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Oral Care



Pet Nutrition



Home Care



Personal Care





Investor Relations at Colgate



Mission

The mission of the Investor Relations
Department is to enhance the value
and good standing of Colgate-Palmolive
through effective communications between
the corporation and the investment
community



It's all about communication



Communication

<u>Internal</u>

Board of Directors

Senior Management

Colgate employees

Investor Relations **External**

Professional investors

Individual investors

Financial community (press, etc.)

Internal Communication

Board meetings

Senior Staff meetings

Website

Annual Employee Meeting



External Communication

Who says it

To whom we say it

How we say it

What we say



Who Says It





To Whom We Say It



Colgate Shareholders

 U.S. institutions – "buy-side" and "sell-side"

International institutions

Individuals





Large conferences and small group meetings





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Annual Report

- Six-month project
- Theme development
- Photography and design
- Content
- Proofread and print
- Mailed with proxy



Quarterly Press Release

- Preparations begin day after close of quarter and is two-week window
- Divisional meetings for business results
- Anticipate questions
- Archived webcast available on www.colgate.com



COLGATE-PALMOLIVE



Ian Cook Chairman, President & CEO

Colgate-Palmolive Company 2009 First Quarter Earnings Conference

Thursday, April 30, 2009 - 11:00 AM ET

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Annual Meeting

- Four-month project
- Cross-functional team 100 members

- Approximately 1,700 attendees
- Largest ballroom in city
- Gift bags



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- Investor Relations website



Investor Relations Website

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INVESTOR RELATIONS

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INVESTMENT STORY

Strong Brands, Global Operations, Continuous Improvement Fact Sheet



LATEST NEWS

Recent Press Releases Company News Earnings Dividends



STOCK/DIVIDENDS

Latest Price, 5-year History Total Return, Stock Split History, Dividend History, DRIP Info



SEC FILINGS

10Q Reports Proxy Other SEC Fillings



ANNUAL REPORT

1996-98 Results, Strong Growth, Record Earnings 1998 Annual Report 1997 Annual Report 1996 Annual Report



CONTACT INFO

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A TOUR OF COLGATE

DENTAL PROFESSIONAL WORLD COLGATE PRODUCTS CONTACT US

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For Investors



Driving Growth Worldwide **Building Market Leadership** Growing Profitability

Our long history of strong performance comes from absolute focus on our core global businesses and dedication to our successful worldwide financial strategy.

Total Return: 25 Years (12/01/01) vro 1/01/09)



Stock Quote: NYSE: CL 63.44 + 0.70 as of 5/14/09, 4:12 pm EDT Quotes delayed at least 20 mins. Not intended for trading purposes. Click here for additional stock. quote information.

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Colgate Total

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Shareholder Message from Colgate's Chairman & CEO



 Watch the most recent shareholder message from our Charman and CEO (2:24 minutes)

Latest News

- 5/66/09 INSPIRE YOUR CHILDREN TO DECOME 'GERM-FIGHTERS' + Softsgap@ BRAND Offers Tips for Building Daily Hand Washing
- 4/30/09 Colgate Announces Strong 1st Quarter Earnings - Company Expresses Comfort with 20 and Full Year 2009 External Expectations
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Annual Report



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Colgate's Investor Events & Webcasts

Coloate to repeast presentation at the Goldman Sachs Conference 5/14/09 - 8:05 a.m. ET

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- Partner with e-Business and Information Technology



What We Say



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Truly global





Balance Among Countries -Afghanistan Antique and Barbuda-Algeria Argentina-Bahamas-Angola Bahrain Barbados Benin Belize Botswana Burkina Faso Brazil-Burundi Chile Colombia-Cameroon Cape Verde Costa Rica-Central African Republic Dominica-Chad Dominican Republic-Comoros Ecuador. El Salvador- Cyprus Dem. Rep. of The Congo Grenada -Djibouti Guatemala Egypt Guyana Eritrea -Ethiopia Honduras-Jamaica-- Equatorial Guinea Mexico--Gabon -Gambia Nicaragua--Ghana Panama -Guinea - Guinea- Bissau Peru--Israel Suriname-St. Kitts and Nevis--Ivory Coast St. Lucia-Jordan -Kenya St. Vincent and the Grenadines-Trinidad & Tobago Kuwait Lebanon Uruguay--Lesotho Venezuela-Anguilla-Liberia -Libys Cayman Islands--Madagascar French Gulana Malawi Guadeloupe -Mali Martinique -Mauritania Notherlands Antilles-Mauritius Puerto Rico-Moracco Mozambique St. Barthelemy-St. Maarten Namibia Virgin Islands (UK) Niger Virgin Islands (US-Nigeria Canada-**Dman** United States-

