

BUY						HOLD			SELL							SELL	RATING SINCE 03/17/2023	
A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	E+	E	E-	F			
Annual Dividend Rate NA				Annual Dividend Yield NA			Beta 2.03			Market Capitalization \$163.7 Million				52-Week Range \$8.30-\$44.25				

Sector: Retail Trade | Industry Group: Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers

PLCE BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

The Children's Place, Inc. operates as a children's specialty apparel retailer in North America. It operates through two segments, The Children's Place U.S. and The Children's Place International.

STOCK PERFORMANCE (%)

	3 Mo.	1 Yr.	3 Yr (Ann)
Price Change	-42.68	-68.74	-46.07

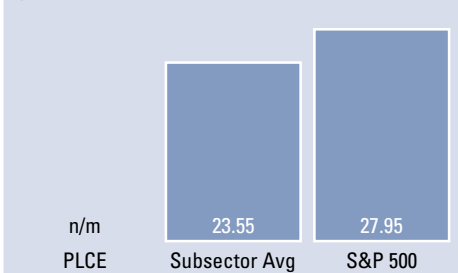
GROWTH (%)

	Last Qtr	12 Mo.	3 Yr CAGR
Revenues	-5.68	-8.90	0.86
Net Income	-10.20	-186.24	NA
EPS	-6.45	-197.48	NA

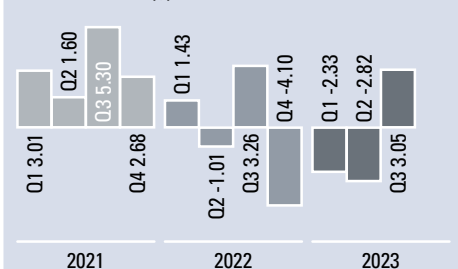
RETURN ON EQUITY (%)

	PLCE	Subsector Avg	S&P 500
Q3 2023	-64.56	49.38	17.66
Q3 2022	41.66	45.06	19.00
Q3 2021	70.16	47.05	18.28

P/E COMPARISON



EPS ANALYSIS' (\$)

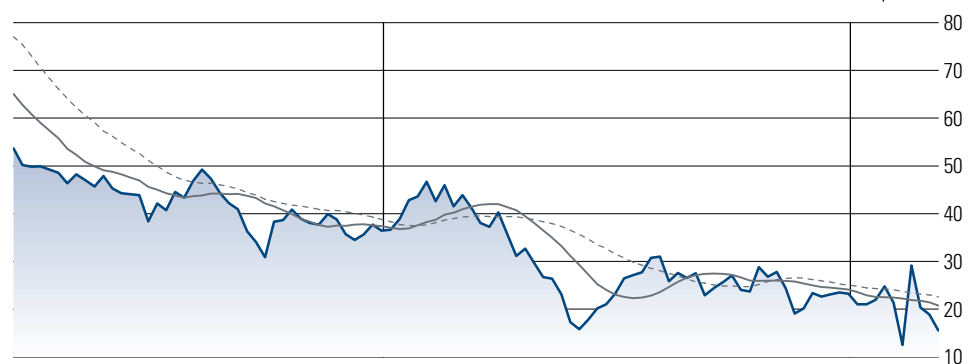


NA = not available NM = not meaningful

1 Compustat fiscal year convention is used for all fundamental data items.

Weekly Price: (US\$) | SMA (50) — SMA (100) ---

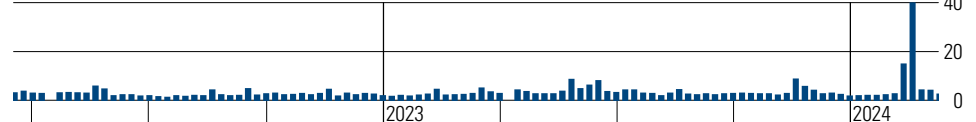
1 Year | 2 Years



Rating History



Volume in Millions



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RECOMMENDATION

We rate CHILDRENS PLACE INC (PLCE) a SELL. This is driven by a few notable weaknesses, which we believe should have a greater impact than any strengths, and could make it more difficult for investors to achieve positive results compared to most of the stocks we cover. The company's weaknesses can be seen in multiple areas, such as its feeble growth in its earnings per share, deteriorating net income, generally high debt management risk, disappointing return on equity and poor profit margins.

HIGHLIGHTS

The debt-to-equity ratio is very high at 4.67 and currently higher than the subsector average, implying increased risk associated with the management of debt levels within the company. Along with this, the company manages to maintain a quick ratio of 0.09, which clearly demonstrates the inability to cover short-term cash needs.

Return on equity has greatly decreased when compared to its ROE from the same quarter one year prior. This is a signal of major weakness within the corporation. Compared to other companies in the Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry subsector and the overall market, CHILDRENS PLACE INC's return on equity significantly trails that of both the subsector average and the S&P 500.

