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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**September 19, 2005  
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**NEVADA**

(State or Other  
Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**001-31552**

(Commission File Number)

**87-0543688**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2100 ROOSEVELT AVENUE  
SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS  
01104**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(800) 331-0852**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

The registrant is furnishing this Report on Form 8-K in connection with the disclosure of information, in the form of the textual information from a slide show presentation to be given at the Merriman Curhan Ford & Co. Investor Summit 2005 conference on September 19, 2005, and at subsequent conferences and meetings with institutional investors during the remainder of the quarter.

The information in this Report on Form 8-K (including the exhibit) is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This Report on Form 8-K will not be deemed an admission as to the materiality of any information in the Report that is required to be disclosed solely by Regulation FD.

The registrant does not have, and expressly disclaims, any obligation to release publicly any updates or any changes in the registrant’s expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

The text included with this Report is available on the registrant’s website located at [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com), although the registrant reserves the right to discontinue that availability at any time.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

- (a) *Financial Statements of Business Acquired.*

Not applicable.

- (b) *Pro Forma Financial Information.*

Not applicable.

- (c) *Exhibits.*

Exhibit Number	Exhibits
99.1	Smith & Wesson presentation dated September 2005.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SMITH & WESSON HOLDING CORPORATION

Date: September 19, 2005

By: /s/ Michael F. Golden

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Michael F. Golden  
President and Chief Executive Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Smith & Wesson presentation dated September 2005.

# Smith & Wesson

Mike Golden, President, CEO  
John Kelly, CFO

September 2005



# Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation

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Certain statements contained in this presentation may be deemed to be forward-looking statements under federal securities laws, and the Company intends that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe-harbor created thereby. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding the Company's strategies, the demand for the Company's products, the opportunity for growth of the Company, anticipated sales and operating results, customer satisfaction and cost-reduction efforts. The Company cautions that these statements are qualified by important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those reflected by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include the demand for the Company's products, the Company's growth opportunities, the ability of the Company to obtain operational enhancements, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's reports filed with the SEC.



# Investment Highlights

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- **New Leadership Team**
- **A New Market Approach...Safety, Security, Protection, Sport**
- **A Strong, Untapped Legacy Brand**
- **Innovative New Products**
- **Growth Opportunities in Core Business & New Markets**
- **Significant Productivity Enhancement Opportunities**
- **Positive Litigation Trends**

**AMEX: SWB**

**Shares Outstanding: 32,129,000**

**Price: \$4.40 (at 9/13/05) Market Cap: \$141M**





# A New Leadership Team...

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...with World-Class Experience:

Mike Golden, President, CEO  
John Kelly, CFO  
Tom Taylor, VP Marketing  
Ken Chandler, VP Operations  
Leland Nichols, VP Sales  
Barbara Hunnicutt, VP Licensing  
Ann Makkiya, Corporate Counsel



## Company Background

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- **153 Year Old American company**
- **Headquarters: Springfield, Massachusetts**
- **736 Employees**
- **Two Manufacturing Facilities (Non-Union):**
  - **Springfield, Massachusetts**
    - **Revolvers, Pistols**
  - **Houlton, Maine**
    - **Handcuffs, Pistols**



# Company Background

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- **Largest U.S. Manufacturer of Handguns**
- **Largest U.S. Exporter of Handguns**
- **Largest U.S. Manufacturer of Handcuffs**
- **# 1 in U.S. Revolver Market Share**
- **# 3 in U.S. Pistol Market Share**
- **A Legacy Brand With 87% Brand Awareness With the General Public (Not Just Firearm Enthusiasts)**

Source: Federal Excise Tax Data - Q3, 2004  
American Sports Data - Nov, 2004



# S&W: 87% Brand Awareness

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**Extremely high in our served markets, and in markets we do not serve today:**

A company-sponsored, 2004 survey asked consumers about their purchase intent for the following products & services. S&W ranked as follows:

Revolvers	#1	(served)
Pistols	#1	(served)
Shotguns	#3	(not served)
Hunting Rifles	#3	(not served)
Tactical Rifles	#1	(not served)
Ammunition	#4	(not served)
Security Systems	#3	(not served)

Source: American Sports Data - Nov, 2004



# A New Market Approach

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Smith & Wesson Today: We Sell Handguns  
in the U.S. Sporting Goods Channel

GOAL

Smith & Wesson Tomorrow: A Global Leader in  
***Safety...Security...Protection...Sport***



# Growth Strategy

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Use “Safety-Security-Protection-Sport” platform to enter new markets while driving CAGR of 10-12% in core business in 2006.