What We Say

- Truly global
- Strength of Management

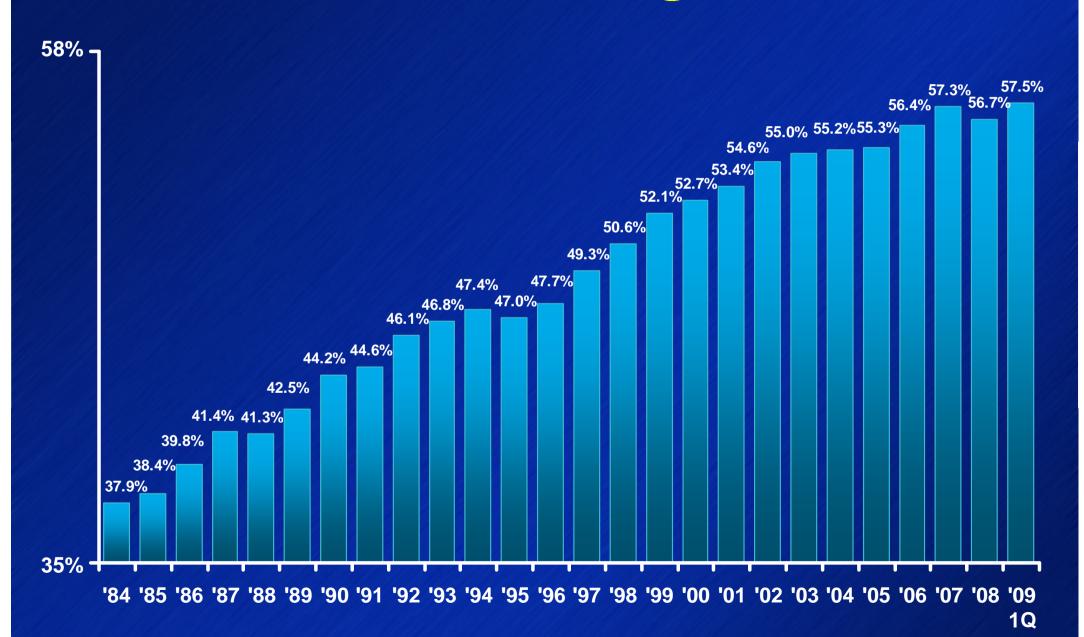


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Gross Margin

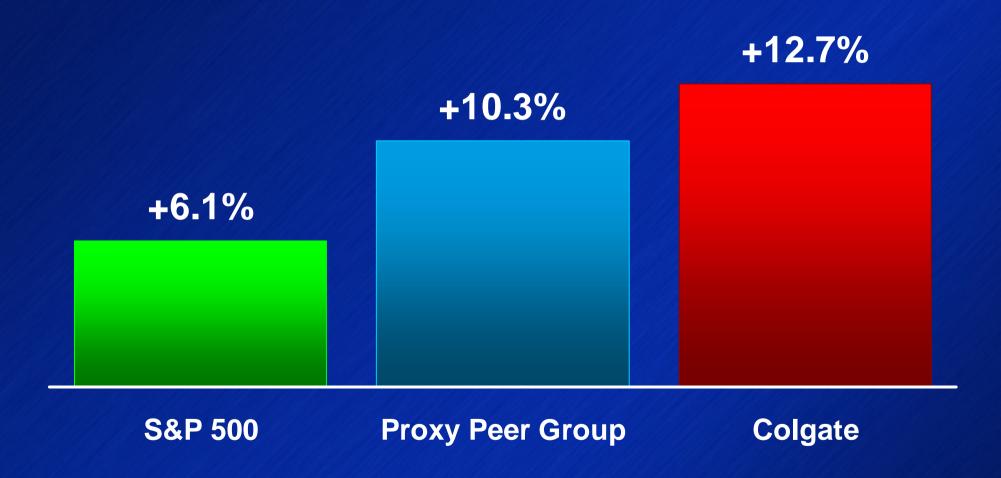


Operating Profit (\$MM)