The gross profit margin for CHILDRENS PLACE INC is currently lower than what is desirable, coming in at 33.74%. It has decreased from the same quarter the previous year. Along with this, the net profit margin of 8.01% trails that of the subsector average.

Net operating cash flow has significantly decreased to -\$9.93 million or 127.71% when compared to the same quarter last year. In addition, when comparing to the subsector average, the firm's growth rate is much lower.

CHILDRENS PLACE INC's earnings per share declined by 6.4% in the most recent quarter compared to the same quarter a year ago. Earnings per share have declined over the last year. We anticipate that this should continue in the coming year. During the past fiscal year, CHILDRENS PLACE INC swung to a loss, reporting -\$0.42 versus \$12.59 in the prior year. For the next year, the market is expecting a contraction of 726.2% in earnings (-\$3.47 versus -\$0.42).

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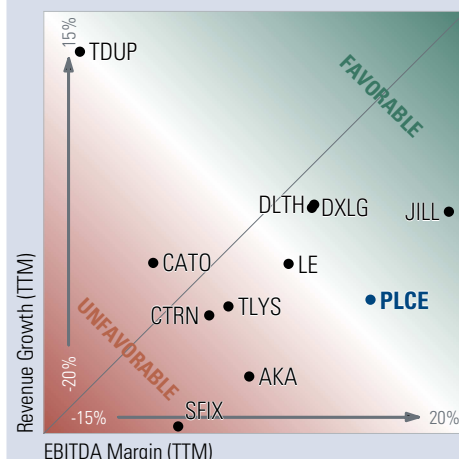
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PEER GROUP ANALYSIS

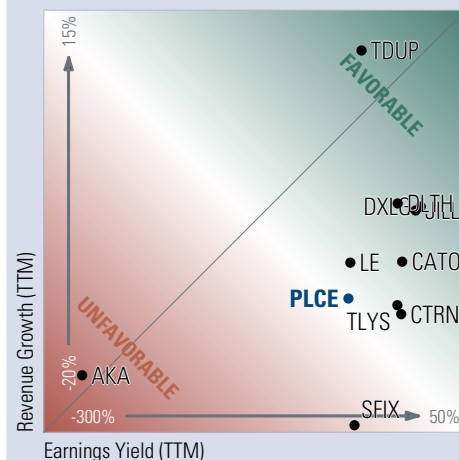
REVENUE GROWTH AND EBITDA MARGIN*



Companies with higher EBITDA margins and revenue growth rates are outperforming companies with lower EBITDA margins and revenue growth rates. Companies for this scatter plot have a market capitalization between \$94.5 Million and \$279.4 Million. Companies with NA or NM values do not appear.

*EBITDA – Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization.

REVENUE GROWTH AND EARNINGS YIELD



Companies that exhibit both a high earnings yield and high revenue growth are generally more attractive than companies with low revenue growth and low earnings yield. Companies for this scatter plot have revenue growth rates between -19.4% and 11.7%. Companies with NA or NM values do not appear.

SUBSECTOR ANALYSIS

CHILDRENS PLACE INC falls within the Retail Trade sector and the Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers industry group of the North American Industry Classification System or NAICS.

TheStreet Quant Ratings is currently tracking 189 companies in the Retail Trade sector that total around \$4,309 billion in market capitalization as well as \$3,320 billion in annual sales.

The Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, Jewelry Retailers subsector accounts for 5.4% of those revenues.

Industries in the Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers subsector retail new clothing, clothing accessories, shoes, jewelry, luggage, and leather goods.

PEER GROUP: Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, and Jewelry Retailers

Ticker	Company Name	Recent Price (\$)	Market Cap (\$M)	Price/Earnings	Net Sales TTM (\$M)	Net Income TTM (\$M)
PLCE	CHILDRENS PLACE INC	13.12	164	NM	1,603.60	-76.23
AKA	A.K.A. BRAND HOLD CORP	9.00	95	NM	546.47	-258.90
JILL	J JILL INC	26.35	279	11.71	602.87	32.47
LE	LANDS' END INC	8.61	271	NM	1,487.26	-125.36
CTRN	CITI TRENDS INC	30.97	265	NM	742.22	-8.89
DXLG	DESTINATION XL GROUP INC	3.72	224	7.75	528.55	30.94
SFIX	STITCH FIX INC	2.23	211	NM	1,465.90	-121.50
TLYS	TILLY'S INC	7.20	163	NM	630.41	-14.04
TDUP	THREDUP INC	1.87	148	NM	322.02	-71.25
DLTH	DULUTH HOLDINGS INC	4.57	142	NM	646.68	-9.36
CATO	CATO CORP	6.34	119	NM	712.23	-3.51

The peer group comparison is based on Major Clothing, Clothing Accessories, Shoe, Jewelry Retailers companies of comparable size.