## Brand Development

- Re-invent the legacy
- Key to new market entry
- Licensing opportunities
- Marketing initiatives

## Existing Handgun Business

- Innovative New Products
- Sporting Goods
- Law Enforcement
- Military/Federal Government
- International

## New Market Possibilities

- Less Lethal
- Long Guns
- Ammunition
- Security Systems
- Training/Ranges
- Criminal Investigation
- Homeland Defense Products/Services

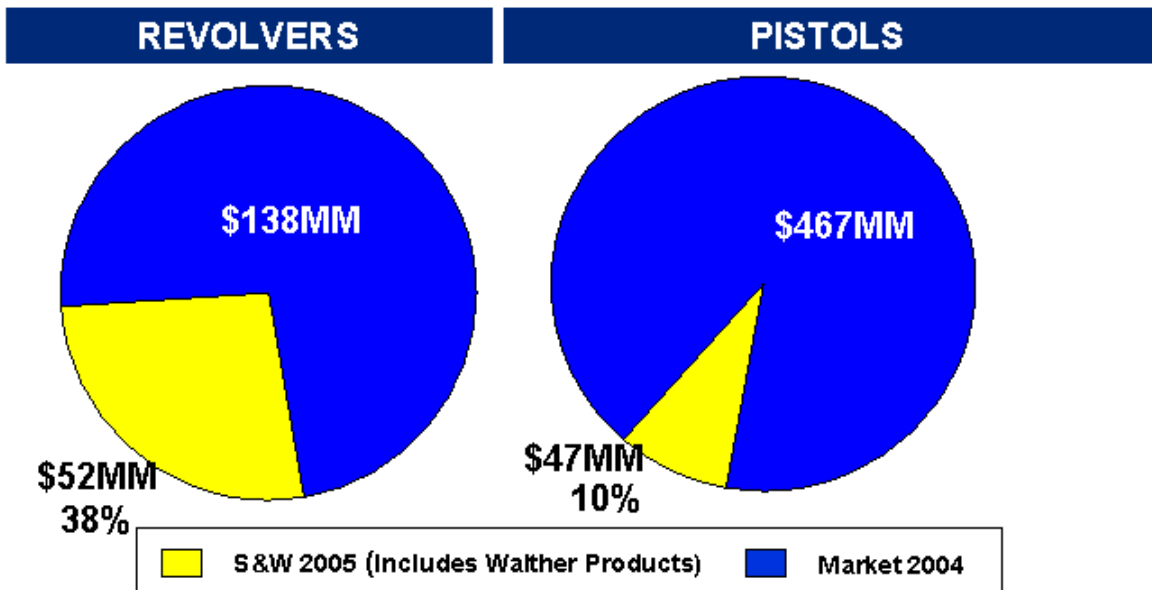


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# Revolver / Pistol Market: \$605MM

2004 U.S. DOMESTIC NON-MILITARY MARKET – 2005 S&W SALES



SOURCE: BATF 2004 Excise Tax Study & Smith & Wesson Management Estimates



# Innovative New Products

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## Revolvers



## Pistols





# Military & Police Pistol Series

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# Handgun Growth Strategy

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## New Channel Strategy: Sporting Goods

- **New Sales Leadership**
  - **Eoin B. Stafford, Director of Sporting Goods Sales**  
**Formerly General Manager with H&K, USA**
- **Reorganized Sales Force**
- **Increase focus on high margin segments**
  - **Engraving**
  - **Performance Center**
  - **Custom Guns**
- **New Products: S&W 460, S&W 500, 1911's, etc.**
- **New Marketing Programs**
  - **Event Marketing**
  - **Consumer Pull Marketing Promotions**



# Handgun Growth Strategy

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## New Channel Strategy: Military/Federal Government

- **New Leadership**
  - **Ernest Langdon, Director of Federal Law Enforcement & Military Sales**
  - **Formerly Operations Manager, Law Enforcement Sales with Beretta**
  - **Tactical training provider to law enforcement and military**
  - **Multiple national and world titles in competitive shooting sport**
- **Lobbying efforts underway**
  - **Hired major lobbying firm**
  - **Regular CEO visits to Washington**
- **First contract secured**
  - **April 2005: Pistols for Afghan Army via US Army**
- **New M&P pistol to be launched in Fall 2005**



# Handgun Growth Strategy

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## New Channel Strategy: Law Enforcement

- **New Leadership In Place**
  - Two top sales executives from Glock
- **Expanding Sales Force**
- **New M&P pistol ready for launch**
  - Designed to support police/military needs
  - Previewed by a dozen law enforcement agencies
    - Very positive response
  - Launch Date: Fall 2005



# Handgun Growth Strategy

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## New Channel Strategy: International