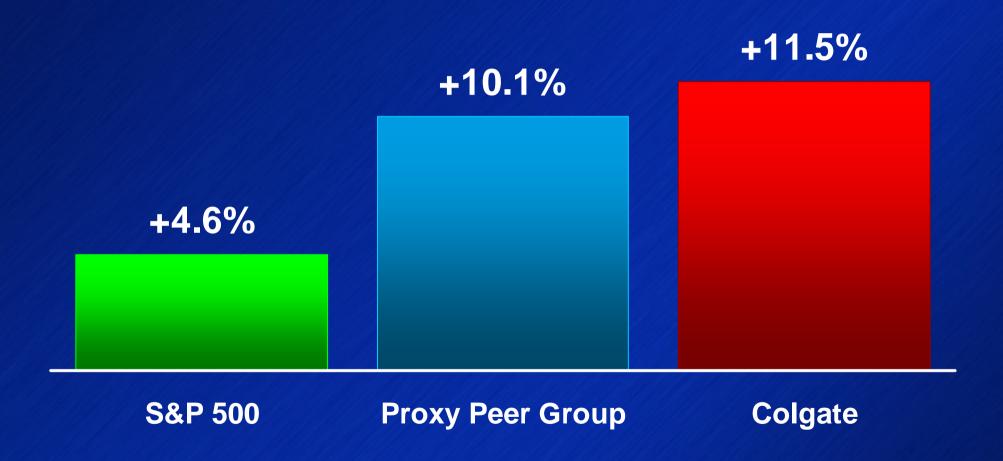
Compound Growth +11.4%

Earnings Per Share Comparison (CAGR)



Last 25 Years

Earnings Per Share Comparison (CAGR)



Last 10 Years

Earnings Per Share Comparison (CAGR)



-3.2%

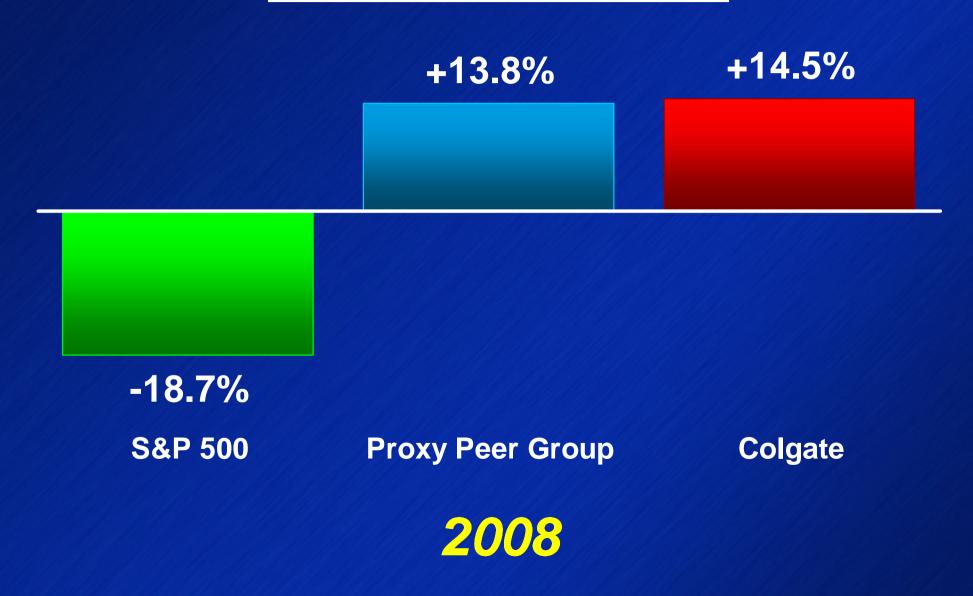
S&P 500

Proxy Peer Group

Colgate

Last 3 Years

Earnings Per Share Comparison Annual Growth Rates



Earnings Per Share Comparison Growth Rates

+7.8%

+1.0%

-29.8%

S&P 500 (Est.)

