Summary: Carter's Inc. Mar 12

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The ratings on Carter's Inc. continue to reflect what Standard & Poor's Ratings Services characterizes as an "intermediate" financial risk profile (as our criteria defines the term), based on our expectations for continuing strong credit metrics and adequate cash flow generation. Our assessment of the company's business risk profile as "fair" (as our criteria defines the term) continues to be supported by its participation in the competitive infants' and children's apparel industry and our expectation that its product focus will remain narrow. In our view, Carter's should be able to sustain its strong positions in the infants' and children's apparel industries and its diverse distribution channels and will continue to benefit from favorable demographic trends for the sector--all of which...

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