

COCA-COLA NYSE-KO										RECENT PRICE	41.54	P/E RATIO	21.7 (Trailing: 21.4 Median: 19.0)	RELATIVE P/E RATIO	1.19	DIV'D YLD	3.5%	VALUE LINE																
TIMELINESS	2	Raised 10/14/16	High: 22.6	24.7	32.2	32.8	29.7	32.9	35.9	40.7	43.4	45.0	43.9	47.1				Target Price	2019	2020	2021													
SAFETY	1	New 7/27/90	Low: 20.2	19.7	22.8	20.1	18.7	24.7	30.6	33.3	36.5	36.9	36.6	40.8																				
TECHNICAL	2	Raised 10/21/16	LEGENDS — 16.0 x "Cash Flow" p sh Relative Price Strength 2-for-1 split 8/12 Options: Yes Shaded area indicates recession																															
BETA	.70	(1.00 = Market)																																
2019-21 PROJECTIONS																																		
		Ann'l Total																																
Price	55	Gain																																
Low	45	(+30%)																																
		Return																																
		10%																																
		6%																																
Insider Decisions																																		
		D J F M A M J J A																																
		to Buy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0													0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		Options	2	0	2	9	4	1	1													0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		to Sell	1	0	1	8	4	1	1													0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Institutional Decisions																																		
		4Q2015	1Q2016	2Q2016																														
		to Buy	676	688	729																													
		to Sell	796	791	783																													
		Hld's(000)	278987	028565	58327	785127																												
		Percent	15	10	5																													
		shares	15	10	5																													
		traded	15	10	5																													
		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017															
		4.12	3.53	3.96	4.31	4.56	4.88	5.20	6.22	6.91	6.73	7.66	10.29	10.74	10.64	10.54	10.24	9.65	7.90															
		.89	.96	.99	1.16	1.23	1.29	1.40	1.54	1.79	1.75	2.09	2.41	2.46	2.58	2.53	2.49	2.40	2.40															
		.74	.80	.83	.98	1.03	1.09	1.19	1.29	1.51	1.47	1.75	1.92	1.97	2.08	2.04	2.00	1.90	2.00															
		.34	.36	.40	.44	.50	.56	.62	.68	.76	.82	.88	.94	1.02	1.12	1.22	1.32	1.40	1.48															
		.15	.15	.17	.17	.16	.19	.30	.36	.43	.43	.48	.65	.62	.58	.55	.59	.65	.50															
		1.87	2.29	2.39	2.89	3.31	3.45	3.65	4.69	4.43	5.38	6.76	6.99	7.34	7.54	6.94	5.91	5.80	5.55															
		4969.5	4972.5	4942.0	4883.1	4818.7	4738.0	4636.0	4636.0	4624.0	4606.0	4584.0	4526.0	4469.0	4402.0	4366.0	4324.0	4275.0	4200.0															
		37.5	30.5	30.2	22.6	22.6	19.7	18.5	21.0	17.8	16.6	16.2	17.4	18.8	19.1	20.0	20.6	Bold figures are																
		2.44	1.56	1.65	1.29	1.19	1.05	1.00	1.11	1.07	1.11	1.03	1.09	1.20	1.07	1.05	1.04	Value Line																
		1.2%	1.5%	1.6%	2.0%	2.2%	2.6%	2.8%	2.5%	2.8%	3.4%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	3.0%	3.2%	estimates																
CAPITAL STRUCTURE as of 7/1/16																																		
Total Debt \$48.048 bill. Due in 5 Yrs. \$28.7 bill.																																		
LT Debt \$29.252 bill. Total Int. \$550.0 mill.																																		
(Total interest coverage: 19.9x)																																		
(52% of Cap'l)																																		
Pension Assets-12/15 \$7.7 bill. Oblig. \$9.2 bill.																																		
Pfd Stock None																																		
Common Stock 4,315,000,000 shs.																																		
MARKET CAP: \$179 billion (Large Cap)																																		
CURRENT POSITION (SMILL.)																																		
		2014	2015	7/1/16																														
		18010	19900	24075																														
		4466	3941	4768																														
		3100	2902	3005																														
		7410	6652	4025																														
		32986	33395	35873																														
		2089	2795	2750																														
		22682	15806	18796																														
		7603	8329	7998																														
		32374	26930	29544																														
ANNUAL RATES																																		
		Past	Past	Est'd '13-'15																														
		10 Yrs.	5 Yrs.	to '19-'21																														
		8.5%	8.0%	-2.5%																														
		7.5%	6.0%	3.0%																														
		7.0%	5.5%	4.0%																														
		9.5%	8.5%	7.0%																														
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QUARTERLY SALES (\$ mill.)																																		
Cal-endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Full Year																													
2013	11035	12749	12030	11040	46854																													
2014	10576	12574	11976	10872	44998																													
2015	10711	12156	11427	10000	45294																													
2016	10282	11539	10429	9000	41250																													
2017	8000	9250	8500	7500	33250																													
EARNINGS PER SHARE ^																																		
Cal-endar	Mar.Per	Jun.Per	Sep.Per	Dec.Per	Full Year																													
2013	.46	.63	.53	.46	2.08																													
2014	.44	.64	.53	.43	2.04																													
2015	.48	.63	.51	.38	2.00																													
2016	.45	.60	.47	.38	1.90																													
2017	.46	.61	.52	.41	2.00																													
QUARTERLY DIVIDENDS PAID ^																																		
Cal-endar	Mar.31	Jun.30	Sep.30	Dec.31	Full Year																													
2012	--	.255	.255	.51	1.02																													
2013	--	.28	.28	.56	1.12																													
2014	--	.305	.305	.61	1.22																													
2015	--	.33	.33	.66	1.32																													
2016	--	.35	.35	.35																														

