## The Fight is Real The Cause is Mighty

Marc Cohodes October 2017

#### Without Roddy Boyd (sirf-online.org), Insys would have never been exposed.







# Market Place; The wine maker Canandaigua is riding high. But can it continue?

By David Cay Johnston Published: March 3, 1995 The New York Times



Marc Cohodes, an analyst with Rocker Partners, an investment company that is the thirdlargest shareholder of Canandaigua, said he anticipates earnings of about \$2.25 a share this year, indicating the stock was selling at about 16.2 times expected earnings. At recent prices, Mr. Cohodes calls the stock a bargain. "I think it will go way up," he said, as management makes more efficient use of its recently acquired wineries.

#### Richard Sands, the president and chief executive of Canandaigna, said the consolidation of California operations should out annual operating cuts by Rat million.

#### NYSE:STZ



# Former enemy turned friend

Irwin L. Jacobs, a Minneapolis financier who owns 9 percent of AremisSoft, pointed out that Rocker Partners owns two million shares of TheStreet.com. ''Isn't it a coincidence,'' Mr. Jacobs asked in a posting on his Web site, ''that Herb Greenberg from TheStreet.com is also one of the biggest critics of AremisSoft and has been working overtime to try and destroy AremisSoft's credibility while one of his largest shareholders has been shorting AremisSoft stock?''

#### Mt: Colloades called the accusations nonsense and said his relationship with Mt: Groenherg, a senior columnist

The two former top executives at AremisSoft, a publicly traded software company, were accused yesterday by the Securities and Exchange Commission of defrauding investors of at least \$200 million and possibly much more.



#### Former enemy turned friend

Patrick Byrne Overstock.com (Nasdaq:OSTK)



#### OSTK: A Strategic Asset Generated cash and invested >\$200m in tech

Despite offering ~5m SKUs from >4,000 suppliers...



#### and generating >\$180m free cash flow since '12 ...



## Overstock.com trades at forgiving multiples

Comparable Companies Analysis – 2017E **Revenue and Gross Profit Multiples** 6.0x 4.8x 5.0x 4.0x 3.0x 2.4x 2.1x 2.0x 1.5x 1.0x 0.5x 0.3x 0.0xOverstock Omni-Channel E-Commerce Peers Retail Revenue Multiple
Gross Profit Multiple

# OSTK's e-commerce platform has not only survived the retail apocalypse, it has thrived

Amazon and changing consumer shopping habits have resulted in a "retail apocalypse," characterized by widespread bankruptcies and store closures...



Overstock.com has managed to thrive in this environment, growing revenue ~22% since its IPO in 2002



### Overstock.com led McKinsey key value survey after the industry leader Amazon



website is easy to use

# Overstock.com operates at higher margins than the industry leader Amazon



## OSTK is underappreciated by the market

## Despite recent transactions at much higher valuations...

Regression Analysis– Projected 3 Year Revenue CAGR and Revenue Multiple Comparison



### and operating at an ~11% contribution margin...

Contribution Margin / Multiple Comparison (Gross Profit – Sales & Marketing Expense)



and management motivated to make it happen by year end.

" I think if I get to the end of this year and the market does not see the value that I see... you would see something strategic takes place. There's lots of strategic opportunities for us. "

> - OSTK CEO and 26% owner Patrick Byrne on Q2 '17 earnings call

OSTK has the first and only SEC-approved stock loan exchange run on blockchain

- small share of a large market
- lenders and borrowers are fragmented

compelling lender proposition
compelling borrower proposition
Transparent, low-cost & efficient

• first mover advantage with >18 months regulatory lead time

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#### Check out my websites for all the details

• Home Capital Group (TSX:HCG)

HCGexposed.com

• Badger Daylighting (TSX:BAD)

TurnOutTheBadgerDaylight.com

• Exchange Income Corporation (TSX:EIF)

MaydayEifDividend.com

#### Badger (TSX:BAD) is not a hydrovac company: Badger is an illegal toxic dumping company



" I know very little about hydrovac." CEO Vanderberg on Q2 '16 earnings call

CEO



Not an accountant and not a CPA, CFO "Gerry" last worked at Ivanhoe Energy until it went bankrupt.



