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Dr Jonas Peculis


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Welcome to the November edition of the Edison Healthcare Insight. In this edition we have profiled 48 of our healthcare companies under coverage.

Readers wishing more detail should visit our website, where reports are freely available for download (www.edisongroup.com). All profit and earnings figures shown are normalised, excluding amortisation of acquired intangibles, exceptional items and share-based payments.

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Neil Shah and Maxim Jacobs

Healthcare research

Company profiles

Prices at 6 November

US\$/£ exchange rate: 0.7709

€/£ exchange rate: 0.9074

C\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5835

A\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5503

NZ\$/£ exchange rate: 0.5113

SEK/£ exchange rate: 0.0871

DKK/£ exchange rate: 0.1219

NOK/£ exchange rate: 0.0830

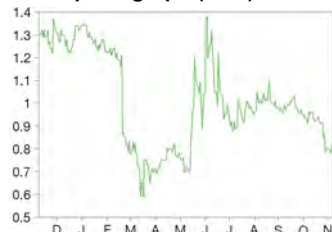
JPY/£ exchange rate: 0.0073

CHF/£ exchange rate: 0.8439

PLN/£ exchange rate: 0.2003

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK0.80
Market cap: SEK237m
Market: NASDAQ OTCQX

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Abliva (formerly NeuroVive) is a Swedish biopharmaceutical company. Its main focus area is PMDs with lead assets KL1333, a NAD⁺ modulator (Phase I), and NV354, a succinate prodrug (preclinical). NeuroSTAT is a non-core asset in Phase II for neurotrauma.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(12.3)	(20.0)	(39.0)
Relative*	(11.4)	(24.3)	(45.0)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecilius

Abliva (ABLI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Abliva is focused on primary mitochondrial diseases (PMD). The core portfolio consists of KL1333 and NV354. KL1333, a small molecule NAD⁺ modulator used to restore intracellular energy balance, is being developed for PMD, for example due to an m.3243 A>G mutation (eg MELAS, MIDD, PEO). Abliva started a Phase Ia/b study in March 2019 and the first two parts (SAD and MAD) were successfully completed. The third and final part is recruiting patients with PMD. Following positive feedback from the FDA, Abliva intends to start a single pivotal Phase II/III study in H221 before seeking approval. NV354 is the second lead drug candidate in Abliva's core portfolio, a succinate prodrug targeting complex I deficiency, such as Leigh syndrome and LHON. IND-enabling studies are ongoing and the Phase I study could start in 2021.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Abliva has a diversified portfolio, with all assets aimed at improving mitochondrial metabolism and function. We feel this puts NeuroVive among the very few experts in mitochondrial medicine.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (fd) (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	2.5	(66.7)	(68.8)	(94.07)	N/A	N/A
2019	3.6	(72.3)	(74.6)	(43.50)	N/A	N/A
2020e	3.6	(78.6)	(81.0)	(33.59)	N/A	N/A
2021e	3.6	(79.9)	(82.3)	(27.79)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €2.23
Market cap: €195m
Market: Euronext Brussels

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Acacia Pharma is a commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company developing and commercialising novel products to improve the care of patients undergoing serious medical treatments such as surgery, invasive procedures or chemotherapy. BARHEMSYS is launched for PONV in the US and in-licensed asset BYFAVO is approved for PS.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	0.5	(19.8)	33.5
Relative*	5.2	(16.8)	61.5

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Acacia Pharma (ACPH)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Acacia Pharma is focused on commercialising its two approved hospital-based products in the US. Lead product BARHEMSYS (reformulated amisulpride) was launched in August 2020 after receiving FDA approval with a broad label for the management of post-operative nausea and vomiting (PONV). Under the deal with Cosmo Pharmaceuticals, Acacia was assigned the US licence for Paion's sedative BYFAVO (remimazolam), which received FDA approval for procedural sedation (PS) in July 2020 and has been designated as a Schedule IV medicine. Acacia plans to launch BYFAVO in H220 and has been building up its US commercial operations in preparation. At 30 June 2020, Acacia had net cash of \$21.9m. A share placing in August that raised €25m gross plus the €45m combined equity investment and loan facility under the Cosmo deal has enabled Acacia to expand its US commercial infrastructure to support both product launches.

