# Cabela's Inc. 

Consumer- Retail December 20, 2012
Company Description: Cabela's Inc. is the world's largest direct marketer and retailer of hunting, fishing, camping and related outdoor merchandise. Founded in 1961, Cabela's publishes and delivers over 130 million retail catalogs annually and operates 40 large retail stores in the U.S. and Canada. Additionally, CAB operates World's Foremost Bank, through which it issues and manages the Cabela's CLUB Visa card and other loyalty rewards programs. The company's headquarters are in Sidney, Nebraska.

Upgrading CAB to BUY from HOLD based on valuation, we think sell-off is overdone (CAB - \$41.70) BUY

## Key Points

- We realize the sensitivity towards those affected by the recent tragedy in Newtown, CT and want to offer some long-term thoughts on Cabela's despite our near-term sadness and concerns for what happened. We think the recent sell-off in CAB shares is overdone and are upgrading our rating to BUY from HOLD based on valuation.
- CAB shares have declined approximately 25\% in the last month. We note that shares declined following 3Q:12 results due to earnings and sales misses compared to consensus. Recently shares have declined approximately $6 \%$ since the tragic shooting in Newtown, CT. We think the sell-off is overdone.
- CAB faces legislative risk, primarily due to a return of the "assault weapon ban". We think a return of the assault weapon ban is more likely now than any point since its expiration in 2004. We note that the potential impact on CAB's future earnings is likely negligible.
- CAB is a large firearm retailer. Seven of the top ten National Instant Check System (NICS) locations are Cabela's stores. Approximately $10 \%$ of total sales are firearms and approximately $8 \%$ of total sales are from ammunition. Hunting equipment sales were approximately $41 \%$ of CAB's total sales last year.
- CAB's mix of modern sporting rifles (MSR), firearms most likely to be impacted by an assault weapon ban, is a small portion of sales and even smaller mix of earnings. (We have a more in-depth discussion of modern sporting rifles on page 3.) MSR sales constitute approximately $2 \%$ of total sales or $20 \%$ of total firearm sales. These firearms have a strong ASP we project approximately $\$ 1,000$, but are lower margin products than most of CAB's merchandise sales. We think the negative impact on earnings from an assault weapons ban would be small, even when considering accessory sales.
■ We think current trends are strong across all categories. We note that typically following a high profile shooting that firearm, ammunition and accessory sales are high, and we think the recent shooting is driving higher sales than any other shooting in recent history. Hunting license sales are higher in key states where CAB operates which gives us confidence in 4Q:12 sales estimates. Additionally, we think colder weather and winter storms will help drive apparel and footwear sales in 4Q:12 which would boost sales and earnings.

| Rev(mil) | 2011A | 2012E | 2013E |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mar | $\$ 587$ | $\$ 624 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 691 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Jun | $\$ 562$ | $\$ 627 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 685 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Sep | $\$ 679$ | $\$ 741 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 810 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Dec | $\$ 988$ | $\$ 1,056 \mathrm{E}$ | $\$ 1,163 \mathrm{E}$ |
| FY | $\$ 2,811$ | $\$ 3,048 \mathrm{E}$ | $\$ 3,350 \mathrm{E}$ |
| P/Sales | 1.04 x | 0.96 x | 0.87 x |


| EPS |  | 2011 A | 2012 E | 2013 E |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Mar |  | $\$ 0.25$ | $\$ 0.40 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 0.43 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Jun |  | $\$ 0.31$ | $\$ 0.47 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 0.52 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Sep |  | $\$ 0.50$ | $\$ 0.60 \mathrm{~A}$ | $\$ 0.71 \mathrm{E}$ |
| Dec |  | $\$ 1.06$ | $\$ 1.23 \mathrm{E}$ | $\$ 1.45 \mathrm{E}$ |
| FY |  | $\$ 2.12$ | $\$ 2.71 \mathrm{E}$ | $\$ 3.11 \mathrm{E}$ |
| PIE | 19.7 x | 15.4 x | 13.4 x |  |


| Price: | $\$ 41.70$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 52-Week Range: | $\$ 56.78-\$ 23.65$ |
| Target: | $\$ 50.00$ |
| Rating: | BUY |
| Shares Outstanding: | 70.0 mil |
| Mkt. Capitalization: | $\$ 2,920$ mil |
| Ave. Volume: | 743,300 |
| Instit. Ownership: | $66 \%$ |
| BV / Share: | $\$ 18.65$ |
| Debt / Tot. Cap.: | $72 \%$ |
| Est. LT EPS Growth: | $15 \%$ |

