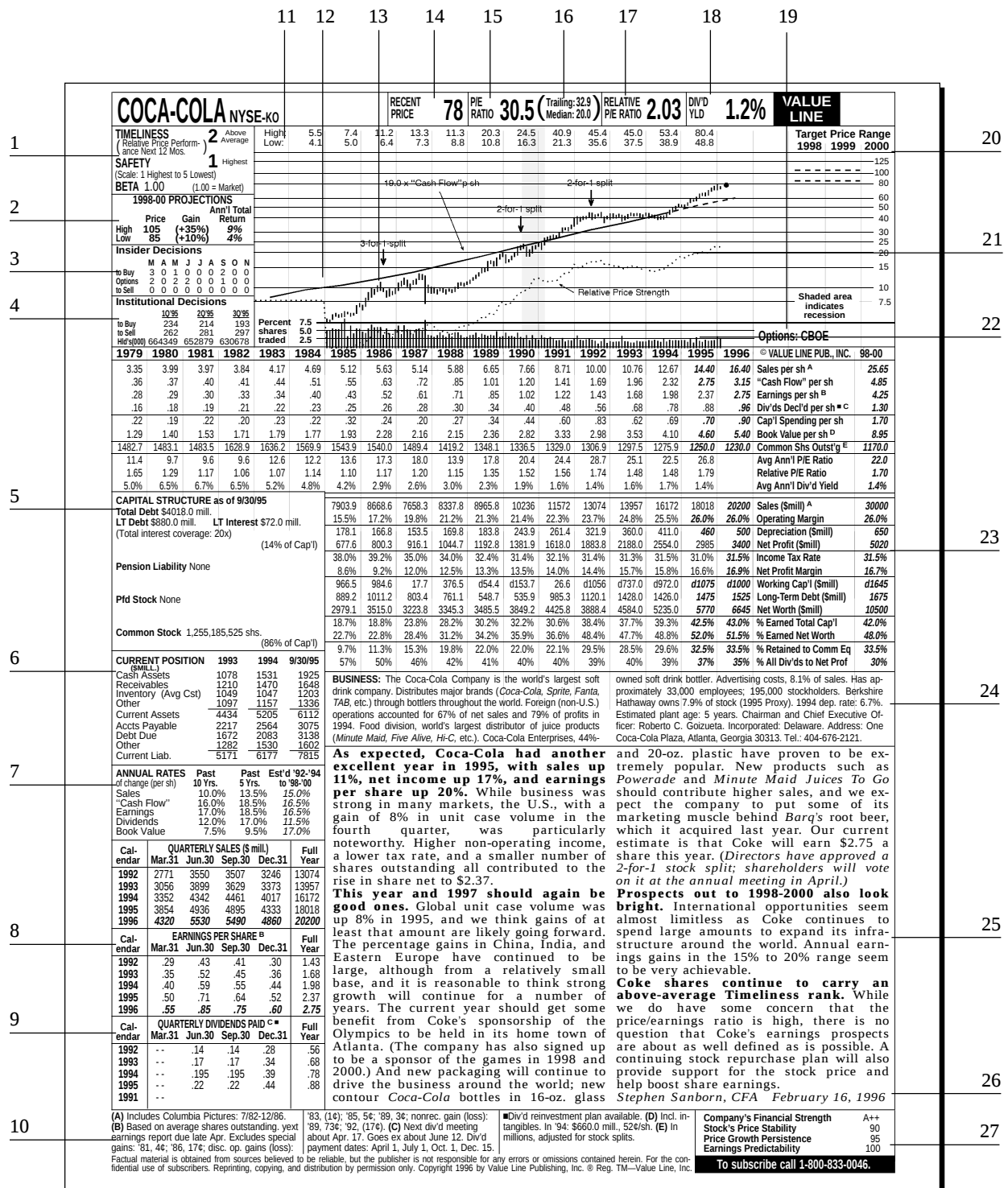


GETTING THE MOST FROM THE VALUE LINE PAGE



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1. Here is the core of Value Line's advice—the rank for Timeliness; the rank for Safety; Beta—the stock's sensitivity to fluctuations of the market as a whole.
 2. The projected average annual return—based on estimated 3- to 5-year price appreciation plus dividend income.
 3. The record of insider decisions—decisions by officers and directors to buy or sell as reported to the SEC one month or more after execution.
 4. A record of the decisions taken by the biggest institutions (over \$28 billion in equity holdings)—including banks, insurance companies, mutual funds—to buy or sell during the past three quarters and the total number of shares bought or sold.
 5. The capital structure as of recent date showing the percentage of capital in long-term debt (14%) and in common stock (86%); the number of times that total interest charges were earned (20 as of June 1995).
 6. Current position—current assets and current liabilities, the components of working capital.
 7. Annual rates of change (on a per-share basis). Actual past, estimated future.
 8. Quarterly earnings are shown on a per-share basis (estimates in bold type), quarterly sales on a gross basis.
 9. Quarterly dividends paid are actual payments. The total of dividends paid in four quarters may not equal the figure shown in the annual series on dividends declared. (Sometimes a dividend declared at the end of the year will be paid in the first quarter of the following year).
 10. Footnotes explain a number of things, such as the way earnings are reported, whether "fully diluted", on a "primary" basis, or on an "average shares outstanding" basis.
 11. The stock's highest and lowest price of the year.
 12. The Value Line—reported earnings plus depreciation ("cash flow") multiplied by a number selected to correlate the stock's 3- to 5-year projected target price with "cash flow" projected out to 1995-96.
 13. Monthly price ranges of the stock—plotted on a ratio (logarithmic) grid to show percentage changes in true proportion. For example, a ratio chart equalizes the move of a \$10 stock that rises to \$11 with that of a \$100 stock that rises to \$110. Both have advanced 10% and over the same space on a ratio grid.
 14. Recent price—nine days prior to delivery date.
 15. P/E ratio—the most recent price divided by the latest six months' earnings per share plus earnings estimated for the next six months.
 16. P/E median—a rounded average of four middle values of the range of average annual price/earnings ratios over the past 10 years.
 17. Relative P/E ratio—the stock's current P/E divided by the median P/E for all stocks under Value Line review.
 18. Dividend yield—cash dividends estimated to be declared in the next 12 months divided by the recent price.
 19. Options patch—indicates listed options are available on the stock and on what exchange they are most actively traded.
 20. The 3- to 5-year target price range, estimated. The range is placed in proper position on the price chart and is shown numerically in the "1998-00 Projections" box on the left side of the price chart.
 21. Relative price strength describes the stock's past price performance relative to the Value Line Composite Average of 1,700 stocks. The Timeliness rank usually predicts the future direction of this line.
 22. The number of shares traded monthly as a percentage of the total outstanding.
 23. Statistical milestones that reveal significant long-term trends. The statistics are presented in two ways: 1) the upper series records results on a per-share basis; 2) the lower records results on a gross basis. Note that the statistics for the current year are estimated, as are the figures for the average of the years 1998-2000. The estimate would be revised, if necessary, should future evidence require. The weekly *Summary & Index* would promptly call attention to such revisions.
 24. A condensed summary of the business, significant shareholders, and the company's address and telephone number.
 25. A 400-word report on recent developments and prospects—issued once every three months on a preset schedule.
 26. The date of delivery to the subscribers. The survey is mailed on a schedule that aims for delivery to every subscriber on Friday afternoon.
 27. Value Line's Indexes of Financial Strength, Price Stability, Price Growth Persistence, and Earnings Predictability.
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