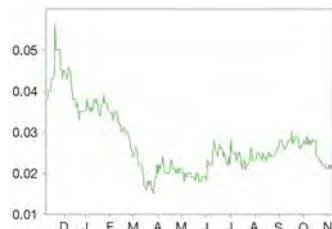
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Inadequately treated PONV leads to prolonged stays in post-anaesthesia care unit recovery rooms. Use of BARHEMSYS could reduce patient hospitalisation time and the associated costs. Likewise, BYFAVO can reduce the time required for invasive medical procedures, enabling increased patient throughput for hospitals and surgical centres.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(20.0)	(21.6)	(45.46)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(22.4)	(23.5)	(37.17)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.2	(27.3)	(30.0)	(31.98)	N/A	N/A
2021e	8.0	(37.3)	(40.4)	(45.36)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.02
Market cap: A\$29m
Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Actinogen Medical is an ASX-listed Australian biotech developing lead asset Xanamem, a specific 11beta-HSD1 inhibitor designed to treat cognitive impairment that occurs in chronic neurological and metabolic diseases.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(16.9)	(10.2)	(35.9)
Relative*	(19.9)	(13.2)	(32.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciuslis

Actinogen Medical (ACW)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

In October 2020, Actinogen announced that it is expanding the R&D programme and will initiate new Phase II trials in H121: Fragile X syndrome (XanaFX study) and mild cognitive impairment due to Alzheimer's disease (AD) (XanaMIA study). The new plans follow the Phase I XanaHES trial (Xanamem 20mg daily in healthy elderly subjects) designed to assess the safety of high doses and explore the effect on cognition. There were no safety issues and a statistically significant, positive improvement in three of six domains in the Cogstate Cognitive Test Battery was observed. Recall, during the Phase II XanADu trial in AD patients Xanamem was pharmacologically active but other endpoints were not met (dose was half that used in XanaHES). Combined, these data have prompted Actinogen to increase the Xanamem dose to 20mg daily in future trials. The company has also expanded the pipeline to diversify potential routes to market.

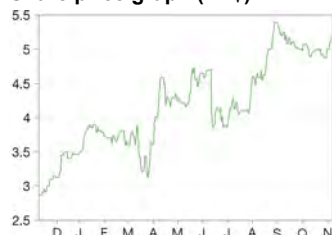
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The unmet need in chronic neurological and neuropsychiatric disorders (including AD, but also orphan indications such as Fragile X) is high due to limited available treatment options. The orphan indications provide a potentially faster route to market and high pricing of the drug.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	3.3	(6.0)	(5.9)	(0.8)	N/A	N/A
2019	5.1	(9.5)	(9.4)	(0.9)	N/A	N/A
2020e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NZ\$5.18
Market cap: NZ\$537m
Market: NZSX

Share price graph (NZ\$)

Company description

AFT Pharmaceuticals is a specialty pharmaceutical company that operates primarily in Australasia but has product distribution agreements across the globe. The company's product portfolio includes prescription and over-the-counter drugs to treat a range of conditions and a proprietary nebuliser.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	2.6	11.4	73.8
Relative*	(0.4)	7.1	55.2

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

AFT Pharmaceuticals (AFT)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

AFT Pharmaceuticals is a profitable New Zealand-based specialty pharmaceutical company that sells 130 prescription specialty generics and OTC products through its own sales force in New Zealand, Australia and South-East Asia, and has been expanding its geographic footprint. FY20 operating revenue grew by a strong 24.0% year-on-year to NZ\$105.6m as there was at least double-digit growth across all regional segments and triple-digit growth in South-East Asia. Importantly, the company reported FY20 operating profit of NZ\$21.2m (including a NZ\$9.8m non-recurring gain), up from a reported NZ\$6.1m the year before, and is guiding for operating profit of NZ\$14–18m in FY21.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

AFT is a multi-product company targeting pharmacy prescription, OTC and hospital markets. Data for Maxigesic offer it a competitive advantage in a fragmented industry.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (NZ\$m)	EBITDA (NZ\$m)	PBT (NZ\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	85.1	5.8	(2.5)	(2.70)	N/A	52.4
2020	105.6	10.3	2.8	2.69	192.6	22.9
2021e	125.1	18.2	15.5	15.40	33.6	27.1
2022e	146.5	29.5	27.2	23.23	22.3	16.7