- We are maintaining our estimates. Our $4 \mathrm{Q}: 12$ earnings estimate of $\$ 1.23$ is the highest estimate in consensus and compares to consensus of $\$ 1.21$. We are comfortable with our estimates given the strong current trends in all categories. We are maintaining our 2013 EPS estimate of $\$ 3.11$ which compares to consensus of $\$ 3.07$. If the modern sporting rifle category disappeared completely we think it would have an approximate $\$ 0.12-\$ 0.15$ impact on earnings.
- We are maintaining our $\$ 50$ price target. We derive our $\$ 50$ price target by applying a $16 x$ multiple to our 2013 EPS estimate of $\$ 3.11$. Our valuation methodology is unchanged. We think a $16 x$ multiple is warranted when weighting CAB's retail and credit card businesses, multiples paid for peers and CAB's growth.
- We are upgrading our rating to BUY from HOLD. Our upgrade is based primarily on valuation given the recent sell-off in CAB shares. Trading at $13.4 x$ our 2013 EPS estimate we think the shares are inexpensive. CAB is seeing high square footage growth, $10 \%$ and $13 \%$ in 2012 and 2013, respectively. We still think merchandise margins can increase 100 bps in 2012 and 30 bps in 2013. We think current results are strong as evidenced by strong current demand for firearms, accessories and ammunition, weather trends are driving better apparel and footwear sales, and more hunters in the field this year compared to last year is a positive sign of demand in the entire hunting category. With more than $20 \%$ upside to our price target, we are upgrading our rating to BUY from HOLD.

CAB shares have declined due to fears that firearm sales could be in legislative risk. Following the recent shooting in Newtown, CT, we are seeing increased discussion of gun control focused primarily on a return of the assault weapon ban. We think discussions regarding this have pushed CAB shares lower. We note recent events that show more momentum behind potential regulatory, legislative and social risks for CAB such as competitor Dick's Sporting Goods (DKS - NC) removing all modern sporting rifles from its stores as well as high capacity magazines, Cerberus stating its intention to sell Freedom Group (a large manufacturer of firearms and ammunition), press conferences from government officials including the White House discussing plans to reinstate the assault rifle ban or other forms of gun control. We note that it is hard to handicap the likelihood of new legislation, but the movement has more legs today than at any point in recent history.

CAB is a large retailer of firearms. Nationwide, seven of the top ten NICS locations are Cabela's stores. CAB currently derives approximately $10 \%$ of its total sales from firearms. Breaking down firearm sales further, approximately $50 \%$ are long guns and $50 \%$ are handguns. MSR makes up approximately $20 \%$ of total firearm sales or $2 \%$ of total sales. We think the MSR category is the most at risk from new legislation. In addition to firearms, Cabela's produces about $8 \%$ of its total sales from ammunition sales. We do not anticipate any new risks to ammunition sales from legislation, but note that discussions on banning online ammunition sales have been prevalent this year. Lastly, CAB sells accessories for MSR which include optics, slings, cases and others. We cannot quantify the accessory sales specific to MSR, but think it is miniscule. We note that firearm sales typically have lower than average margins and the impact from the entire MSR category disappearing would have a $\$ 0.12-\$ 0.15$ negative impact on earnings.

We think current results are strong. Demand for firearms, accessories, and ammunition typically rise following a high profile shooting and we think recent tragic events are no exception and may be driving higher demand due to renewed discussion of an assault weapon ban. We think CAB is seeing high demand and will continue through the remainder of 4Q:12 and into 2013. In October and November NICS background checks for firearm purchases increased $20.4 \%$ and $30.8 \%$, respectively and we would expect December to see a similar trend. In addition to firearms and ammunition, we think other categories are performing well. We recently polled four key states where CAB operates for hunting license sales; MN , WI, MI and TX which make up approximately $28 \%$ of CAB's total selling square feet. All states have positive trends with hunting license sales up between $1.9 \%-6.2 \%$ ytd. As a reminder, the hunting category made up approximately $41 \%$ of total sales in 2011, it is trending higher in 2012, and only $18 \%$ of total sales are from firearms and ammunition pointing to at least $23 \%$ of other sales that may be higher this year than last year. Additionally, we think colder weather and more snow are driving better sales of apparel and footwear. Overall we think CAB's retail, direct and credit card businesses are healthy and seeing positive trends.