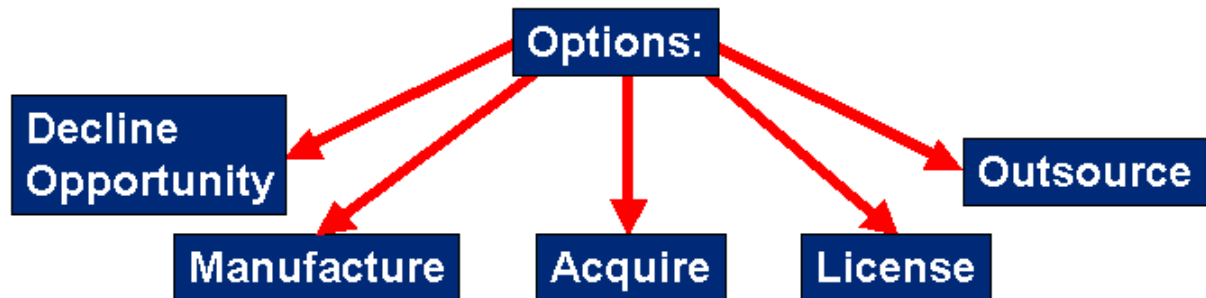
- **New Leadership: Amaro Goncalves, Director of International Sales**  
**Formerly Director International Sales, Colt Firearms**
- **New Products**
  - **Geared toward law enforcement & military**
- **Lobbying underway**
  - **Shorten/lessen federal export approval requirements**
- **Established sales channel and revenue base**
  - **Expanding international sales presence**
  - **Upgrading sales agents by country**
    - **Europe, Latin America, Asia, Middle East**



# New Market Opportunities & Options

## Safety...Security...Protection...Sport

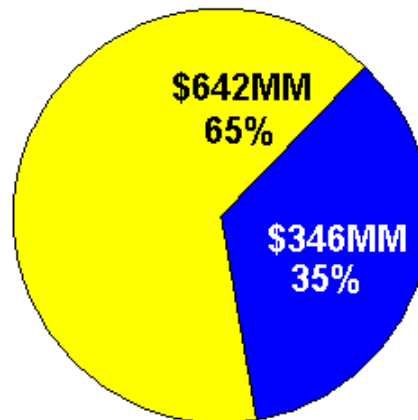
- **Less Lethal**
- **Long Guns**
  - Shotguns
  - Hunting Rifles
  - Tactical Rifles
- **Ammunition**
- **Security Systems**
- **Training/Ranges**
- **Criminal Investigation**
- **Homeland Defense Products/Services**
- **Other...**



# Long Gun Market: \$1B

2004 U.S. DOMESTIC NON-MILITARY MARKET – RIFLES & SHOTGUNS

Recently announced appointment of Steven Skrubis as Long Gun Product Manager to evaluate potential entry into the long gun market



SOURCE: BATF 2004 Excise Tax Study and Smith & Wesson Management Estimates



# The Brand: Licensing Opportunities

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- **New leadership in licensing: Bobbie Hunnicutt, VP Licensing**
- **2005 Licensing Revenue: \$1.8M**
  - **Hearing and Eye Protection, Body Armor, Knives, Safes, Soft Air Guns, etc.**
- **Target: Grow Licensing Revenue 3-5X by 2008**
  - **New Possibilities: Monitored Security Systems, Ammunition, Truck and Hunting Accessories**
- **Focus: Use licensing to serve brand loyalty opportunities, and aggressively pursue initiatives that fall within:**

**Safety... Security... Protection... Sport**





# The Brand: Re-Inventing a Legacy

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**Inconsistent Message to a Limited Audience**

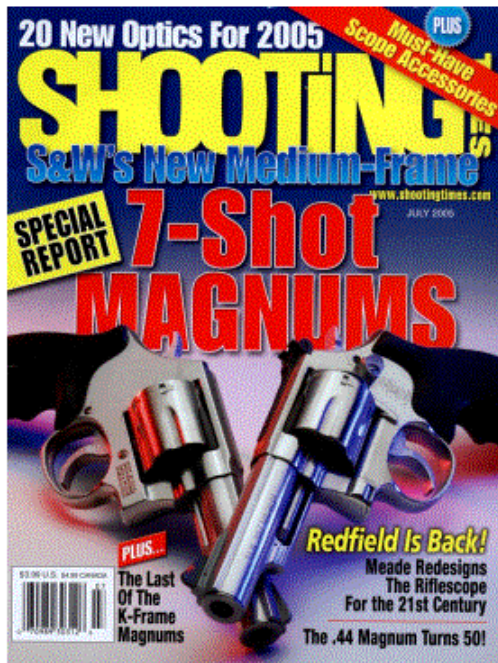
**GOAL**

**“Loud” and Visible Brand With a  
Consistent Message to a Diverse Audience**



## Editorial Blitz: Dominating Trade Press

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- Smith & Wesson has achieved 25 trade magazine covers in the past 8 months; an unprecedented accomplishment
- Smith & Wesson has consistently had more editorial coverage than its major competitors