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK1.40
Market cap: SEK278m
Market NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Allarity Therapeutics is a Denmark-based biopharmaceutical company. Its patent-protected mRNA-based DRP platform enables the identification of patients with gene expression highly likely to respond to treatment. It is advancing the PARP inhibitor stenoparib (2X-121), the TKI dovitinib and microtubule inhibitor Ixempra.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(30.1)	(3.5)	(26.4)
Relative*	(29.4)	(8.6)	(33.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Allarity Therapeutics (ALLR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Allarity Therapeutics holds the worldwide drug development rights to the drug response predictor (DRP), a microarray technology that examines the expression of a panel of genes to identify potential responders to different cancer therapies. Allarity Therapeutics' goal is to then develop its portfolio of drugs that are active within populations that the DRP can identify. The company recently focused its strategy on three lead assets: the tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) dovitinib, the poly-ADP-ribose polymerase (PARP) inhibitor stenoparib, and the microtubule inhibitor agent Ixempra.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Allarity Therapeutics and the DRP system have the potential to identify the value in drug assets that have otherwise been discontinued by identifying patient populations where these drugs are active. This allows the company to in-license these assets at low cost; it may then out-license them after clinical validation.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (DKKm)	EBITDA (DKKm)	PBT (DKKm)	EPS (ore)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	2.1	(32.3)	(22.5)	(44.00)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.8	(66.5)	(174.9)	(208.11)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.9	(103.2)	(101.4)	(58.85)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.9	(238.3)	(240.7)	(116.31)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$0.82
Market cap: US\$4m
Market NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

Auris Medical is a Swiss biopharmaceutical company developing neurotology and central nervous system (CNS) therapeutics. It is developing intranasal betahistine for vertigo and mental disorder supportive care. It has also begun development on AM-301 for the protection against airborne pathogens and allergens.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.2	(20.7)	(51.5)
Relative*	(3.1)	(24.3)	(57.5)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Auris Medical Holding (EARS)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Auris Medical is a biopharmaceutical company developing pharmacotherapies for inner ear and CNS disorders. Its primary focus is on the development of AM-125 (intranasal betahistine) for the treatment of acute vertigo. Oral betahistine has been prescribed in Europe for decades for all types of vertigo, with an average 26% market share, but is not available in the US. Auris has initiated its Phase II clinical trial in 118 patients with surgically induced acute vertigo. Enrolment in Part A has been completed and interim data showed a dose dependent improvement in balance tests over placebo. It is also developing AM-201, an intranasal betahistine formulation, for co-administration with olanzapine to counteract adverse effects, especially weight gain. Data from a Phase Ib has shown a statistically significant reduction in weight gain at the 30mg dose.

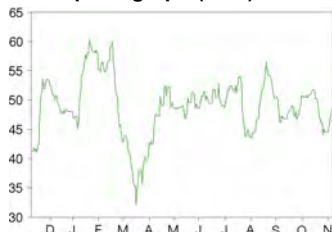
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Acute vertigo/dizziness is one of the most common causes of visits to A&E with roughly 2.6m visits associated with the condition each year.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (CHFm)	EBITDA (CHFm)	PBT (CHFm)	EPS (CHFc)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(11.0)	(12.0)	(1532.81)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(7.3)	(7.3)	(243.24)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(5.1)	(5.4)	(91.45)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(13.1)	(14.0)	(194.66)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF48.56
Market cap: CHF579m
Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)

Company description

Basilea is focused on oncology and infectious diseases. Its marketed products are Cresemba (an antifungal) and Zevtera (an anti-MRSA broad-spectrum antibiotic). The oncology R&D pipeline includes two clinical-stage assets, derazantinib and lisavanbulin.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(4.4)	8.5	20.8
Relative*	(5.2)	5.8	20.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Basilea Pharmaceutica (BSLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Basilea has two approved hospital-based products: Cresemba (severe mould infections) and Zevtera (bacterial infections). Multiple licensing/distribution agreements are in place for Cresemba and Zevtera and should drive top-line growth, including with Pfizer and Astellas, which market Cresemba in Europe (ex Nordics) and the US, respectively. In August 2019, Basilea reported positive top-line data for Zevtera in the first cross-supportive Phase III study TARGET; top-line data from the ERADICATE study are expected in Q122 and both are required for a US FDA submission. Basilea's oncology pipeline is spearheaded by derazantinib (FGFR inhibitor), which is currently in a Phase II potential registration study for intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma and a Phase I/II study in patients with advanced urothelial cancer. Lisavanbulin (tumour checkpoint controller) is in the expansion phase of a biomarker-driven Phase I/II study for glioblastoma.