We are maintaining our current estimates and $\$ 50$ price target. We are maintaining our estimates for $4 \mathrm{Q}: 12$ and 2013. We note that our $\$ 1.23$ 4Q:12 EPS estimate is the highest estimate in consensus which has a $\$ 1.21$ average. We are comfortable with our $4 \mathrm{Q}: 12$ estimate given strong current results. Our 2013 EPS estimate of $\$ 3.11$ compares to consensus of $\$ 3.07$. We derive our $\$ 50$ price target by applying a $16 x$ multiple to our 2013 EPS estimate of $\$ 3.11$. We derive our 16 x multiple by weighing the retail and credit card businesses separately in our valuation. We think that CAB drives approximately $+70 \%$ of its operating income from the credit card business. We value the credit card business at a 15 x multiple, which is a premium to other credit card companies which currently trade in the low double digits. We value the retail business ( $30 \%$ of operating income, by our measurement) at a $19 x$ multiple. Our 19x multiple is a premium to other large-box retailers currently trading on average at $16 \mathrm{x}-17 \mathrm{x}$ forward earnings, due to CAB's strong growth.

## Investment Thesis

We are upgrading our rating to BUY from HOLD. We think the recent sell-off is overdone and CAB shares are attractively priced. We think CAB is a strong retailer that is seeing better-than-average square foot growth and merchandise margin expansion. Our recent downgrade note highlighted positive attributes of the company that we are reiterating today:

- CAB is experiencing square foot growth better than most retail peers (approximately $10 \%$ this year and $13 \%$ next).
- New stores are significantly more profitable than old stores. We think the next generation and outpost stores will boost store metrics significantly.
- The new store format allows the company to open in smaller markets and gives the total store count potential a boost.
- Secular trends are positive for CAB with increasing numbers of consumers in shooting sports, hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.
- The credit card business is growing at a rapid rate while maintaining industry leading metrics. CAB's average FICO score of approximately 780 is impressive, and the low charge offs ( $1.71 \%$ in $3 \mathrm{Q}: 12$ ) show lower risk to the business. Additionally, this business is currently growing at an approximate $13 \%$ rate, and our model reflects slowing growth, which may prove conservative.
Trading at 13.4 x our 2013 EPS estimate we think the shares are undervalued and are upgrading our rating to BUY from HOLD.

A discussion on modern sporting rifles. We note that there is significant confusion in the media and society in general regarding modern sporting rifles, or as they are commonly referred to, assault rifles. Below are some facts regarding modern sporting rifles which will hopefully add some clarity to the discussion, most of this data comes from the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and a poll conducted in late 2010.

- AR-15-platform rifles are among the most popular firearms being sold. They are today's modern sporting rifle.
- The AR in "AR-15" rifle stands for Armalite rifle, after the company that developed it in the 1950s. "AR" does NOT stand for "assault rifle" or "automatic rifle."
- 9 out of 10 MSR owners owned a handgun prior to owning an MSR.
- Nearly half ( $44 \%$ ) of MSR owners are current or former military/law enforcement.
- $52 \%$ of MSR owners paid under $\$ 1,000$ for their MSR. The average amount spent was $\$ 1,083$.
- $39 \%$ of all MSR owners purchased their most recent MSR at an independent retail store.
- $+90 \%$ of owners have used a MSR in the last 12 months.
- A quarter of MSR owners fired 1,000 rounds or more in 2010. The average number of rounds fired was 1,056 . $43 \%$ of owners buy $500+$ rounds of ammo at one time. Frequent shooters and multiple MSR owners are most likely to buy $500+$ rounds at one time.
- $84 \%$ of MSR owners have at least one accessory on their rifle or do not shoot "out of the box". $62 \%$ of owners accessorize their rifle after their purchase but within 12 months after purchasing it. $\$ 436$ is the average amount spent by MSR owners for after-market customization.
- $1 / 3$ of all MSR owners use a 30 -round magazine the most in their MSR. Only $20 \%$ use a ten round capacity or lower magazine.
- The 5 most owned accessories are: rifle sling ( $81 \%$ ), soft carrying case ( $70 \%$ ), mounted rifle scope ( $68 \%$ ), hard carrying case ( $61 \%$ ) and backup iron sights ( $59 \%$ ). The top 3 that MSR owners intend to buy are: trigger upgrades, range finder, and sound suppressor.
- The typical MSR owner is $35+$ years old, married, and has at least some college education. $52 \%$ have a HH income of $\$ 75,000+$ and $58 \%$ do not have children living with them.

