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P&G, four other local firms among Fortune's 'most admired'

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Procter & Gamble Co., along with four other local public companies, are among the most admired companies in the U.S., according to Fortune magazine.

The most admired local public companies are Procter & Gamble (NYSE: PG), Cintas Corp. (NASDAQ: CTAS), Convergys Corp. (NYSE: CVG), Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) and AK Steel (NYSE: AKS), according to Fortune's Web site.

Fortune and survey partner the **Hay Group**, asked 3,700 people from a cross-section of industries to name their most-admired companies. Criteria included: innovation, people management, use of corporate assets, social responsibility, quality of management, financial soundness, long-term investment and quality of products/services.

Other local companies listed as "contenders" for the list were: Ashland Inc. (NYSE: ASH), Chiquita Brands International Inc. (NYSE: CQB), Fifth Third Bancorp (NASDAQ: FITB), Macy's Inc. (NYSE: M), Omnicare Inc. (NYSE: OCR) and E.W. Scripps Co. (NYSE: SSP).

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