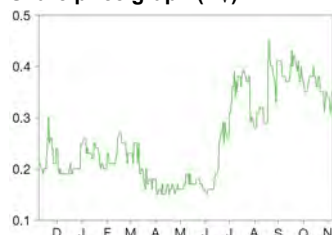
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

There is an ever-increasing need for therapeutic agents that are efficacious against drug-resistant strains of bacteria (eg MRSA), fungus or cancer. Hence, the opportunities for Zevtera, Cresemba and Basilea's oncology pipeline could be significant.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (CHFm)	EBITDA (CHFm)	PBT (CHFm)	EPS (CHFc)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	132.6	(22.3)	(31.0)	(288.15)	N/A	N/A
2019	134.4	(15.6)	(22.2)	(207.16)	N/A	N/A
2020e	134.3	(21.4)	(30.4)	(282.93)	N/A	N/A
2021e	139.2	(21.4)	(30.8)	(285.80)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: C\$0.35
Market cap: C\$24m
Market: TSX-V

Share price graph (C\$)

Company description

Bioasis Technologies is a biopharma company developing the xB3 platform to aid in the delivery of molecules to the brain using receptor mediated transcytosis. The company's lead program is xB3-001, which is in preclinical development for brain metastases in HER2+ metastatic breast cancer patients.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(2.8)	12.9	75.0
Relative*	(3.1)	15.0	80.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Bioasis Technologies (BTI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Bioasis has developed a platform for developing drugs that can pass the blood-brain barrier (BBB) that can be used on small molecules, antibodies and enzymes. The company has licensed this platform to Prothena and Chiesi as well as advancing its internal development project xB3-001 for the treatment of breast cancer brain metastases.

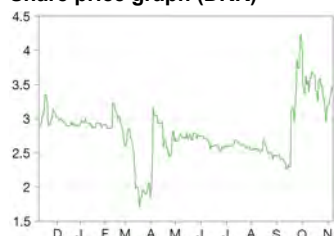
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Developing a drug to pass the BBB has historically been difficult and limited to small molecules. By developing a modular platform to solve this problem Bioasis is expanding the potential diseases that can be targeted as well as providing a means to re-purpose previously developed drugs to target the brain.

Y/E Feb	Revenue (C\$m)	EBITDA (C\$m)	PBT (C\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.4	(3.8)	(2.4)	(4.29)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.6	(4.0)	(3.4)	(5.50)	N/A	N/A
2021e	8.7	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.27)	N/A	N/A
2022e	3.7	(9.8)	(9.8)	(13.34)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: DKK3.35
Market cap: DKK893m
Market NASDAQ OMX (CPH)

Share price graph (DKK)

Company description

BioPorto Diagnostics is a diagnostic company focused on the development and commercialisation of biomarker-based assays. The company's portfolio includes The NGAL Test, for the prediction of acute kidney injury, and an extensive antibody library.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(4.3)	55.2	38.0
Relative*	(7.2)	40.1	5.2

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

BioPorto Diagnostics (BIOPOR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