Sector: Retail Trade Clothing and Clothing Accessories Retailers					
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COMPANY DESCRIPTION

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STOCK-AT-A-GLANCE	
Below is a summary of the major fundamental and technical factors we consider when determining our overall recommendation of PLCE shares. It is provided in order to give you a deeper understanding of our rating methodology as well as to paint a more complete picture of a stock's strengths and weaknesses. It is important to note, however, that these factors only tell part of the story. To gain an even more comprehensive understanding of our stance on the stock, these factors must be assessed in combination with the stock's valuation. Please refer to our Valuation section on page 5 for further information.	
FACTOR	SCORE
Growth	1.0 out of 5 stars
Measures the growth of both the company's income statement and cash flow. On this factor, PLCE has a growth score better than 10% of the stocks we rate.	weakstrong
Total Return	0.5 out of 5 stars
Measures the historical price movement of the stock. The stock performance of this company ranks at the bottom of the companies we cover.	weakstrong
Efficiency	2.0 out of 5 stars
Measures the strength and historic growth of a company's return on invested capital. The company has generated more income per dollar of capital than 30% of the companies we review.	weakstrong
Price volatility	1.0 out of 5 stars
Measures the volatility of the company's stock price historically. The stock is less volatile than 10% of the stocks we monitor.	weakstrong
Solvency	1.0 out of 5 stars
Measures the solvency of the company based on several ratios. The company is more solvent than 10% of the companies we analyze.	weakstrong
Income	0.5 out of 5 stars
Measures dividend yield and payouts to shareholders. This company pays no dividends.	weakstrong

THESTREET QUANT RATINGS RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

TheStreet Quant Ratings' stock model projects a stock's total return potential over a 12-month period including both price appreciation and dividends. Our Buy, Hold or Sell ratings designate how we expect these stocks to perform against a general benchmark of the equities market and interest rates. While our model is quantitative, it utilizes both subjective and objective elements. For instance, subjective elements include expected equities market returns, future interest rates, implied industry outlook and forecasted company earnings. Objective elements include volatility of past operating revenues, financial strength, and company cash flows.

Our model gauges the relationship between risk and reward in several ways, including: the pricing drawdown as compared to potential profit volatility, i.e.how much one is willing to risk in order to earn profits; the level of acceptable volatility for highly performing stocks; the current valuation as compared to projected earnings growth; and the financial strength of the underlying company as compared to its stock's valuation as compared to projected earnings growth; and the financial strength of the underlying company as compared to its stock's performance. These and many more derived observations are then combined, ranked, weighted, and scenario-tested to create a more complete analysis. The result is a systematic and disciplined method of selecting stocks.

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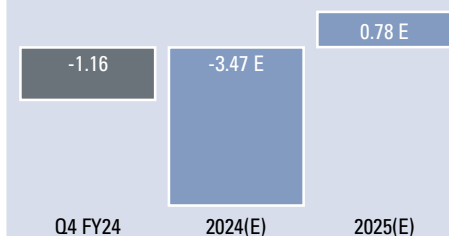
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Consensus EPS Estimates² (\$)

IBES consensus estimates are provided by Thomson Financial



INCOME STATEMENT

	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22
Net Sales (\$mil)	480.24	509.12
EBITDA (\$mil)	58.20	71.27
EBIT (\$mil)	46.93	58.80
Net Income (\$mil)	38.48	42.85

BALANCE SHEET

	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22
Cash & Equiv. (\$mil)	13.52	19.24
Total Assets (\$mil)	973.38	1,084.62
Total Debt (\$mil)	551.34	495.88
Equity (\$mil)	118.07	212.18

PROFITABILITY

	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22
Gross Profit Margin	33.74%	34.75%
EBITDA Margin	12.11%	13.99%
Operating Margin	9.77%	11.55%
Sales Turnover	1.65	1.62
Return on Assets	-7.83%	8.14%
Return on Equity	-64.56%	41.66%

DEBT

	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22
Current Ratio	0.85	0.97
Debt/Capital	0.82	0.70
Interest Expense	7.96	3.81
Interest Coverage	5.90	15.43

SHARE DATA

	Q3 FY23	Q3 FY22
Shares outstanding (mil)	12	13
Div / share	0.00	0.00
EPS	3.05	3.26
Book value / share	9.46	16.84
Institutional Own %	NA	NA
Avg Daily Volume	1,317,567	650,848

² Sum of quarterly figures may not match annual estimates due to use of median consensus estimates.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

CHILDRENS PLACE INC's gross profit margin for the third quarter of its fiscal year 2023 is essentially unchanged when compared to the same period a year ago. Sales and net income have dropped, underperforming the average competitor within its subsector. CHILDRENS PLACE INC has very weak liquidity. Currently, the Quick Ratio is 0.09 which clearly shows a lack of ability to cover short-term cash needs. The company's liquidity decreased from the same period a year ago, despite already having very weak liquidity to begin with. This would indicate deteriorating cash flow.