| Cabela's Incorporated. Income | tement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| \$ in thousands except per share amounts | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Fiscal Year } \\ 2010 \mathrm{~A} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Mar-11 <br> Q1A | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Jun-11 } \\ & \text { Q2A } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sep-11 } \\ & \text { Q3A } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dec-11 } \\ & \text { Q4 } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Fiscal Year } \\ 2011 \mathrm{~A} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar-12 } \\ \text { Q1A } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Jun-12 } \\ \text { Q2A } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep-12 } \\ \text { Q3A } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec-12 } \\ \text { Q4E } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Fiscal Year } \\ 2012 \mathrm{E} \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Mar-13 } \\ \text { Q1E } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Jun-13 } \\ \text { Q2E } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Sep-13 } \\ \text { Q3E } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dec-13 } \\ \text { Q4E } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fiscal Year } \\ 2013 \mathrm{E} \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| Retail | 1412,715 | 301836 | 329,162 | 393,837 | 524,995 | 1549,830 | 345,331 | 384,693 | 455,965 | 608,776 | 1794,765 | 414,818 | 440,733 | 521,900 | 715,174 | 2,092,625 |
| Direct | 999,771 | 207,451 | 159,598 | 210,854 | 378,931 | 956,834 | 190,195 | 158,453 | 196,818 | 358,090 | 903,556 | 186,391 | 151798 | 191898 | 348,063 | 878,150 |
| Merchandise revenue | 2,412,486 | 509,287 | 488,760 | 604,691 | 903,926 | 2,506,664 | 535,526 | 543,146 | 652,783 | 966,866 | 2,698,321 | 601,209 | 592,531 | 713,797 | 1063,237 | 2,970,775 |
| \%change | -14\% | 3.1\% | 5.0\% | 3.0\% | 4.4\% | 3.9\% | 5.2\% | 111\% | 8.0\% | 7.0\% | 7.6\% | 12.3\% | 9.1\% | 9.3\% | 10.0\% | 10.1\% |
| Financial services revenue | 227,675 | 72,371 | 70,277 | 71438 | 77,660 | 291746 | 83,455 | 79,267 | 85,932 | 86,928 | 335,582 | 87,093 | 89,881 | 93,905 | 97,269 | 368,148 |
| \%change | 32.8\% | 20.7\% | 24.4\% | 33.7\% | 34.5\% | 28.1\% | 15.3\% | 12.8\% | 20.3\% | 119\% | 15.0\% | 4.4\% | 13.4\% | 9.3\% | 119\% | 9.7\% |
| Other revenue | 23,081 | 5,053 | 3,063 | 2,481 | 2,159 | 12,756 | 4,523 | 4,841 | 2,463 | 2,450 | 14,277 | 2,900 | 2,600 | 2,650 | 2,600 | 10,750 |
| \%change | 75.0\% | -9.6\% | -23.3\% | -2.5\% | -80.3\% | -44.7\% | -10.5\% | 58.0\% | -0.7\% | 13.5\% | 119\% | -35.9\% | -46.3\% | 7.6\% | 6.1\% | -24.7\% |
| Total revenue | 2,663,242 | 586,711 | 562,100 | 678,610 | 983,745 | 2,811,166 | 623,504 | 627,254 | 741,178 | 1,056,244 | 3,048,180 | 691,203 | 685,012 | 810,352 | 1,163,106 | 3,349,673 |
| \%change | 12\% | 4.8\% | 6.9\% | 5.5\% | 5.3\% | 5.6\% | 6.3\% | 116\% | 9.2\% | 7.4\% | 8.4\% | 10.9\% | 9.2\% | 9.3\% | 10.1\% | 9.9\% |
| Cost of sales: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Merchandise | 1,575,449 | 341210 | 309,236 | 387,525 | 575,278 | 1613,249 | 350,759 | 340,377 | 409,929 | 608,642 | 1709,707 | 389,584 | 369,977 | 447,908 | 666,118 | 1873,586 |
| \%of merchandise sales | 65.3\% | 67.0\% | 63.3\% | 64.1\% | 63.6\% | 64.4\% | 65.5\% | 62.7\% | 62.8\% | 63.0\% | 63.4\% | 64.8\% | 62.4\% | 62.8\% | 62.7\% | 63.1\% |
| Total cost of sales | 1,575,449 | 341210 | 309,236 | 387,525 | 575,278 | 1,613,249 | 350,759 | 340,377 | 409,929 | 608,642 | 1709,707 | 389,584 | 369,977 | 447,908 | 666,118 | 1873,586 |
| Gross Profit | 1,087,793 | 245,501 | 252,864 | 291,085 | 408,467 | 1,197,917 | 272,745 | 286,877 | 331,249 | 447,601 | 1,338,472 | 301,619 | 315,036 | 362,444 | 496,988 | 1,476,087 |
| Selling, distribution and administrative | 895,405 | 214,614 | 214,600 | 234,108 | 290,803 | 954,125 | 226,169 | 229,049 | 264,136 | 310,113 | 1029,467 | 250,907 | 254,40 | 281,192 | 334,974 | 1,121213 |
| \%of revenue | 33.6\% | 36.6\% | 38.2\% | 34.5\% | 29.6\% | 33.9\% | 36.3\% | 36.5\% | 35.6\% | 29.4\% | 33.8\% | 36.3\% | 37.1\% | 34.7\% | 28.8\% | 33.5\% |
| Operating income | 192,388 | 30,887 | 38,264 | 56,977 | 117,664 | 243,792 | 46,576 | 57,828 | 67,113 | 137,488 | 309,005 | 50,713 | 60,896 | 81,252 | 162,013 | 354,874 |
| Interest income (expense) | $(27,442)$ | $(6,022)$ | $(6,123)$ | (6,177) | $(6,105)$ | $(24,427)$ | $(4,504)$ | $(6,444)$ | $(5,227)$ | $(5,350)$ | (21,525) | $(5,350)$ | $(5,400)$ | $(5,250)$ | $(5,200)$ | (21,200) |
| Other income, net | 1734 | 1964 | 1,038 | (1789) | (6,112) | $(4,898)$ | 1401 | 1450 | 1288 | 1450 | 5,589 | 1450 | 1400 | 1300 | 1600 | 5,750 |
| Income before income taxes | 166,680 | 26,829 | 33,179 | 49,011 | 105,448 | 214,467 | 43,473 | 52,834 | 63,174 | 133,588 | 293,069 | 46,813 | 56,896 | 77,302 | 158,413 | 339,424 |
| Income tax expense | 54,521 | 9,044 | 11479 | 15,704 | 35,620 | 71847 | 14,647 | 18,964 | 20,389 | 45,420 | 99,420 | 15,916 | 19,459 | 26,592 | 54,653 | 116,619 |
| Tax rate \% | 32.7\% | 33.7\% | 34.6\% | 32.0\% | 33.8\% | 33.5\% | 33.7\% | 35.9\% | 32.3\% | 34.0\% | 33.9\% | 34.0\% | 34.2\% | 34.4\% | 34.5\% | 34.4\% |
| Net income | 120,933 | 17,785 | 22,328 | 35,646 | 75,003 | 150,762 | 28,826 | 33,870 | 42,785 | 88,168 | 193,649 | 30,896 | 37,438 | 50,710 | 103,761 | 222,805 |
| EPS | 175 | 0.25 | 0.31 | 0.50 | 106 | 2.12 | 0.40 | 0.47 | 0.60 | 123 | 2.71 | 0.43 | 0.52 | 0.71 | 145 | 3.11 |
| EPS growth rate | 32.9\% | -14.5\% | 115\% | 59.7\% | 23.2\% | 20.8\% | 62.2\% | 50.7\% | 19.1\% | 16.1\% | 28.0\% | 6.6\% | 10.3\% | 18.2\% | 17.4\% | 14.7\% |
| Diluted shares | 69,087 | 71,344 | 71.085 | 71.014 | 70,719 | 71,274 | 71287 | 71.542 | 71,556 | 71,600 | 71496 | 71,650 | 71700 | 71750 | 71800 | 71725 |
| Same-store sales | 0.9\% | 8.9\% | 4.4\% | -16\% | 17\% | 3.4\% | 4.2\% | 4.7\% | 3.9\% | 2.9\% | 3.9\% | 2.2\% | 18\% | 11\% | 15\% | 17\% |
| Stores | 31 | 31 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 35 | 37 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 46 | 49 | 49 |
| EBitda | 270,260 | 48,149 | 56,061 | 74,954 | 135,714 | 34,878 | 64,276 | 75,728 | 85,013 | 155,988 | 381005 | 69,813 | 80,296 | 100,952 | 182,013 | 433,074 |

