### **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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 9, 2011

# Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada	001-31552	87-0543688
(State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2100 Roosevelt Avenue Springfield, Massachuset		
		01104
(Address of Principal Executive	Offices)	(Zip Code)
,	name or former address if changed since la	•
(Former	name or former address if changed since la	st report.)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form under any of the following provisions:	8-K filing is intended to simultaneously sa	tisfy the filing obligation of the registrant
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o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12	under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-	12)
o Pre-commencement communications pursua	ant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange A	ct (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
o Pre-commencement communications pursua	ant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange A	ct (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

We are furnishing this Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with the disclosure of information, in the form of the textual information from a PowerPoint presentation to be given at meetings with institutional investors. This information may be amended or updated at any time and from time to time through another Form 8-K, a later company filing, or other means. The PowerPoint presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K updates and replaces in its entirety all prior PowerPoint presentations filed by us, including the PowerPoint presentation filed as Exhibit 99.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K dated September 13, 2011, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 14, 2011.

The information in this Current 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 Current 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.

We do not have, and expressly disclaim, any obligation to release publicly any updates or any changes in our expectations or any change in events, conditions, or circumstances on which any forward-looking statement is based.

The text included with this Report on Form 8-K is available on our website located at *www.smith-wesson.com*, although we reserve 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) *Shell Company Transactions*. Not applicable.
- (d) Exhibits.

Exhibit	
Number	Exhibits
99.1	Smith & Wesson presentation dated December 2011.

#### **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: December 8, 2011

By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey D. Buchanan</u>
Jeffrey D. Buchanan
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary, and
Treasurer

#### EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Smith & Wesson presentation dated December 2011.

## NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC







James Debney, President & CEO Jeffrey Buchanan, EVP, CFO

December, 2011

### Safe Harbor



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 but are not limited to statements regarding the Company's markets and strategies, the Company's vision and mission, the opportunity for growth of the Company, the demand for the Company's products and services, the Company's future products or product development, anticipated sales and operating results for the Company, and the Company's financial and operational goals. 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, the success of new products, the success of the divestiture of the Company's Security Solutions business, and other risks detailed from time to time in the Company's reports filed with the SEC.

### **Highlights**



- · U.S. Market Leader: Handguns, Modern Sporting Rifles
- Q2 FY2012:
  - Firearms sales growth: 10.5%
  - Firearms unit growth 27% vs. market growth of 12.6% (Adjusted NICS)
- Diverse sales sources:
  - Consumer
  - Professional: International, Law Enforcement, Government, Military
- Innovative products
- Healthy Balance Sheet
- Solid, experienced management team

An iconic, 159-year-old American brand

### **Experienced Management Team**





### James Debney, President & CEO

20+ years: multinational consumer and business-tobusiness environments including President of Presto Products Co., a \$500 million business unit of Alcoa Consumer Products

### Jeffrey Buchanan, EVP & CFO

25+ years: private and public company experience in financial management and law: CFO for publicly traded, global manufacturing company, law firm partner, public company board member



### **Experienced Management Team**







#### Mario Pasantes

Sr. VP Marketing and Global Professional Sales

Alcoa, Inc. Coca-Cola Pillsbury

International Market Development Strong Global Brands Strategy Customer Development

### Mark Smith

VP Manufacturing and Supply Chain Management

Alvarez & Marsal Ecolab

Multi-Site Ops Capacity Expansion MPS/MRP Systems S&OP Mgmt Inventory Mgmt Lean Six Sigma

### Ginger Chandler

VP New Product Development

Morton Int'l. YOMO Breed Technologies

Design Engineer Product Development Manufacturing Mgmt Toyota Production Sys Clients: Alcoa, Dell, Meridian, Whirlpool

### Mike Brown

VP Sporting Goods Sales

Camfour, Inc. KPMG

Multiple Leadership Roles in Hunting & Shooting Sports Industries Sales Strategy Team Development

## **Vision / Mission**



### Our Vision:

The leading firearms manufacturer

### Our Mission:

To allow our employees to design, produce, and market high quality, innovative firearms that meet the needs and desires of our consumer and professional customers

### Heritage



- 159 years of rich history
- Iconic brand with 93% aided awareness
  - Smith & Wesson® Brand = Revolver
- Strategy is a focus back on firearms
  - Sale of Security Solutions
  - Consumer versus professional markets
  - M&P™ as a brand and a product platform: Pistols and modern sporting rifles
  - Operations: Focus, simplify, execute

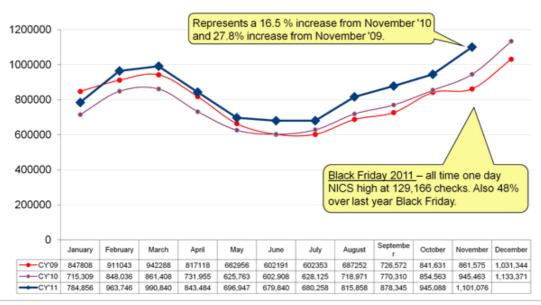


## Adjusted NICS Checks\*





#### Reflects strength in consumer market for firearms



\*National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) adjusts FBI NICS data to eliminate background checks associated with permit applications and checks on active CCW permit databases, in order to provide a more accurate picture of market conditions.