BioPorto's lead strategic goal is development of a test for acute kidney injury (AKI) using the biomarker NGAL. The company is gathering more data for its paediatric urine NGAL 510(k) and expects to submit in H220. For adults using plasma NGAL, the 510(k) will be submitted to the FDA after the submission for paediatric. The NGAL Test is commercially available for research purposes in the US and has been CE marked in Europe. BioPorto also sells a series of other antibodies, ELISA kits and related biologics.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The current standard of care for detecting AKI is serum creatinine, which can take 24 hours or more to detect AKI and can only do so after significant kidney damage. NGAL promises to provide a quicker and more reliable test, allowing early intervention to preserve kidney function.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (DKKm)	EBITDA (DKKm)	PBT (DKKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	26.0	(42.1)	(42.5)	(24.34)	N/A	N/A
2019	26.6	(68.3)	(71.1)	(39.16)	N/A	N/A
2020e	26.5	(65.5)	(69.9)	(34.24)	N/A	N/A
2021e	102.3	(14.2)	(16.1)	(7.52)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK2.58
Market cap: SEK561m
Market NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Brighter is a Swedish healthtech company addressing common welfare challenges of modern society through a group of innovation companies. Its lead solution, Actiste, currently being commercialised, is aimed at helping people with diabetes adhere to care guidelines and achieve treatment goals.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(13.4)	(27.7)	(57.3)
Relative*	(12.6)	(31.6)	(61.5)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Brighter (BRIG)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Brighter is a healthtech company developing solutions for chronic diseases. Its initial strategy is the market introduction of Actiste, a remote monitoring and treatment service for diabetes which recently received two CE marks (Actiste is regulated under both the EU Medical Devices Directive and the In Vitro Diagnostics Directive). The service includes a unique patented device that integrates all the essential features for daily diabetes management, a blood glucose meter, a lancing device and an insulin injection pen, into a single unit with built-in mobile connection, and a digital platform for analysing and sharing data with family and friends, healthcare providers and other relevant stakeholders.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

In 2017, costs attributed to diagnosed diabetes and associated complications, such as cardiovascular disease and nephropathy, totalled \$327bn in the US. Patient opinions of treatment burden are heavily correlated with adherence to self-care.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	1.1	(44.2)	(48.8)	(74.00)	N/A	N/A
2019	3.3	(73.7)	(88.7)	(105.85)	N/A	N/A
2020e	15.8	(146.4)	(180.0)	(86.97)	N/A	N/A
2021e	93.0	(85.4)	(119.3)	(53.82)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK61.20
Market cap: SEK5575m
Market NASDAQ OMX First North

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Cantargia is a clinical-stage biotechnology company listed on the Nasdaq Stockholm main market. It is developing CAN04 and CAN10 against IL1RAP. CAN04 is in a Phase IIa clinical trial, CANFOUR, in solid tumours focused on NSCLC and PDAC. It is preparing to file an IND and initiate a trial in the US next year.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	20.0	160.4	293.3
Relative*	21.2	146.6	255.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Pecilius

Cantargia (CANT)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Cantargia is developing antibodies against IL1RAP. Cantargia has provided updated interim data from its Phase IIa CANFOUR trial, reporting new efficacy data from the combination arms of the study investigating CAN04 (anti-IL1RAP) in first-line NSCLC and PDAC. These new Phase IIa data, combined with initial interim data reported in December 2019, continue to support the hypothesis that CAN04 has a synergistic benefit with chemotherapy, in our view. Final analysis and key efficacy data are expected in 2021. Cantargia is preparing to engage with regulators to discuss Phase III development plans. Another tailwind is increasing positive sentiment on Novartis's canakinumab (anti-IL1beta) progressing in its Phase III trials in NSCLC.

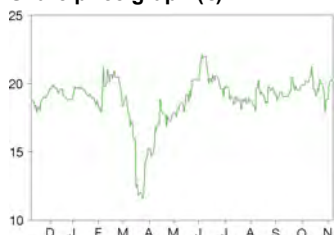
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Increasing the understanding of inflammation in malignant processes now includes findings that cytokines are not only produced by the immune cells, but that cancer itself can produce certain cytokines and the associated receptors to escape from the immune response. Therefore, cytokines represent a potentially promising class of targets in oncology.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(93.3)	(91.2)	(137.73)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(111.6)	(110.8)	(155.74)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(138.0)	(138.0)	(168.51)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(138.5)	(138.5)	(152.13)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €20.10
Market cap: €255m
Market Euronext Growth

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Carmat is developing a biocompatible, artificial heart to satisfy the lack of donor hearts available for terminal heart failure patients. The development process combines the expertise of a wide range of technical and medical experts.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(0.2)	11.7	10.4
Relative*	(1.0)	10.1	30.2

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Carmat (ALCAR)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Carmat continues to make progress in the development of the total artificial heart (TAH). In February, the FDA granted full approval for the company to initiate an early feasibility study (EFS) in 10 patients at seven US centres. Additionally, the company has obtained reimbursement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for the device and routine care items and services related to the study. The company expects to implant the first TAH before the end of 2020. Additionally, the company is targeting a CE mark by the end of the year.

