

Is This Top Growth Stock Now a Super Bargain?

### **Description**

Is this a gift from the market? **Canada Goose Holdings** (TSX:GOOS)(NYSE:GOOS) stock has fallen a whopping 27% as of writing after reporting its fiscal fourth-quarter results, which ended on March 31.

Despite falling this much, GOOS stock has still delivered *immensely* outperforming returns of about 46% per year since its initial public offering in 2017 compared to market returns of less than 10% per year.

The huge cut in the stock price is the market's reaction to the company's slower-growth outlook. Q4 results were "meh" and full-year results were fine.

## Canada Goose's Q4 results

Compared to the same quarter in the prior year, revenue increased by 25% to \$156.2 million against cost of sales, which only rose 15%. Unfortunately, selling, general, and administrative expenses, a major non-production cost, climbed 40% to \$85 million, and operating margin fell 4.4% to 7.5%.

This resulted in operating income that fell 21% to \$11.7 million. Income tax recovery boosted net income, which rose 11% and totaled \$9 million. On a per-share basis, adjusted earnings were flat. Additionally, adjusted EBITDA fell 6.4% to \$20.4 million, and adjusted EBITDA margin fell to 13.1% from 17.4%.



## Canada Goose's full-year results

Looking at Canada Goose's full-year results gives a bigger picture of the company's health.

Compared to the prior year, revenue increased by 40% to \$830.5 million against cost of sales that only rose 29%. Unfortunately, selling, general, and administrative expenses climbed 51% to \$302.1 million, but operating margin held its ground by rising 30 basis points to 23.7%.

Thankfully, operating income still rose 42% to \$196.7 million. And net income came in at \$143.6 million, which was 49% higher. Adjusted earnings per share (EPS) climbed 62% to \$1.36. Additionally, adjusted EBITDA increased 54% to \$229.6 million, and the adjusted EBITDA margin expanded to 27.6% from 25.2%.

Canada Goose's balance sheet was strong. At the end of the fiscal year, GOOS had cash of \$20.4 million on the balance sheet versus \$11.9 million a year ago. Its net debt to EBITDA was 0.53, so the company is not overly leveraged at all.

## Market concerns

The huge drawdown in the growth stock is due to multiples contraction based on its outlook of revenue growth and adjusted EPS growth of more than 20% and 25%, respectively, on average over the next three years. These are still very <a href="high growth">high growth</a> but a far cry from the growth of 40% and 62%, respectively, that it just reported for last year.

# Foolish takeaway

GOOS trades at just under 36 times fiscal 2019 earnings at \$48 and change per share. Based on Canada Goose's guidance of more than 20% adjusted earnings-per-share growth over the next three years, the stock is trading at a maximum PEG ratio of 1.8, which is not exactly cheap.

However, it's also difficult to find companies growing earnings at 20% per year. So, investors need to decide if they should go for high risk and high reward in the <u>growth name</u>. If you do go for it, sizing the position properly in your presumably diversified portfolio is key.

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