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| Date | Nature of Report | Rating | Price Target |
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| $03 / 12 / 09$ | Initiation @ \$8.40 | Hold | $\$ 9.00$ |
| $05 / 03 / 10$ | Raise Price Target | Buy | $\$ 22.00$ |
| $05 / 05 / 10$ | Raise Price Target | Buy | $\$ 26.00$ |
| $07 / 29 / 10$ | Upgrade to STRONG BUY, Lower Price Target | Strong Buy | $\$ 21.00$ |
| $11 / 02 / 10$ | Raise Price Target to $\$ 24$ | Strong Buy | $\$ 24.00$ |
| $12 / 15 / 10$ | Raise Price Target to $\$ 26$, Lower rating to BUY | Buy | $\$ 26.00$ |
| $02 / 15 / 11$ | Raise Price Target to $\$ 32$ | Buy | $\$ 32.00$ |
| $02 / 17 / 11$ | Raise Price Target to $\$ 35$ | Buy | $\$ 35.00$ |
| $5 / 24 / 11$ | Analyst day is upbeat | Buy | $\$ 35.00$ |
| $10 / 17 / 11$ | Lower Price Target to $\$ 30$ | Buy | $\$ 30.00$ |
| $2 / 16 / 12$ | Raise Price Target to \$35 | Buy | $\$ 35.00$ |
| $4 / 17 / 12$ | Downgrade to HOLD, Raise Price Target to $\$ 40$ | Hold | $\$ 40.00$ |
| $4 / 26 / 12$ | Upgrade to BUY, Raise Price Target to $\$ 43.50$ | Buy | $\$ 43.50$ |
| $4 / 27 / 12$ | Raise Price Target to 48.00 | Buy | $\$ 48.00$ |
| $10 / 25 / 12$ | Downgrade to HOLD, Raise Price Target to 50.00 | Hold | $\$ 50.00$ |
| $12 / 20 / 12$ | Upgrade rating to BUY | Buy | $\$ 50.00$ |