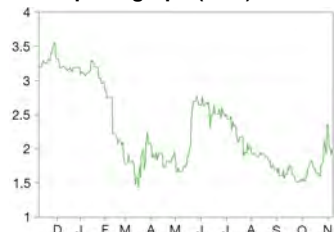
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The Carmat artificial heart is being developed as a permanent replacement or destination therapy for chronic biventricular heart failure or acute myocardial infarction patients who do not have access to a human donor heart. Despite the high EU and US prevalence of stage IV heart failure (c 500,000 patients), the shortfall in donor hearts is such that only about 3,800 human heart transplants were performed in Europe and the US in 2013.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.7	(41.8)	(43.7)	(454.43)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.7	(41.2)	(44.2)	(388.00)	N/A	N/A
2020e	7.5	(45.5)	(49.0)	(384.30)	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$1.92
Market cap: US\$238m
Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

CASI Pharmaceuticals is building a portfolio of drugs it intends to produce for Chinese and worldwide markets including Evomela launched in China, an anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy CNCT19, and the anti-CD38 drug CID-103, among others. The goal is to seek approval through new pathways that have opened in the quickly changing Chinese regulatory environment.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	19.3	1.1	(38.5)
Relative*	14.2	(3.6)	(46.0)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

CASI Pharmaceuticals (CASI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

CASI has a multipronged approach to the entrance into the Chinese pharmaceutical market. In August 2019 it launched Evomela (melphalan) in China via the priority review pathway because it was the first approval in the country for any melphalan product. It is also expanding its development pipeline through collaborations, with the recent licensing of an anti-CD38 drug (CID-103), anti-CD19 CAR-T therapy (CNCT19), and most recently BI-1206, a novel checkpoint inhibitor.

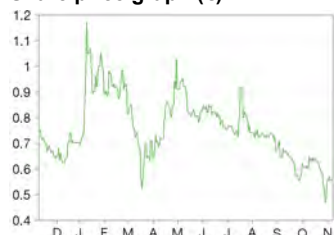
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The Chinese regulatory authorities have made a series of substantial changes to their process for drug approval in recent years to improve the availability of new drugs. The Chinese National Medical Products Administration (NMPA, formerly the CFDA) has established new classes of applications for drugs that are previously approved outside of China. Additionally, there is a set of criteria for priority review, which can significantly reduce review times.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(19.4)	(20.0)	(23.65)	N/A	N/A
2019	4.1	(37.5)	(36.5)	(38.74)	N/A	N/A
2020e	11.5	(27.5)	(28.0)	(25.03)	N/A	N/A
2021e	20.2	(29.3)	(30.0)	(23.08)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.55
Market cap: €12m
Market: Euronext Growth

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Deinove is a biotechnology company that discovers, develops and produces high value-added compounds using its state-of-the-art bacterial strain selection, banking, fermentation and screening facilities. The most valuable compounds in the pipeline are novel antimicrobials, with lead asset DNV3837 in a Phase II trial.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.3)	(26.7)	(28.6)
Relative*	(9.0)	(27.7)	(15.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peculis

Deinove (ALDEI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Deinove is running a Phase II study with the novel quinolonyl-oxazolidinone class antibiotic DNV3837 for moderate to severe C. diff infections. This is an open-label study that will be conducted in two parts in 15 centres in the US. Part two of the study will be randomised in up to 30 patients and will include efficacy endpoints. The company also reported multiple developments in its bioactives portfolio. The most recent development was the launch of Luminity, which is a concentrate of neurosporene, an extremely rare carotenoid that contributes to skin vitality and a beautiful complexion. As a metabolic intermediate of the formation of lycopene from phytoene, neurosporene is a carotenoid rarely found in nature, which is now commercially accessible and patent protected. Deinove confirmed Luminity's effects in in vitro, ex vivo and clinical studies. The key catalysts this year are development and commercialisation news from Deinove's bioactives portfolio and progress of the Phase II trial.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Environmentalism will underpin growth in green chemistry and growing antimicrobial resistance to current antibiotics will demand the discovery of new antibiotic structures.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.8	(9.4)	(10.5)	(61.25)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.6	(10.8)	(12.2)	(58.75)	N/A	N/A
2020e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 805.0p
Market cap: £392m
Market: AIM

