

The newsletter for the Consumer Soft Goods sector

Q4 2014

Market Trends

- The Retail sector benefited from strong online buying, an improved job market and falling gas prices
- The Other Accessories segment performed well in Q4 following a decline in distribution costs driven by falling fuel prices and increased levels of disposable income
- Although the Bags and Luggage sector benefits from increased global travel and consumer spend, within Lincoln's index, LVMH and Coach are weighted more heavily due to their size. These companies stock price performance has been negatively affected by increased competition from high end brands and affordable luxury as well as other business divisions (i.e.) LVMH being slow to address the collapse of Cognac sales in China

Source: S&P CapitalIQ, Industry Research Reports

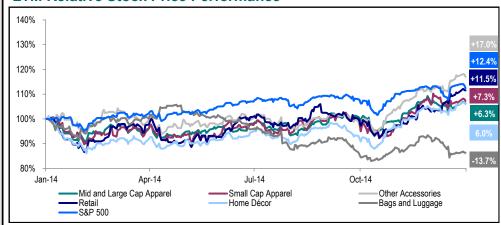
Market Intelligence

- Hugo Boss' largest shareholder, Permira, has received two bids for its 38% stake in the company
- The auction for Spanish clothing retailer
 Pepe Jeans, has been won by M1 Group, a family-owned Lebanese firm for \$1,008 million
- Orchard Brands, a clothing and home products retailer, has hired Goldman Sachs to prepare the company for sale in what is estimated to be a \$500m deal
- Perry Ellis, has been approached by Sequential Brands Group regarding a sale after Legion Partners, a 5.9% stakeholder, called for a review of strategic alternatives
- Jimmy Choo prices its IPO at 140 pence per share, valuing the company at GBP 545.6 million
- ANN, a retailer of women's apparel and shoes, has signed an NDA with Golden Gate Capital

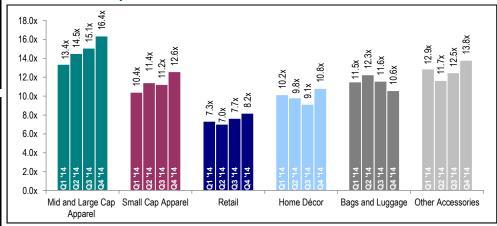
Source: Mergermarket, Bloomberg and Reuters

Lincoln International Consumer Soft Goods Index

LTM Relative Stock Price Performance



Historical Enterprise Value / EBITDA Valuation Performance



M&A Transaction Recap

Announced	Target	Target	Acquiring
Date	Company	Description	Company
18-Dec-14	Unlimited Footwear Group B.V.	Designs and distributes footwear for men, women and children	Equistone Partners Europe
10-Dec-14	Fox Head, Inc.	Manufactures motocross apparel for guys and girls	Altamont Capital Partners
8-Dec-14	NüRoo, Inc.	Manufactures and retails nursing and baby apparel products	BROWNMED Inc.
2-Dec-14	Crittenden and Company LLC	Manufactures men's jackets, dress shirts, neckwear and trousers	Prospect Brands, LLC
25-Nov-14	LUTA Ltd.	Manufactures men's and women's athletic apparel	Reebok International Ltd.
25-Nov-14	Bank Fashion Limited	Retails branded men's and women's wear	Hilco UK Limited
21-Nov-14	Solaris, Inc.	Manufactures and markets medical garments	Lohmann & Rauscher International
19-Nov-14	Garry Gribble's Running Sports	Sells running shoes, apparel, hydration products and accessories	The Running Specialty Group
10-Nov-14	Heroes Apparel LLC	Provides uniforms and equipment to the public safety industry	Witmer Associates, Inc.
22-Oct-14	Harry's of London Ltd.	Designs and manufactures footwear and accessories	Palladin Consumer Retail Partners
15-Oct-14	COURAGE b	Designs and retails clothing and accessories for women	Marcus Lemonis LLC
12-Oct-14	Nick Graham Ltd.	Designs and manufactures apparel for men	Iconix Brand Group, Inc.
10-Oct-14	Jersey City Canada, Inc.	Engages in retailing jerseys and sports apparel	The LIDS Sports Group
2-Oct-14	Tomasoni Topsail S.p.a.	Offers cases and wallets	North Technology Group LLC

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Selected Consumer Soft Goods Public Comparables

