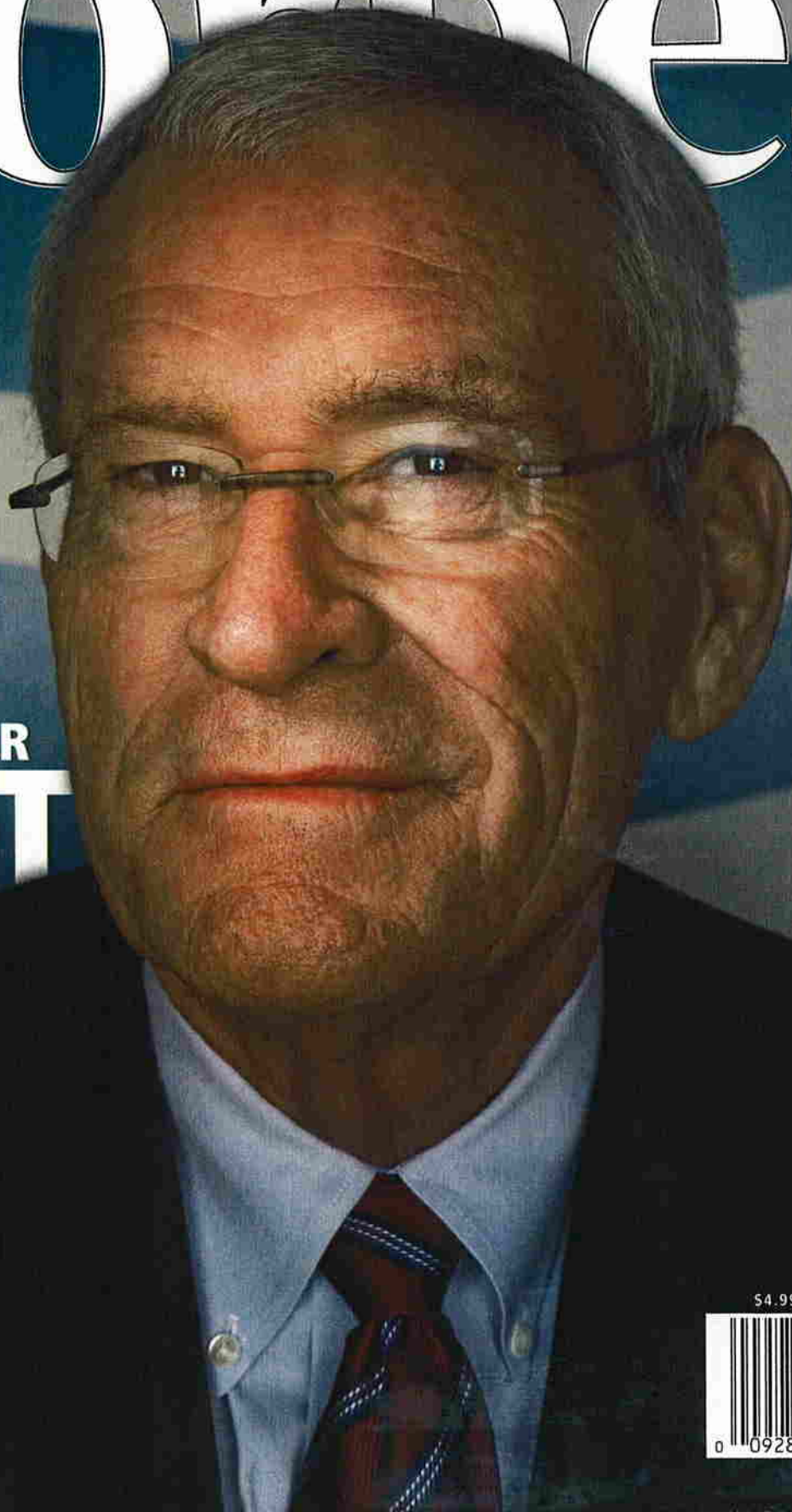


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COMPANY	5-YEAR AVERAGE GROWTH	
	SALES	EARNINGS PER SHARE
	22.5	26.7
t Diagnostics	10.7	38.2
tronics	20.6	21.8
er	16.8	23.3
n Medical Systems	15.9	29.9
oint	35.0	27.4
er Holdings	28.8	29.4

Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure

er International	11.3	9.3
en Restaurants	7.2	14.4
ame Technology	14.7	14.4
in the Box	8.7	8.1
ott International	8.1	17.8
onald's	7.9	9.5
l Mirage	11.7	24.7
National Gaming	36.3	44.4
Tuesday	10.7	14.9
ucks	24.4	28.2

Household & Personal Products

n Shoe	5.4	-5.2 ²
ch & Dwight	18.3	25.1
h	30.1	57.9 ¹
	19.8	13.4
	10.2	20.5
rd Industries	11.9	39.2
ps-Van Heusen	5.5	18.3
Ralph Lauren	11.1	26.0
er & Gamble	12.0	23.3
ilver	27.9	23.8
s Miracle-Gro	9.9	32.6
ters USA	5.1	-8.3
	4.1	23.3
erine World Wide	9.3	38.4