BUSINESS: The Coca-Cola Company is the world's largest beverage company. Markets over 500 nonalcoholic beverage brands through a network of company-owned and independent bottlers/distributors, wholesalers, and retailers. Leading company/licensed brands include Coca-Cola, Diet Coke, Sprite, Fanta, Fresca, Dasani, glaceau vitaminwater, Powerade, and Minute Maid.

Earnings at The Coca-Cola Company remain under pressure. The biggest headwinds are foreign currency translation and structural changes (more below), which are likely to reduce pretax profits by 8%-9% and 4%, respectively, this year. The former has been particularly pronounced in Latin America, where the company generates about 20% of its operating profits. Absent these factors, the beverage giant's performance would look more encouraging, with pretax profits likely advancing at a mid-single-digit rate in 2016.

China has been a trouble spot this year. The June period was particularly weak, as case volumes there fell at a high single-digit pace year over year. This decline, as well as softness in Argentina and Venezuela, caused overall volumes to come in flat with the prior-year period, a slowdown from the 2%-3% growth registered in the previous five quarters. The sluggishness in China is likely to carry through the second half of 2016, as the rapid rate of economic growth in that country slows. On the positive side, favorable price/mix changes companywide are supporting overall revenues.

Coca-Cola continues to slim down. The company is putting more of its bottling operations, including all of those in North America, in the hands of independent partners. This refranchising effort, which is slated to wrap up by the end of 2017, will cause sales to shrink, but Coke should emerge as a higher-margin, less capital-intensive business. Too, incremental savings from productivity initiatives, as well as a continued emphasis on pricing and mix, ought to support wider margins. In all, we look for earnings climb 5% in 2017, to \$2.00 a share.

Conservative investors will likely want to take a closer look here. These shares have endured a rough stretch, declining 7% since the release of June-quarter earnings, but still possess a number of appealing attributes. This equity carries our Highest rank (1) for Safety, and offers a dividend that is more than 100 basis points above the Value Line median. In addition, this equity has climbed a notch in our Timeliness Ranking System, which now pegs it to outperform the broader market in the year ahead.

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