Proxy Peer Group

Colgate

1Q 2009

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- Balance between Developed and Developing World

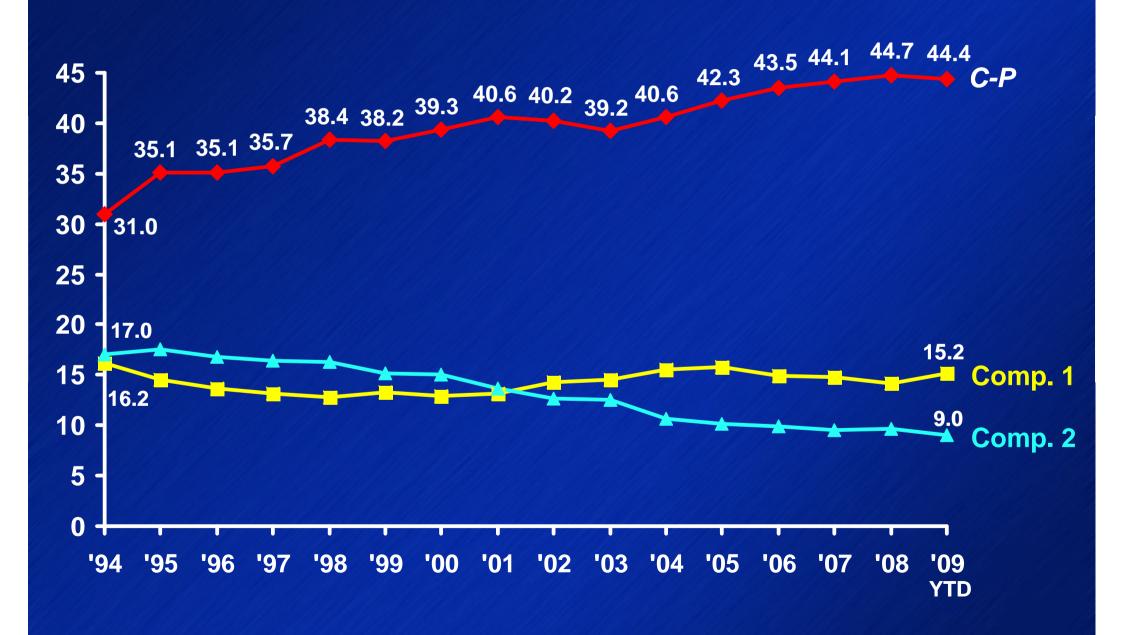


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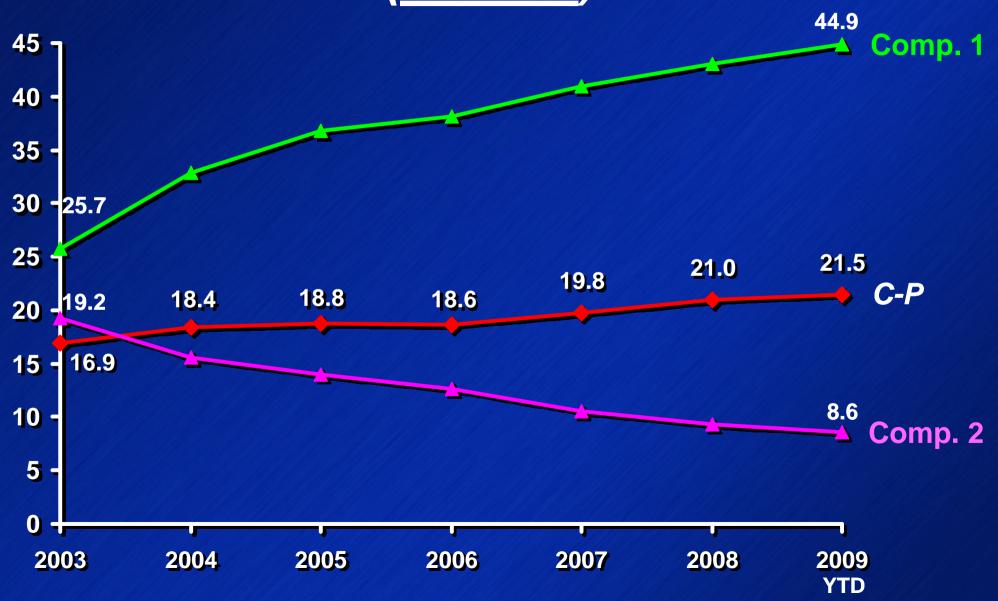
Worldwide Toothpaste Shares



Worldwide Manual Toothbrush Shares



Worldwide Mouthwash Shares (ex. U.S.)