Insurance

Ltd	21.5	NM
	9.1	19.6
hany	14.2	NM
ac Financial Group	13.8	16.5
frican Finl Group	NM	14.1 ²

COMPANY	5-YEAR AVERAGE GROWTH	
	SALES	EARNINGS PER SHARE
Arch Capital Group	NM	42.0 ¹
Assurant	4.6	32.5
WR Berkley	25.8	39.3 ²
Chubb	15.8	44.4
Cincinnati Financial	10.7	40.8
Delphi Financial	19.4	NM
First American	22.4	29.5
HCC Insurance	30.5	31.0
Markel	15.7	25.8 ²
MetLife	7.6	67.2 ¹
Odyssey Re Holdings	28.4	NM
Philadelphia Consol	32.1	26.7
Prudential Financial	3.2	71.9 ²
Safeco	-2.1	36.0 ²
Selective Insurance	12.0	42.2
StanCorp Financial	10.3	22.6
Willis Group Holdings	13.2	18.1 ¹
Zenith National Ins	27.4	121.3 ²

Materials

Allegheny Technologies	7.7	NM
AptarGroup	10.6	11.2
Ball	11.1	21.5 ²
Barrick Gold	2.7	35.9 ¹
Bemis	9.3	4.8
Carpenter Technology	5.5	NM
Cleveland-Cliffs	40.7	NM
Commercial Metals	29.6	78.3
Freeport Copper	15.1	58.5
Greif	17.9	NM
Harsco	7.6	10.9
Nucor	25.9	45.7
Peabody Energy	11.7	61.6 ²
Quanex	15.3	32.7 ¹
Reliance Steel	15.8	30.5
Rock-Tenn	7.8	-9.1
Schnitzer Steel	39.8	80.3
Steel Dynamics	31.8	34.9

Media

Comcast	30.8	NM
DirecTV Group	12.2	NM

COMPANY	5-YEAR AVERAGE GROWTH	
	SALES	EARNINGS PER SHARE
Walt Disney	7.0	58.3
RR Donnelley & Sons	8.4	NM
Harte-Hanks	3.5	10.9
John Wiley & Sons	10.8	14.1
McGraw-Hill Cos	6.1	16.5
Meredith	8.4	16.8
News Corp	14.1	46.4 ²
Omnicom Group	11.6	12.1
EW Scripps	10.0	13.8
Washington Post	8.9	16.4
WPP Group	15.1	NM

Oil & Gas Operations

Anadarko Petroleum	17.0	46.1 ²
Baker Hughes	7.2	36.0
BJ Services	16.0	25.6
Cameron International	11.8	29.2
Chesapeake Energy	49.0	NM
Cimarex Energy	35.6	24.3
Devon Energy	36.1	32.9
EOG Resources	18.2	28.7
FMC Technologies	11.8	18.9
Frontier Oil	14.6	NM
Helmerich & Payne	16.5	22.4
Holly	27.1	52.3
Marathon Oil	8.4	46.4
McDermott Intl	NM	NM
National Oilwell Varco	26.1	42.2
Patterson-UTI Energy	18.3	NM
Pioneer Natural Res	24.3	32.7
Smith International	13.1	25.0
Sunoco	20.6	NM
Valero Energy	44.0	25.8
XTO Energy	39.9	38.0

Retailing

Aaron Rents	18.2	23.6
Abercrombie & Fitch	16.4	16.5
Advance Auto Parts	13.4	72.0
Aeropostale	32.2	51.3
Amer Eagle Outfitters	14.4	22.2
AnnTaylor Stores	11.5	13.5

COMPANY	5-YEAR AVERAGE GROWTH	
	SALES	EARNINGS PER SHARE
Bed Bath & Beyond	15	15
Best Buy	15	15
CarMax	16	16
Charming Shoppes	9	9
Children's Place	22	22
Claire's Stores	8	8
CVS	12	12
Dick's Sporting Goods	24	24
Dress Barn	12	12
Fastenal	14	14
Lowe's Cos	18	18
MarineMax	19	19
Nordstrom	7	7
O'Reilly Automotive	17	17
Office Depot	5	5
Petsmart	10	10
Pool	17	17
Ross Stores	12	12
Staples	9	9
Target	7	7
TJX Cos	11	11
United Auto Group	17	17
Walgreen	14	14

Semi

Analog Devices	5	5
Applied Materials	7	7
Lam Research	5	5
Linear Technology	9	9
MEMC Electronic Mats	8	8
Novellus Systems	NM	NM
Texas Instruments	6	6
Xilinx	5	5

Software

Adobe Systems	9	9
Alliance Data Systems	18	18
Amdocs	9	9
BEA Systems	6	6
CACI International	28	28
Fiserv	20	20
Google	NM	NM

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