At the same time, stockholders' equity ("net worth") has significantly decreased by 44.35% from the same quarter last year. The key liquidity measurements indicate that the company is in a position in which financial difficulties could develop in the near future.

STOCKS TO BUY: TheStreet Quant Ratings has identified a handful of stocks that can potentially TRIPLE in the next 12-months. To learn more visit www.TheStreetRatings.com.

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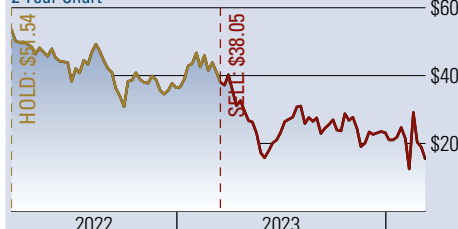
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RATINGS HISTORY

Our rating for CHILDRENS PLACE INC has not changed since 3/17/2023. As of 3/14/2024, the stock was trading at a price of \$13.12 which is 70.4% below its 52-week high of \$44.25 and 58.1% above its 52-week low of \$8.30.

2 Year Chart



MOST RECENT RATINGS CHANGES

Date	Price	Action	From	To
3/17/23	\$38.05	Downgrade	Hold	Sell
3/14/22	\$51.54	No Change	Hold	Hold

Price reflects the closing price as of the date listed, if available

RATINGS DEFINITIONS & DISTRIBUTION OF THESTREET RATINGS

(as of 3/14/2024)

31.74% Buy - We believe that this stock has the opportunity to appreciate and produce a total return of more than 10% over the next 12 months.

30.61% Hold - We do not believe this stock offers conclusive evidence to warrant the purchase or sale of shares at this time and that its likelihood of positive total return is roughly in balance with the risk of loss.

37.64% Sell - We believe that this stock is likely to decline by more than 10% over the next 12 months, with the risk involved too great to compensate for any possible returns.

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VALUATION

SELL. This stock's P/E ratio is negative, making its value useless in the assessment of premium or discount valuation, only displaying that the company has negative earnings per share. For additional comparison, its price-to-book ratio of 1.39 indicates a significant discount versus the S&P 500 average of 4.68 and a significant discount versus the subsector average of 11.33. The price-to-sales ratio is well below both the S&P 500 average and the subsector average, indicating a discount. After reviewing these and other key valuation criteria, CHILDRENS PLACE INC proves to trade at a discount to investment alternatives.

Price/Earnings	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE NM **Peers 23.55**

- Neutral. The absence of a valid P/E ratio happens when a stock can not be valued on the basis of a negative stream of earnings.
- PLCE's P/E is negative making this valuation measure meaningless.

Price/Projected Earnings	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE 16.93 **Peers 19.84**

- Neutral. The absence of a valid price-to-projected earnings ratio happens when a stock can not be valued on the basis of a negative expected future earnings.
- PLCE's ratio is negative making this valuation measure meaningless.

Price/Book	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE 1.39 **Peers 11.33**

- Discount. A lower price-to-book ratio makes a stock more attractive to investors seeking stocks with lower market values per dollar of equity on the balance sheet.
- PLCE is trading at a significant discount to its peers.

Price/Sales	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE 0.10 **Peers 1.84**

- Discount. In the absence of P/E and P/B multiples, the price-to-sales ratio can display the value investors are placing on each dollar of sales.
- PLCE is trading at a significant discount to its subsector on this measurement.

Price/CashFlow	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE NM **Peers 16.96**

- Neutral. The P/CF ratio, a stock's price divided by the company's cash flow from operations, is useful for comparing companies with different capital requirements or financing structures.
- PLCE's P/CF is negative making the measure meaningless.

Price to Earnings/Growth	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE NA **Peers 1.61**

- Neutral. The PEG ratio is the stock's P/E divided by the consensus estimate of long-term earnings growth. Faster growth can justify higher price multiples.
- Ratio not available.

Earnings Growth	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE -197.48 **Peers 329.94**

- Lower. Elevated earnings growth rates can lead to capital appreciation and justify higher price-to-earnings ratios.
- However, PLCE is expected to significantly trail its peers on the basis of its earnings growth rate.

Sales Growth	1	2	3	4	5

PLCE -8.90 **Peers 6.34**

- Lower. A sales growth rate that trails the subsector implies that a company is losing market share.
- PLCE significantly trails its peers on the basis of sales growth.

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