Pacific Sunwear of California Fallen Angel

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A Brief History

- Started as a surf shop in Newport Beach in 1980 with first mall-based store opened in 1981
- Went public in March 1993 and was one of the best performing stocks up to its peak in 2005
- Became dominate surf and skate retailer with over 965 store footprint in the U.S.
- Diversified business with two other store concepts – d.e.m.o. (hip hop retailer), One Thousand Steps (shoe and accessories)

What happened?



....lots of things

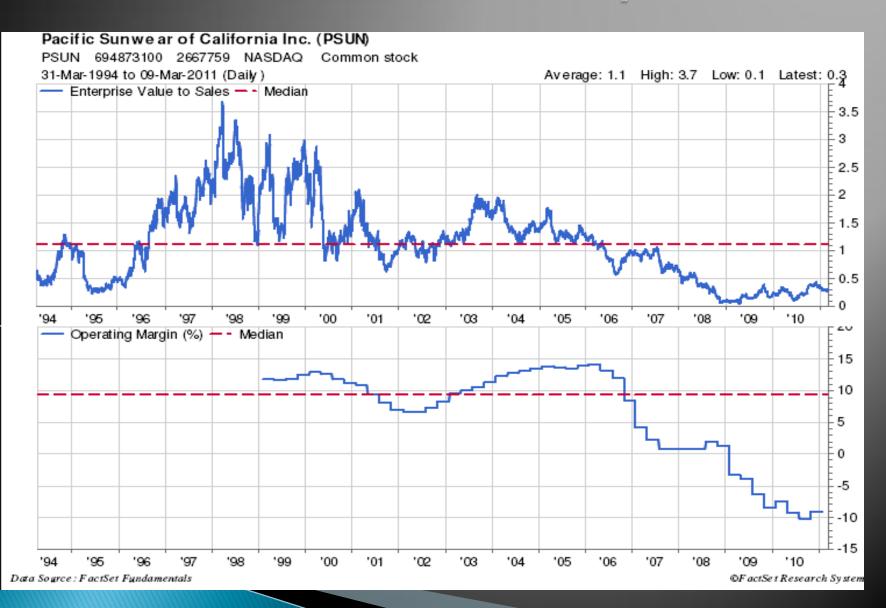
Victim of its own success

- Management teams of high multiple, high growth stocks tend to emphasize growth over returns on equity
- PSUN kept pushing growth in stores while ROIC was decreasing
- Forgot who got who made them neglected heritage brands over higher margin private label.
- Branched off into unrelated store concepts d.e.m.o, One Thousand Steps
- Exited footwear prior management underestimated correlation between footwear and men's apparel sales
- New competitors aggressively entered the scene to capitalize on this space - Zumiez, Hollister

Significant economic slowdown

- Unveiled how poor the company had been managed in the previous 5 years
- Sales declines highlighted bad real estate deals (occupancy costs 20%)

....and valuations compress



Turnaround time

- New Management Team
 - CEO came in mid 2009 replaced most of senior management team by 2010
- Business strategy
 - Focus on heritage brands to get target customer (15-22 year old) reengaged
 - Improve organization and culture
 - Great products drive results -> men's focus on brands, women's revamp the whole deal (customer segmentation, merchandising, speed to market)
 - More intelligent use of market data to properly merchandise stores "localization"
 - Develop a coherent e-commerce strategy
 - Reintroduce footwear and accessories

Roadmap to profitability

- Increase the productivity of the stores
- Get the stores back to positive comps

Shrink to Success

Right-size the business

- Golden Gate Capital loans \$60M to provide capital to close underperforming stores and to fund operations
- Store base going from 877 in 2010 to 570 by end of FY2013
- Closing 100–120 stores in 4Q2012
 - Average sales for lower performing stores is \$600k vs.
 \$1.1M company average
 - Higher productivity from existing stores will help drive improved gross margin
 - By FY 2013 cash should increase by \$10-15M from reduction in inventory needs
 - This exits exposure to C & D properties with remaining 600 in A & B malls

Driving Positive Comps

- Revamp women's business progress being made, core customer being reengaged
- Broaden out shoes and apparel (currently 425 stores) men's footwear up 38% in 2011, women's up 42%
- Fine tune merchandising (localization) and ecommerce to drive further sales, optimize inventory needs, and strengthen relationship with customer
- ▶ Trending in right direction 2009 (-20%) 2010 (-8%) 2011 (-1%)

Risks

- Balance sheet not strong enough to withstand another two years like 2009 and 2010 without additional capital raise
- Can't get women's line right
- Customers move away from surf & skate genre

Some numbers

Short Interest

Price 5/20/2012	1.54	Analyst Rec	S		PSUN	
Diluted Shares OS*	67.5 101.79		1	P/B	1.1	Γ
Equity Value	101.79	buys		P/S	0.23	t
Plus: LT Debt	74.181	Hold	8			H
Less: Cash	21.5	Sell	1	P/E	N/A	_
Enterprise Value	154.471					
Current Ratio	1.5x					
Debt/Equity	74%					
TA/Fauity	3.3x					

18%

Industry

1.1

19.2

Earnings Power

- 2001 store count equal to where management has outlined as part of the strategy
- Not an apples-to-apples comp -2001 includes 101 demo stores/\$900k rev store = total 665 stores
- Company was in hyper growth mode in 2001 (added 100+ new stores in 2002) GP should be higher for more mature stores
- Lots of levers to pull to drive margins - reduce headcount, better inventory management, upside to store revs from here as shoes/apparel added back, potential traffic gains from closed stores, greater e-commerce penetration, etc...

\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	2001	2011	2013
Sales	685.4	833	626
GP	226	180	200
SGA	181.7	255	165.8
Op Inc	44.3	-68.1	40.69
Total Stores	564	733	570
Avg Sales/Store	1049	1052	1100
Total Square Footage	2319	2862	2243
Avg Sales/sq ft	335.7	269	279.1
EPS	0.37	-0.77	0.50
GPM%	33	21.7	33
SGA%	26.5	30.6	26.5
OM%	6.5	-8.9	6.5
Total Employees	8100	9100	9100
Part-time	5400	6400	6400
Corp HQ	400	530	530
OS	74.85	66.7	81.1*
*incl GGC exer 13.5M sh	5		

.....but it's still a retail turnaround in crappy environment

- Several have a huge vested interest
 - GGC convert is at \$1.75 for 13.5M shares
 - They have \$60M of skin in the game
 - The "Greeks" have 30% of the outstanding shares at 2-3x current share price
 - They are still the preferred vendor QZK, Volcom, etc... need these guys to stay around
- At .2 forward EV/Sales it's worth a look