

Stock of the Day: The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL)

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The Allstate Corporation (NYSE: ALL), based on Northbrook-Illinois, is a leading personal lines insurer primarily in the United States especially in urban areas of the nation. The Allstate Corporation primarily provides personal property and casualty insurance, the life insurance, retirement and investment products through its best companies Allstate Insurance Company, Allstate Life Insurance Company. Allstate has more than 13,000 financial representatives and agencies in U.S. and Canada. The Allstate Corporation operates in four main business segments: Allstate Financial segment (provides life insurance, investment products, voluntary accident and health insurance and retirement and investment products); Allstate Protection segment (provides private passenger auto and homeowners insurance); Discontinued Lines and Coverages segment; and other business segment. The Allstate Corporation is one of America's Most Admired Companies for Fortune Magazine.

The Allstate Corporation has a market cap of \$12.58 billion. ALL has a strong P/E ratio of 24.12 and forward P/E ratio of 6.46. Analysts estimate ALL to have a 8.34% EPS growth this year and 9.20% EPS growth in the next 5 years. As a result of increase in spread of both benefit and investment, there was an increase of 12.8% in operating income. Allstate announced that operating income was \$141 million in the second-quarter of 2011 compared to \$125 million in the same period of 2010. With a profit margin of 1.75%, The Allstate Corporation offered 3.45% dividend yield last year. Although ALL has a high dividend yield, it has a weak profitability. ALL stocks have a Total Debt/Equity ratio of 0.31 and Beta of 1.47. The Allstate Corporation recently traded at 24.36.

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