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Ergomed is a global full-service contract research outsourcing business with a core focus on the US and EU. It provides Phase I-III clinical services in addition to post-marketing pharmacovigilance (Phase IV) services and is predominantly focused on oncology, orphan drugs, rare diseases and pharmacovigilance.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	3.2	45.1	126.1
Relative*	3.6	46.4	176.4

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peculis

Ergomed (ERGO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Ergomed has proved to be a resilient business in a challenging environment this year, which we attribute to a diversified and well-balanced pharma services offering (pharmacovigilance and CRO). H120 adjusted EBITDA of £9.1m was the main positive surprise for us in Ergomed's full interim report. We have increased our adjusted EBITDA forecasts to £18.3m (up 8.6%) in 2020 and £20.1m (up 6.8%) in 2021. A strong order book (£151.4m, up 22.0% from the end of 2019) with high visibility into 2021, continued overall business growth and a strong balance sheet should allow Ergomed to successfully navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, invest in organic growth and look for potential strategic acquisitions.

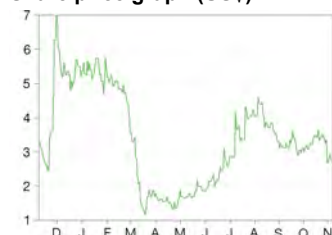
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Innovation in healthcare is driving sales and growth in the number of clinical trials being initiated, as pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies continue to invest substantially. Tight operational control and execution will enable Ergomed to drive market share in high-growth orphan drug trials as well as in larger indications.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	54.1	2.3	1.0	1.9	423.7	344.7
2019	68.3	12.5	8.6	19.8	40.7	31.8
2020e	84.1	18.3	13.1	23.8	33.8	23.5
2021e	96.6	20.1	16.4	27.5	29.3	25.2

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$2.69
Market cap: US\$24m
Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

Hepion Pharmaceuticals is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing therapeutics for chronic liver disease. The company's lead asset is CRV431, a cyclophilin inhibitor being developed for the treatment of non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH).

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(12.4)	(39.0)	(8.8)
Relative*	(16.1)	(41.8)	(20.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Hepion Pharmaceuticals (HEPA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

CRV431 is a non-immunosuppressive cyclosporine derivative that inhibits a class of proteins called cyclophilins. Cyclophilins have been implicated in liver disease specifically stemming from inflammation and fibrosis. Hepion claims that by inhibiting cyclophilins, CRV431 may stall or reverse the progressive deterioration of liver function seen in late stage NASH patients presenting with fibrosis.

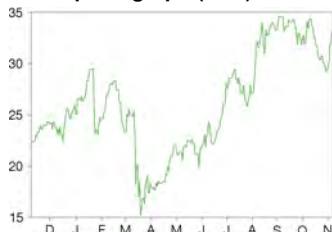
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

There currently are no approved medications for NASH, but a large number of programs in development. Fatty liver disease affects 20% of US and European populations and 20% of these are expected to progress to NASH. We expect CRV431 to be marketed for severe cases (F2 and F4), which we estimate has a market of 1.4 million in the US and Europe.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(14.3)	(9.8)	(5587.48)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(7.7)	(7.9)	(432.28)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(16.0)	(16.2)	(191.14)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(12.4)	(12.4)	(143.55)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$32.52
Market cap: US\$4625m
Market: AIM, NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

Hutchison China MediTech (HCM) is an innovative China-based biopharmaceutical company targeting the global market for novel, highly selective oral oncology and immunology drugs. Its established commercial platform business continues to expand its outreach.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(4.4)	1.2	53.1
Relative*	(8.4)	(3.4)	34.2

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Hutchison China MediTech (HCM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

HCM has built a substantial pipeline of tyrosine kinase inhibitor drugs. The 2018 launch of Elunate (fruquintinib capsules) in China serves to validate the R&D efforts and its inclusion in China's NRDL significantly increases the addressable market. Key late-stage asset surufatinib met the primary endpoint of PFS in non-pancreatic NET and pancreatic NET, translating into earlier than expected China NDA submissions for both indications (epNET accepted November 2019, pNET accepted September 2020). Surufatinib could be HCM's first unpartnered asset to launch (late 2020). The US FDA has also granted two fast-track designations for surufatinib in epNET and pNET (NDA to file in late 2020). We forecast further product launches in 2021/22, with China launch of savolitinib in MET Exon 14 deletion NSCLC and global launch of savolitinib in MET-positive Tagrisso refractory NSCLC in combination with Tagrisso; timing depends on interim data from the SAVANNAH trial.