Tim Reiber held various sales and operations roles for WM in the Chicago, IL market.



John Kelly worked 18 years at Waste Management (WM) & hired his old pals e.g. Tom Kaczmarski, who worked 24 years at WM

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Former employees say:

- BAD is not an infrastructure play & probably loses money in hydrovac
- Badger makes its money by polluting the environment
- BAD underbids on hourly rate for hydrovacing to win the business
- Hydrovacing produces toxic and hazardous waste as a byproduct
- Lawful disposal requires testing and containment which is expensive
- BAD's "competitive advantage" is using low-cost illegal dumping
- BAD creates false documents that say BAD dumps at approved facility
- In reality, BAD kicks back cash to "mud brokers" and dumps 12-3am
- If true, BAD systematically breaks laws with "cradle to grave" liability

#### Who knew? When did they know? Did they lie?

<u>CFO</u> Greg Kelly departs after 15 years despite no other job

Accounting Manager/Controller Lynn Quiding is fired a month later

<u>Chairman</u> George Watson departs and John Kelly made <u>COO</u>

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Ernst & Young steps down as auditor
and Alan Richter hired as <u>Controller</u>
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<u>Director</u> (Audit Committee) Richard Couillard departs <u>VP of Ops (#3 Exec in Co)</u> Derek Dillon leaves

<u>CEO</u> Tor Wilson announces plan to retire after 13 years, and <u>Midwest Director of Operations</u> Dan Hutchison is demoted and eventually leaves the company in Nov. 2016 to join Remax

> "Alan Richter, previously our <u>Corporate Controller</u>, is taking on new responsibility to head up Financial Planning and Analysis ... Alan will be working very closely with John Kelly "

> > Craig Mass who worked with CFO "Gerry" at bankrupt Ivanhoe Energy hired as Controller

May '14 Nov '14

**Jun '1**4

Apr '15

**Mar** '15

**Mar '16** 

Aug '17

Sep '17

Jun '15

#### Games help management's bottom line but hurt shareholders' bottom line

- To get higher bonuses, management makes up revenue\*
- To get higher bonuses, management counts more expenses as depreciation to get a higher EBITDA<sup>\*\*</sup>
- Highly irregular accounting e.g.
  - Retroactively changing numbers
  - Altering the age of trucks
  - Total G&A expenses that barely cover exec./director compensation
  - June '17 accounts receivable too high

\* Management bonuses paid off <u>revenue</u> per truck and <u>EBITDA</u>. \*\* Expenses are capitalized into Property Plant and Equipment (PP&E), which is then depreciated.



#### One of many Badger illegal dump sites

29334-29350 Pacific Street Hayward, CA



#### If raising money from new investors to pay old investors, then EIC (TSX:EIF) is a Ponzi Scheme

<b>REAL free cash flow</b>	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	H1 '17	Cumul.
Cash from operations	-21	-6	100	107	137	44	361
Capex	-63	-80	-84	-154	-265	-167	-813
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	-84	-86	16	-47	-128	-123	-452
Dividends	-33	-36	-37	-45	-56	-33	-240

- EIF has increased its debt load by \$462 million and issued over \$230 million of shares to fund its \$700 million deficit
- Ongoing payment of dividends by EIF also appears to be an illegal violation of the Canada Business Corporations Act