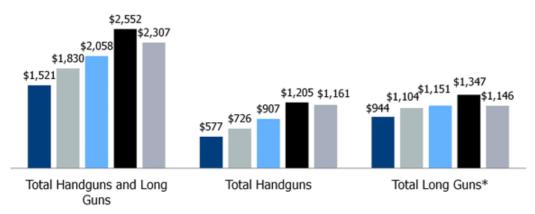
## Industry: Handguns Driving Industry Growth Smith & Wesson



Category growth of over 50% in the past 5 years driven by handguns

### Wholesale Projected Sales based on excise tax collections (in Millions)

■2006 ■2007 ■2008 ■2009 ■2010



Source: Federal Excise Tax collections, Wholesale Value \*Long guns include all rifles, shotguns and muzzle loaders

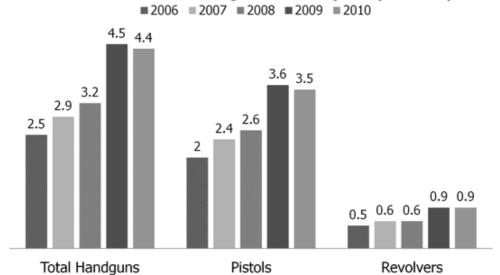
## **Industry: Pistols Driving Handgun Growth**





U.S. handgun growth has been driven by pistols, which now represent 80% of the units sold

#### Estimated Handgun Unit Sales by Year (in Millions)



Source: BATF annual firearms mfg and export report. USITC import data.

### **Industry: Pistols vs. Revolvers**





Pistols & revolvers have different strengths and weaknesses, but pistols win on self defense

- Pistols are attracting younger consumers into the handgun market
- · Pistol advantages versus revolvers:
  - Capacity
  - Rate of fire
  - High tech/cutting edge
  - Modern shape
  - Trigger pull
  - Safety features
  - Better for self-defense
- Revolver advantages versus pistols:
  - Slightly better for beginners
  - Easy maintenance
  - Reliability
  - Durability

Source: 12/10 Strategic Platform and Extendibility Study

## A Transformation















### **Innovative New Products**







### **Firearms Growth Drivers**



- ✓ Consumer Market 1HFY12 Sales +17.0%
  - Concealed Carry, Personal Protection, Modern Sporting Rifles
  - Expand Market Share: Polymer Pistol Unit Growth of 69.6% (M&P™, BODYGUARD®, The Sigma Series®)
  - Robust New Product Pipeline: Governor, BODYGUARD, M&P Sport
  - Halo Effect from Professional Markets: Law Enforcement, Military
- ✓ Professional Market 1HFY12 Sales -1.3%
  - Law Enforcement ongoing sidearm and rifle replacements, upgrades
  - Federal Government agencies can purchase on ATF Contract
  - Military M9 pistol replacement & M4 bolt carrier assembly opportunities
  - International large orders, e.g. Belgium

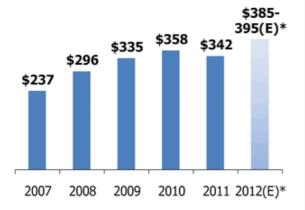
### **SWHC: Financial Highlights**

(From Continuing Operations)









\*FY2012 Estimate

#### Q2FY12 Actual:

- Sales \$92.3M (+10.5%)
- Backlog \$149.9M
- · Gross Profit Margin 26.7%
- Op. Expense \$21.2M
- Working capital \$84.3M
- Cash \$49.2M

#### • Q3FY12 Guidance:

- Sales \$92.0M \$96.0M
- Gross Profit Margin Approx. 30.0%
- Op. Expense Approx. \$22.0M

#### Full Fiscal 2012 Guidance:

- Sales \$385.0M \$395.0M (+13.0%-15.0%)
- Gross Margins Approaching 30%
- Op. Expense 21.0%-22.0%

### **Our Targeted Direction: Focus on Firearms**





- Grow sales
- Increase profitability
- ✓ Improve gross margins
- Expand manufacturing capacity intelligently
- ✓ Reduce expenses on a company-wide basis
- ✓ Maintain robust new product pipeline
- Leverage existing product portfolio
- ✓ Divest Security Solutions business (currently discontinued operations)



Deliver enhanced value to our customers, employees, and shareholders

## NASDAQ Global Select: SWHC







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