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- Corporate governance



Colgate's Strong Governance Tradition

- Board independence and expertise
- Directors are stockholders
- Established policies guide governance and business integrity
- Board focused on key business priorities
- Direct access to Management



Independent Board

- For almost two decades, have had tradition of all Board members being independent with exception of Chair/CEO
- Regular executive sessions of independent directors
- Presiding Director since 2003
- Strict director independence standards
- Independent Compensation, Governance and Audit Committees in place long before mandated

Established Governance Policies

Board always elected annually

 Long-standing written governance guidelines and committee charters

 Thorough evaluation process at Board, committee and individual director levels

History of responsive dialogue with shareholders



Many Opportunities for Shareholder Input

Email communications to Directors

- Annual election of all directors by majority vote
- Right to call special meetings
- History of shareholder engagement



Recent Governance Enhancements

- Majority voting by-law (2007)
- Shareholder right to call special meeting (2007)
- Reduction of executive severance benefit and elimination of tax gross-up provision (2007)
- Expanded role of presiding director (2006)
- Termination of shareholder rights plan (2005)



External Ratings and Recognition

- High governance ratings from GMI and ISS
 - Top ten rating from GMI since inception
- Recognition for Board/governance excellence
 - Corporate Secretary Magazine
 - Treasury & Risk Magazine
 - Wharton-Spencer Stuart
 - Business Week
 - Corporate Board Member recognition



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- Financial Crisis
 - IR Doing More With Less
 - Guidance Practices Implications
- Financial Regulatory Reform
 - Short Sale Reforms
 - Corporate Governance



Financial Crisis – IR Doing More With Less NIRI Survey Results – April 2009

60% report IR budget decline

Decrease of less than 25% for most

 Greatest impact on travel, cash bonus, annual report costs



Financial Crisis – IR Doing More With Less NIRI Survey Results – February 2009

 More than 50% have increased communications with financial community

• The most frequent shift in IR messaging related to credit concerns (66%), outlook horizon (50%) and cost-cutting (50%)



Financial Crisis – Guidance Practices Implications NIRI Survey Results – May 2009

- Only modest decline in guidance
- 60% give earnings guidance vs. 64% in 2008
- 82% give other financial (non-EPS) guidance vs. 86% in 2008
- 55% give non-financial guidance vs. 57% in 2008



Financial Crisis – Guidance Practices Implications NIRI Survey Results – May 2009

 The primary reason cited for ceasing earnings or other financial (non-EPS) guidance within the last 12 months was due to a change in visibility/forecasting ability of business



Financial Regulatory Reform – Short Sale Reforms

 SEC has proposed reinstating uptick rule or new circuit breaker

 NIRI supports a comprehensive evaluation of market stabilizing systems and processes during times of extreme volatility including some form of short selling circuit breakers



New Administration pursuing comprehensive reform including:

- Say-on-Pay
- Shareholder Proxy Access
- Broker Discretionary Voting
- Annual Director Elections
- Separate CEO / Chairman



NIRI is a member of the Shareholder Communications Coalition supporting:

 A comprehensive evaluation of the current shareholder voting and communications system in order to modernize the corporate governance processes used by public company shareholders



Shareholder Communications Coalition primary tenets:

- Direct communications with individual investors
- Protect the voting interests of retail investors
- Improve competition among proxy service providers
- Improve proxy voting integrity
- Review role of proxy advisors



NIRI Actions:

- NIRI SEC / Congressional comment letters
- Grassroots NIRI member letter writing
- SEC Commission / Staff meetings
- Capitol Hill meetings
- SEC open meeting attendance
- Etc.



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Things to Remember

Patience

Even more transparency

You can't fight the tape

Maintain a sense of humor



Let's Talk