#### EIF Has Paid Out More Than It Has Ever Earned

Cumulative Net Income

\$247.6mm

< Cumulative Dividends Paid \$290.6mm

#### Exchange Income Corporation CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	December 31	December 31
As at	2016	2015
EQUITY		
SHARE CAPITAL (Note 13)	463,603	425,561
CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES - Equity Component (Note 12)	11,245	11,200
CONTRIBUTED SURPLUS	3,478	1,788
DEFERRED SHARE PLAN	7,207	5,123
RETAINED EARNINGS		
Cumulative Earnings	247,586	186,491
Cumulative Dividends (Note 14)	(290,631)	(234,300)
	(43,045)	(47,809)
ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	43,649	50,755
	486,137	446,618
	\$ 1,424,532	\$ 1,229,056

#### Trevor Johnson of National Bank meet Henry Blodget formerly of Merrill Lynch

Trevor (*in public*): "We calculate a sub-50% normalized payout ratio and anticipate management will remain committed to returning additional capital back to shareholders later this year via another dividend increase ... Our unchanged \$45 target price implies ... an Outperform rating."

Trevor (*in private*): " It's a \$10 stock. They are fucked if they lose access to capital." "The regulators charged that, among other things, Blodget, of New York City, issued fraudulent research under Merrill Lynch's name, as well as research in which he expressed views that were inconsistent with privately expressed negative views."

The Securities and Exchange Commission, NASD and the New York Stock Exchange Permanently Bar Henry Blodget From the Securities Industry and Require \$4 Million Payment

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#### EIF management and Trevor think it's a game, but playing games with peoples' lives is wrong



Trevor Johnson National Bank



**Trevor:** "My bank makes so much money on this stock. They want every single broker to recall their margin account. What's happened is that they sent an internal memo to all the brokers ... They don't want to see it in the margin account."

**Speaker 1:** " ... so that's the brokers in all the cities in Canada, all the retail brokers? "

#### Trevor: " All National Bankers. ... "

**Speaker 1:** " ... But when they do that, it causes the other banks to do the same, right? "

Trevor: " A little bit, it's all gaming the system. "

# EIF's tone at the top pressures maintenance to cut corners on safety and cover it up

"What was asked of me in the meeting was to create plausible deniability when creating task cards, to allow aircraft to be released when required for our operations, even when an aircraft is unsafe for flight. ... In all three of these scenarios there were no reports of safety issues. This has become a norm in our department, a general feeling of complacency that has gone on for far too long. Our management team has cultivated this through personal attacks, discreditation, and punishment for following rules when it causes an operational delay."

#### EIC are crooks

Good day sir. I am an ex crew chief of 15+ years who quit due to not wanting to comply with illegal activity. I fully agree with your news about Perimeter Airlines and EIC. I have actual email conversations between the Director of Maintenance and Production Manager about buying hobby shop parts to get an aircraft repaired. Not sure how to forward the email to you. Do you have an email address?

– EIF former



 Top customer MKO Grand Chief (Sheila)North Wilson publicly stated, "Perimeter Aviation said it was the airline's errors, not weather, that contributed to the delays and cancellations." 2. CEO Mike Pyle: "Inclement weather was more acute for Perimeter during the busy Christmas season, which resulted in flight delays and cancellations." 3. Pyle: "And I'd like to clarify that that's simply cancellations from weather. That's not anything related to our capacity or mechanical issues or those sorts of things, simply from weather."

If EIF and National Bank sold shares to the public at \$42 with an expected 75% loss while lying about business problems and cornering the stock, then that's known as securities fraud in the US

## With planes crashing in Manitoba, Why buy R1, a company in Miami?

- EIF acquired RegionalOne (R1), a plane chop shop
- Announced Feb 28, 2013, EIF paid \$90m for R1
- Five days later, EIF notified regulators that their auditor Deloitte & Touche had resigned
- One R1 division is headquartered at a liquor store
- Supplies most of EIF EBITDA and all EIF "growth"
- R1 buys planes and books them as capital assets
- At the end of the quarter, R1 swaps the newer, more valuable engines onto the airlines' planes
- The result is PP&E >\$350m overvalued vs. market
- R1 CEO Doron Mukhtar changed name to Doron Marom?
   R1 CFO Kurt Brulisauer went to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and PotomacState College of West VA?