Company Name		Stock	itock % of		Market	E	Enterprise		LTM			YoY Revenue	EBITDA	EV / LT	M
		Price	52-week High		Сар		Value		Revenue	E	BITDA	Growth	Margin	Revenue	EBITDA
Mid and Large Cap Apparel															
Adidas AG	\$	69.61	61%	\$	14,564	\$	14,806	\$	18,420 \$	\$	1,445	(5%)	8%	0.8x	10.2x
Hanesbrands Inc.		111.62	96%		11,150		13,226		5,088		808	13%	16%	2.6x	16.4x
Nike, Inc.		96.15	96%		82,834		79,408		29,759		4,583	13%	15%	2.7x	17.3x
PVH Corp.		128.17	92%		10,568		13,961		8,225		1,200	15%	15%	1.7x	11.6x
Ralph Lauren Corporation		185.16	99%		16,239		15,825		7,584		1,375	8%	18%	2.1x	11.5x
Under Armour, Inc.		67.90	92%		14,510		14,452		2,872		373	33%	13%	5.0x	38.7x
V.F. Corporation		74.90	99%		32,347		33,934		11,993		2,048	9%	17%	2.8x	16.6x
Small Cap Apparel															
Columbia Sportswear Company	\$	44.54	97%	\$	3,104	¢	2.947	¢	1.957	¢	230	18%	12%	1.5x	12.8x
Deckers Outdoor Corp.	ې	91.04	91%	φ	3,153	Ģ	3.227	φ	1,588	φ	249	11%	16%		
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G-III Apparel Group, Ltd.		101.01	98%		2,270		2,375		2,075		170	28%	8%	1.1x	14.0x
Oxford Industries Inc.		55.21	67%		909		1,051		974		120	10%	12%	1.1x	8.8x
Perry Ellis International Inc.		25.93	97%		402		521		888		40	(8%)	4%	0.6x	13.2x
Quiksilver Inc.		2.21	25%		378		1,162		1,570		(12)	(13%)	(1%)	0.7x	nmf
Rocky Brands, Inc.		13.42	82%		101		148		269		19	11%	7%	0.5x	7.8x
Wolverine World Wide Inc.		29.47	86%		2,993		3,862		2,693		312	20%	12%	1.4x	12.4x
Zumiez, Inc.		38.63	97%		1,129		1,023		780		103	10%	13%	1.3x	9.9x
Retail															
Abercrombie & Fitch Co.	\$	28.64	63%	\$	1,986	\$	2,015	\$	3,924	\$	420	(11%)	11%	0.5x	4.8x
American Eagle Outfitters, Inc.	•	13.88	88%	7	2,700		2,419		3,253		321	(5%)	10%	0.7x	7.5x
Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.		76.17	94%		14,110		14,323		11,748		1,786	2%	15%	1.2x	8.0x
Express Inc.		14.69	76%		1,238		1,294		2,156		226	(2%)	10%	0.6x	5.7x
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Francesca's Holdings Corporation		16.70	74%		706		684		362		72	11%	20%	1.9x	9.5x
The Gap, Inc.		42.11	90%		17,837		18,263		16,302		2,619	1%	16%	1.1x	7.0x
Kirkland's Inc.		23.64	97%		405		349		485		42	6%	9%	0.7x	8.4x
L Brands, Inc.		86.55	99%		25,332		29,570		11,203		2,294	5%	20%	2.6x	12.9x
Pier 1 Imports, Inc.		15.40	66%		1,386		1,572		1,838		196	4%	11%	0.9x	8.0x
Restoration Hardware Holdings, Inc.		96.01	95%		3,800		4,038		1,756		192	29%	11%	2.3x	nmf
Tuesday Morning Corporation		21.70	95%		949		941		883		15	4%	2%	1.1x	nmf
Urban Outfitters Inc.		35.13	86%		4,625		4,381		3,218		498	6%	15%	1.4x	8.8x
Williams-Sonoma Inc.		75.68	98%		6,969		6,954		4,623		645	10%	14%	1.5x	10.8x
Home Décor															
Dorel Industries Inc.	s	34.56	95%	\$	1,121	s	1,530	\$	2.610 9	\$	182	8%	7%	0.6x	8.4x
Ethan Allen Interiors Inc.	٧	30.97	98%	Ψ	896	٧	900	Ψ	756	Ψ	93	4%	12%	1.2x	9.7x
La-Z-Boy Incorporated		26.84	86%		1,390		1,262		1,392		122	9%	9%		
Leggett & Platt, Incorporated		42.61	99%		5,864		6,632		3,957		444	14%	11%	0.9x	10.3x 15.0x
		185.16	99%		16.239				3,957 7.584		1.375	8%	18%	1.7x	
Ralph Lauren Corporation					.,		15,825					-,-		2.1x	11.5x
Select Comfort Corporation		27.03	98%		1,440		1,307		1,065		121	14%	11%	1.2x	10.8x
Tempur Sealy International Inc.		54.91	89%		3,345		4,923		2,922		353	37%	12%	1.7x	13.9x
Bags and Luggage								_		_					
Coach, Inc.	\$	37.56	66%	\$	10,351	\$	9,614	\$	4,694	\$	1,301	(8%)	28%	2.0x	7.4x
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA		160.08	90%		80,313		89,478		40,422		9,498	8%	23%	2.2x	9.4x
Samsonite International S.A.		2.97	82%		4,176		4,104		2,159		349	13%	16%	1.9x	11.7x
Tumi Holdings, Inc.		23.73	96%		1,611		1,585		511		105	18%	21%	3.1x	15.1x
Vera Bradley, Inc.		20.38	68%		821		731		518		85	(5%)	16%	1.4x	8.7x
VIP Industries Limited		1.80	91%		255		256		163		14	5%	9%	1.6x	17.7x
Other Accessories															
Columbia Sportswear Company	\$	44.54	97%	\$	3,104	s	2.947	\$	1,957	s	230	18%	12%	1.5x	12.8x
Jarden Corp.	ų	47.88	98%	Ψ	9,207	Ÿ	13,597	Ψ	8,065	Ψ	930	16%	12%	1.7x	14.6x
Newell Rubbermaid Inc.		38.09	98%		10,326		12,407		5,752		899	3%	16%		
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