston Chew, and Pom Poms), Tootsie Roll struggled a bit in 2011 . . .

ees. M.J. and E.R. Gordon control 45% of vot. power, L.R. Weiner, 17% (3/12 Proxy). Chairman & CEO: M.J. Gordon. Pres. & COO: E.R. Gordon. Inc.: VA. Addr.: 7401 S. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60629. Tel.: 773-838-3400. Internet: www.tootsie.com.

ANNUAL RATES Past Past Est'd '09-'11 of change (per sh) 10 Yrs. 5 Yrs. to '15-'17 5.5% 9.0% 'Cash Flow' -1.0% -0.5%Earnings Dividends -2.0% 5.0% -3.5% 4.5% 9.5% 3.5% 5.0% Book Value

9.1 47.0

56.1

9.8 48.7

58.5

10.7 47.7

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Accts Payable Other

Current Liab

Cal-	QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.) A Mar.Per Jun.Per Sep.Per Dec.Per				Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Year
2009	94.1	107.8	183.4	110.3	495.6
2010	103.2	105.0	191.1	117.8	517.1
2011	108.3	104.9	186.8	128.4	528.4
2012	115	110	190	130	545
2013	118	112	195	135	560
Cal-	EARNINGS PER SHARE A B				Full
endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Year
2009	.13	.17	.45	.12	.87
2010	.15	.14	.44	.16	.89
2011	.14	.11	.32	.17	.74
2012	.16	.15	.40	.19	.90
2013	.18	.16	.45	.21	1.00
Cal-	GROSS	QUARTER	RLY DIV'DS	PAID C	Full
endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Year
2008	.136		.071	.071	.280
2009	.071	.071	.073	.073	.288
2010	.146		.075	.075	.297
2011	.151		.078	.078	.306
2012	.155				

Tootsie Roll struggled a bit in 2011... Despite a 2% annual uptick in sales, the company's earnings performance was somewhat erratic over the course of the year due to inflated costs associated with increased prices of ingredients, particularly cocoa. In fact, the company earned just \$0.74 a share in 2011, a 17% decrease compared to the prior year's tally.

in the year ahead. Indeed, Tootsie Roll is likely off to a good start in 2012, owing to higher product price points, which should substantially offset rising input costs. All told, we look for top and bottom-line gains of around 3% and 22%, respectively, for the full year.

We are introducing our 2013 sales and share-earnings estimates at \$560 million and \$1.00 a share, respectively. The company operates in a relatively stable environment, which should allow for steady increases in revenues going forward. And, Tootsie Roll's bottom line should continue to benefit from product price increases, as management further attempts to combat the company's increased expenses. Our 2013 estimates call for an

other 3% uptick in revenues, with an around 11% advance in earnings per share.

We expect gains over the next 3 to 5 years. The top line will likely continue to expand at a steady clip in future periods. Too, costs ought to moderate over the long haul, allowing most of this growth to trickle down to the bottom line. Our projections call for double-digit earnings growth out to the 2015-2017 time frame.

These shares may appeal to patient investors. Although this equity has moved up a notch in Timeliness, to 4, it remains ranked to trail the broader market averages over the coming six- to 12-month period. However, the earnings growth we are anticipating in the coming years gives this stock worthwhile capital appreciation potential over the pull to 2015-2017. In addition, this equity has very little risk associated with it, as signaled by its Highest (1) Safety rank and high mark (A+) for Financial Strength. Those with longer-term investment horizons may want to consider committing funds here.

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A) First three quarters end on Saturday closest to end of month. (B) Based on average shares through 1996, diluted thereafter. Next earnings report due early May. Total may not sum due to

rounding. (C) Dividends historically paid in early Jan., late Mar., early July, and mid-Oct. 3% stock div'd paid each year in Apr., since 1966. (D) Includes intangibles. In '11: \$248.3 million,

\$4.32/share. (E) In millions. Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability 100
Price Growth Persistence 30
Earnings Predictability 80

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