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## Valuation and Price Target Methodology:

We derive our $\$ 50.00$ price target by applying a $16 x$ multiple to our 2013 EPS estimate of $\$ 3.11$.

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- Cabela's business may be impacted by consumers' discretionary spending and confidence. Macroeconomic factors such as increasing gasoline prices, unemployment and generally tough economic times may negatively impact consumers' retail spending. Changing consumer outdoor trends could also have a negative impact on sales.
- Severe weather may slow sales for CAB as this could have a negative impact on outdoor activities.
- Volatile commodity prices may affect earnings. Paper is a large component of catalog costs in the direct merchandise business.
- There is no guarantee that Cabela's stores will be successful in new markets. Cabela's has a small number of current units with only 29 stores. The company's acquisition of S.I.R in Canada may not produce similar results and growth in foreign markets may produce results below stores opened in the U.S.
- The retail business is extremely competitive and competition for customers through lower prices may negatively impact CAB's returns. Discounted prices at CAB's largest competitors may cause the company to lower prices to maintain its market share.
- CAB's banking subsidiary operates in a highly regulated industry. Loss of the company's charter, changes in capital requirements or any other regulatory changes could have a negative impact on results.
- CAB may experience limited availability of financing for the financial services business as experienced in late 2008 and 2009 with the freezing of the asset-backed lending market.
- The credit card business is likely to experience fluctuations in charge-offs due to bad debt. Consumers' inability to pay off credit card debts could impede results in the financial services business.
- The company is dependant on its vendors. Any disruption in the supply chain could have a negative impact on results. Geo-political disruptions could impact the supply chain as many of CAB's vendors operate in foreign markets.
- CAB's business is highly seasonal with high revenue and the majority of earnings in the fourth calendar quarter. If fourth quarter results were somehow impeded it could have a large impact on revenue and earnings.
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