# Marketing Initiatives

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- **Continued New Product Innovation**
- **Editorial Blitz: Dominating the Trade Press**
- **Contemporary and Consistent Advertising: Print/Television**
- **TV Show: Smith & Wesson USA**
- **Entertainment Marketing**
- **Internet Marketing**
- **NASCAR**
- **Customer Affinity Programs: Club 1852**



# Operations / Manufacturing

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- **New Leadership: Ken Chandler, VP Operations**
  - **New Equipment**
  - **Process Improvement**
  - **Supply Chain Management**
  - **Capacity Expansion**
  - **Lean Manufacturing**
  - **Strengthening Management Team**



# Driving Gross Margin Improvement

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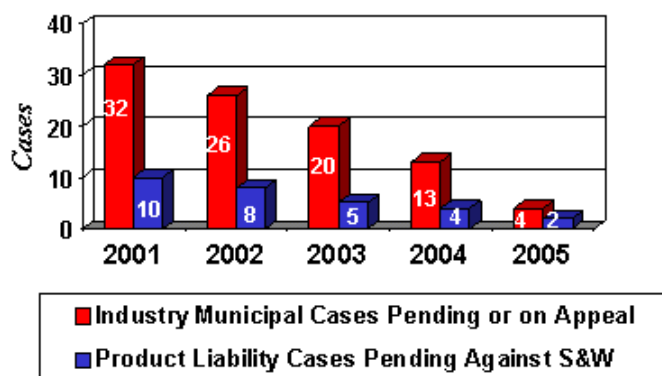
- **Production Rates up Significantly**
  - **Revolvers — 755 per day vs. 526 per day in December 2004**
  - **Pistols — 550 per day vs. 244 per day in December 2004**

		Dec- May
<b>Revolvers</b>	Gun1 Per Day	44%
<b>Pistols</b>	Gun1 Per Day	125%

- **Objectives for 2006 include**
  - **Sales Growth**
  - **Margin Expansion**
  - **On Time Delivery**



# Litigation Trends



## Legislation

- The *Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act* passed by the Senate on July 29, 2005 and currently under review by the House
- The *Class Action Fairness Act of 2005* signed into law February 2005



## Balance Sheet Summary

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July 31, 2005	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$1.2
Accounts Receivable	\$18.0
Working Capital	\$23.0
Accounts Payable	\$8.9
Notes Payable	\$19.7
Equity	\$30.4
Total Shares Outstanding	32.1

\*In Millions



# Income Statement Summary

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Year Ended April 30, 2005		
	2004	2005
Revenue	\$117.9	\$124.0
Gross Profit	\$39.1	\$40.9
Operating Income	\$4.8	\$11.2
Net Income	\$0.8	\$5.2
EPS	\$0.02	\$0.14

\*In millions except for per share date





# Income Statement Summary

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Quarter Ended July 31, 2005		
	2004	2005
Revenue	\$27.8	\$31.8
Gross Profit	\$9.4	\$9.6
Operating Income	\$2.8	\$4.8
Net Income	\$1.5	\$2.7
EPS	\$0.04	\$0.07

\*In millions except for per share date



# Annual Guidance

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	<u>2006 Guidance</u>	<u>2005 Actual</u>
<b>Net Product Sales:</b>	<b>+10 – 12 %</b>	<b>\$124.0m</b>
<b>Income:</b>	<b>\$6.9 - \$7.5M*</b>	<b>\$5.2 M*</b>
<b>Earnings Per</b>		
<b>Fully Diluted Share:</b>	<b>\$0.19- \$0.20*</b>	<b>\$.14*</b>

\*Guidance takes into account expected adjustments to reflect the early adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123R, Share-Based Payment. That adoption is expected to result in approximately \$ 1.7 million in expense fiscal 2006 as compared to \$626 thousand in fiscal 2005. See full discussion in company's 10k filing.



# Summary: Investment Highlights

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- **A Turnaround: New Management Team**
- **A New Market Approach...Safety, Security, Protection, Sport**
- **A Strong, Untapped Legacy Brand**
- **Growth Opportunities in Core Business & New Markets**
- **A Robust Pipeline of New Products**
- **Positive Litigation Trends**
- **Productivity Enhancement Opportunities Underway**

