Summary: Carter's Inc. Apr 14

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Abstract

Standard & Poor's Ratings Services derives its 'BB+' corporate credit rating on Carter's Inc. from: Our anchor of 'bb+', based on our "fair" business risk and "intermediate" financial risk profile assessments for the company. Modifiers, which had no impact on the ratings. Good market position in the young children's apparel industry the U.S. Well-recognized brands, including Carter's and OshKosh. Less fashion risk associated with young children's apparel. Limited geographic diversity, with sales primarily in the U.S. and Canada. Company is moderately leveraged, with leverage in the mid-2x area. We expect credit metrics to remain at current levels, given its conservative financial policy. Sound cash flow generation. The rating outlook is stable. We expect Carter's credit measures will remain near current...

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- Carter's Inc.

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