BARRON'S

Research Reports
Investment News & Views

Research Reports

1,043 words
12 August 1991
Barron's
B
PAGE 38
English

THE following companies are the subjects of research reports issued recently by investment firms. Most of the reports listed are available from Investext, a division of Thomson Financial Networks, in Boston. Share prices at the time the report was issued and the date of the report are in parentheses.

-- AAR (AIR-NYSE)

by A.G. Edwards & Sons

(15 3/8, July 17)

Buy. While the airline industry has been in the blues the past year, long-term trends are very favorable, especially for maintenance firms.

-- Bob Evans Farms (BOBE-OTC)

by Olde Discount

(19 1/4, July 12)

Accumulate. The recent introduction of microwave breakfast items, planned development of a new Mexican restaurant chain and an anticipated decline in commodity hog prices should benefit shareholders through continued growth and improved earnings.

-- Charming Shoppes (CHRS-OTC)

by Bear Stearns

(20, July 24)

Buy. Has carved out a unique niche as the preferred speciality store of the fashion-conscious but budget-minded shopper.

-- Clean Harbors (CLHB-OTC)

by Robertson Stephens

(15 5/8, July 19)

The dominant supplier of hazardous-waste-treatment services in New England is rapidly gaining market share in the Midwestern and mid-Atlantic states, thus reducing its reliance on its New England facilities and markets. We recommend that investors accumulate shares in this well-managed growth company at current prices and add to investment positions on price weakness.

-- Duriron (DURI-OTC)

by A.G. Edwards

(22 1/4, July 19)

Buy. A $300 million international flow-control company with a profitable niche in corrosive and purity-sensitive environments. Its expansion into new products, new end-user markets and new geographic markets and its improved manufacturing methods will lead to attractive long-term growth in earnings and continuation of strong profitability.

-- Eagle Food Centers (EGLE-OTC)

by Fahnestock

(9 1/4, Aug. 1)

New Purchase Recommendation. This high-quality food retailer's restructuring progress has not yet been recognized by the Street.

-- Geneva Steel (GNV-NYSE)

by Oppenheimer

(18 5/8, July 19)

New Recommendation. Is close to low-cost raw material sources, giving it a finished-steel cost advantage of $45 a ton over its competitors. Liabilities related to environmental issues and post-retirement pension and medical benefits have been retained by USX. Geneva Steel has no such liabilities, which have become a major issue facing the domestic steel industry.

-- Honda Motor

(HMC-NYSE)

by S.G. Warburg

(22, July 3)

We reaffirm our recommendation to buy the ADRs. The Japanese automaker continues to strengthen its position and share in the important U.S. market and should be one of the major beneficiaries of the upturn in new-car demand that seems to be materializing at long last.

-- Jefferson-Pilot (JP-NYSE)

by Oppenheimer

(45, July 24)

New Recommendation. The balance sheet is exceptionally strong, containing no debt. The company appears to be overcapitalized (for current operations), and the investment portfolio has been very conservatively managed. Management's conservative posture is clearly evident in its accounting practices. There is very little difference between GAAP and statutory earnings, implying that Jefferson-Pilot's earnings are understated relative to other life companies.

-- Mr. Coffee (JAVA-OTC)

by Bear Stearns

(8 7/8, July 18)

If the economy cooperates, earnings could rebound in 1992. Besides new products and the recent encouraging performance of the company's teapot, earnings could get a lift from a new water-filter and club-soda machine set to debut next year. Further, the company has provided solid support for its automatic drip coffee products in the recession, which has won it increased market share. This should be a big plus once retail demand picks up.

Finally, the company should benefit further from steadily declining interest expense, as it continues to channel a large portion of its substantial free cash flow into reducing debt.

-- Niagara Mohawk Power (NMK-NYSE)

by A.G. Edwards

(15 3/8, July 11)

We consider the shares attractive for purchase based on the expected dividend reinstatement and their modest P/E valuation in light of above-industry earnings growth potential. The shares currently trade at 9.9 times estimated 1991 earnings and 9.3 times estimated 1992 earnings, vs. industry averages of 11.1 times and 10.4 times.

-- Paychex (PAYX-OTC)

by Smith Barney

(21, July 16)

The second-largest provider of payroll accounting services, with over 135,000 small businesses in its client roster. After two years of infrastructure investment coupled with a more benign economic environment, the company can meet or exceed Street expectations. Buy.

-- Ryan's Family Steak Houses (RYAN-OTC)

by Interstate/Johnson Lane

(8 1/4, July 17)

Buy. Has been one of the most successful specialty restaurant companies since it was founded in 1978. Its concept continues to be one of the most appealing available to consumers in the value category and the negative trend in unit volumes is primarily a result of the recession that began in the middle of 1990.

-- TakeCare (TKCR-OTC)

by Seidler Amdec

(16 3/4, July 22)

Buy. The largest network-model HMO in the San Francisco Bay area, and one of only two statewide publicly traded HMOs, covering approximately 87% of California's total population. Trading at 9.9 times our fiscal 1991 earnings estimate and 8.8 times our fiscal 1992 earnings estimate, the shares of this 15%-20% long-term-growth company are rated a buy for above-average market performance over the coming 12-18 months.

-- U.S. Filter (USF-ASE)

by Hancock

(15 1/4, Aug. 2)

Buy. A vertically integrated clean-water and waste-water treatment service and manufacturing company, selling into a highly fragmented U.S. market of $250 billion a year that is expected to grow to $600 billion by the year 2000.

-- Wachovia (WB-NYSE)

by PNC Financial

(50, July 15)

Remains attractively priced because of its unique characteristics, which include an unsually clean loan portfolio, strong capital structure, good service area, and excellent management.

-- WD-40 (WDFC-OTC)

by Olde Discount

(31 1/4, July 15)

Buy. Because of the company's success in the U.S. and Canada, international growth potential, and competitive dividend yield, we initiate coverage with a buy rating.

Document b000000020011109dn8c0013v

Search Summary

Text	
Date	All Dates
Source	Newspapers: All
Author	All Authors
Company	AAR Corp
Subject	All Subjects
Industry	All Industries
Region	United States
Language	English
Results Found	418
Timestamp	17 July 2018 14:49

