

Deferred Revenue Other Current Liab 14192 15388 12347 ANNUAL RATES Past Est'd '09-'11 Past 10 Yrs. to '15-'17 of change (per sh) 5 Yrs. Sales "Cash Flow 12.5% 16.0% 19.0% 21.0% 9.5% 11.0% 10.5% 11.0% Earnings Dividends 18.0% 22.0%

24.0%

20.5%

701

1150

6802 5539

Current Assets

Accts Payable Debt Due

Book Value

41129

375 1250

6504 4218

15.0%

40023

438 2950

7035 4965

Fiscal Year Ends QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)A Full Aug.Per Nov.Per Feb.Per May.Per 5422 5687 5504 6882 23495 2010 5063 5872 6469 9630 27034 2011 7588 8649 8807 10806 35850 10950 2012 8398 8811 9062 37221 38225 2013 8209 9113 9400 11503 Fiscal Year Ends Full Fisca Year EARNINGS PER SHARE AB Aug.Per Nov.Per Feb.Per May.Per 2009 .29 34 .35 1.44 2010 .30 .39 .38 .60 1.67 .54 2011 .42 .51 .75 2.22 2012 .48 .54 .62 .82 2.46 .87 2.70 2013 .66 QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID E Cal-Full Mar.31 Jun.30 Sep.30 Dec.31 endar 2009 .05 .05 .15 .05 2010 .05 .05 .05 .20 2011 .05 .06 .06 .06 .23 2012 .06 .06 .06 .18 .36 2013

distributes, and services database and middleware software, applications software, and hardware systems, primariy consisting of computer server and storage products. 2012 revenue breakdown: New software licenses, 26.7%; software license updates and product support, 43.7%; hardware systems, 10.3%; hardware support,

**Business remains active at Oracle** Corp. New software licenses advanced nearly 12% in the first half of fiscal 2013 (ends May 31st), with sales growth evident across a broad geography (including Europe) and each product category—database, middleware, and applications. Meanwhile, license updates and support, which accounts for 60%-65% of the revenue generated by Oracle's software business, moved forward by some 5%, a favorable rate for this high-margined line. Attach rates for support remain high, which speaks well of the company's products and services and its customer relationships. Elsewhere, at this juncture, growth remains elusive on the hardware side. Nonetheless, this business seems to have stabilized in the last couple of quarters, as the effects of Oracle's repositioning (away from commodity servers and storage systems) have taken hold. On point, although expansion does not yet seem to be in the cards for the third quarter, Oracle is expecting growth in the hardware business in the fourth, with expanding margins (which have improved markedly since being acquired from Sun).

R&D: 12.2% of 2012 sales. Employed 115,000 at 5/31/12. Stock owners: Lawrence J. Ellison, 23.5%; other officers & directors, 0.7% (9/12 proxy). Chrmn: Jeffrey O. Henley. CEO: Lawrence J. Ellison. Inc.: DE. Addr.: 500 Oracle Parkway, Redwood City, CA 94065. Tel.: 650-506-7000. Internet: www.oracle.com

We have made some minor adjustments to our revenue and earnings estimates for 2013. The \$25 million decrease in the top line and the nickel increase in the bottom line are best viewed as mid-course corrections. Indeed, we still look for Oracle to continue tracking forward in its fiscal second half. Its software business is quite healthy, and is benefiting from the push into cloud services and the focus on vertical markets. In addition,  $engineered \ \ systems-Exadata, \ \ Exalogic,$ and Exalytics — remain on a steep ramp, with bookings advancing rapidly. Meanwhile, the software giant's salesforce is maintaining good productivity, despite an additional 6,000 reps being added in the last six quarters. Finally, overall operating expenses should remain under control.

Oracle shares are favorably ranked for Timeliness. Earnings look to advance some 10% this year, with another 10% likely in 2014, notable for a company Oračle's size. And although the stock is not trading at a bargain price, the earnings growth we envision supports the shares' good near-term prospects. Charles Clark February 15, 2013

(A) Fiscal year ends May 31st.
(B) Primary earnings through '97, then diluted.
Excl. nonrec. items: '98, d2¢; '00, 70¢; '05, d13¢; '06, d12¢; '07, d20¢; '08, d24¢;

(C) In millions, adjusted for splits. (D) Incl. in-

'09, d35¢; '10, d46¢; '11, d55¢; '12, d50¢. Next earnings report due mid-March. (E) Initial div'd paid May 8, 2009. Div'ds paid early February, May, August, and November.

Company's Financial Strength Stock's Price Stability A++ 85 Price Growth Persistence 80 **Earnings Predictability** 100

tang. In 2012, \$25.1 bill., \$5.12 a share. © 2013, 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