



## investment ideas

### Supplying Health

Joseph Tatusko



**Steris Corporation (STE)** is in the infection-prevention and contamination-control business. It makes sterilizers, detergents and skin-care products. Steris

sells to hospitals, physicians, government agencies and pharmaceutical firms. In the event of an epidemic or pandemic, Steris's products will be in even higher demand.

*Fiscal year: March. Earnings per share: 2011 est./\$1.98...2010 est./\$1.84...2009/\$1.86.*

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### Better Building

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**The Home Depot, Inc. (HD)** is the world's largest home-improvement specialist and fifth-largest retailer of any kind. The housing downturn has severely hurt The Home Depot's earnings, but CEO

Frank Blake is returning the company to its roots, selling off non-core businesses and slowing expansion. Even though the company expects sales to be down 9% this year, upgraded ordering and inventory systems...regionally centralized distribution...and improved efficiency will reduce costs. Store redesign and improved employee training will boost customer satisfaction. The firm's dividend of \$0.90/share/yr., with a recent yield of 3.9%, is secure and may rise.

*Fiscal year: January. Earnings per share: 2011 est./\$2.18...2010 est./\$1.85...2009/\$1.30.*

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