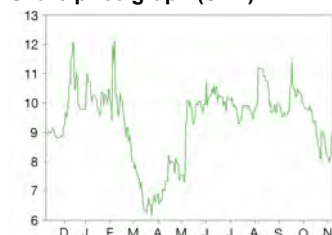
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

HCM's profitable Chinese healthcare business continues to benefit from the fast-growing domestic market, while the clinical, regulatory and technological environments are highly conducive to novel drug development. Longer term, as the oncology pipeline comes to fruition we expect HCM to become a major oncology company globally.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	214.1	(89.0)	(86.7)	(11.3)	N/A	N/A
2019	204.9	(141.3)	(141.1)	(15.9)	N/A	N/A
2020e	216.8	(194.5)	(197.4)	(22.9)	N/A	N/A
2021e	303.9	(180.8)	(186.2)	(21.3)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK8.77
Market cap: SEK809m
Market: OMX

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Immunicum is a clinical-stage immuno-oncology (IO) company based in Stockholm, Sweden. It is developing an allogeneic dendritic cell immune primer for use in combination with other anticancer therapies including CPIs in multiple solid tumour indications.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(10.5)	(21.7)	(4.3)
Relative*	(9.6)	(25.8)	(13.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Immunicum (IMMU)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Recently, Immunicum announced that Sven Rohmann was appointed as CEO with immediate effect; he also presented an updated strategy on 30 September. As Immunicum has reached clinical proof-of-concept stage, Mr Rohmann will therefore lead the company into a new, commercially oriented phase. The new strategy consists of 'four core pillars of opportunity'. GIST and sarcoma type cancers, which are proven indications and orphan diseases, should shorten ilixadencel's path to the market. The Phase Ib/II ILIAD trial, which is a multi-indication study with ilixadencel in combination with checkpoint inhibitors (CPIs), is moving into the Phase Ib after no dose-limiting toxicities were seen in the staggered phase. In renal cell carcinoma Immunicum will pursue ilixadencel in a triple combination with PD1 and CTLA4 CPIs. Lastly, Immunicum plans to extend preclinical work to identify next-generation cell therapies.

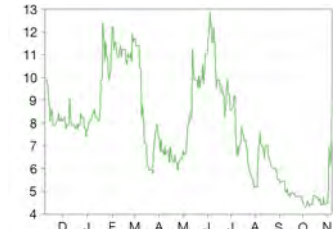
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

IO is a frenetic pharmaceutical development area with many clinical combination studies being conducted by pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Investors should expect relatively rich newsflow from this subsector over the next few years.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(0.1)	(97.9)	(190.4)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(0.1)	(134.0)	(149.4)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(0.1)	(120.9)	(131.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(0.1)	(122.5)	(132.8)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: C\$8.89
Market cap: C\$46m
Market: TSX

Share price graph (C\$)

Company description

InMed is a pharmaceutical company focused on developing and manufacturing cannabinoids. Its main pipeline product is INM-755 for epidermolysis bullosa, a serious, debilitating orphan indication.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	95.4	17.8	(3.8)
Relative*	94.8	19.9	(1.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

InMed Pharmaceuticals (IN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

InMed is a pharmaceutical company focused on developing cannabinoid-based medications. It is developing a proprietary pipeline with the leading candidates both based on cannabidiol, a minor cannabinoid that has shown evidence of efficacy across indications while having little to no psychoactivity. Its programmes include INM-755 for epidermolysis bullosa, a serious orphan indication. Two clinical trials in healthy volunteers have completed with data expected in Q4. The company is also developing INM-088 for glaucoma and is in preclinical studies. Additionally, through its biosynthesis platform, the company believes it may be able to produce minor cannabinoids at a lower cost and with improved purity than current methods.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The market for cannabinoids, whether FDA-approved, medical or recreational, is growing at a fantastic rate. Legal cannabis sales in the US alone were around US\$7.5bn in 2017 and we expect them to grow to US\$28bn by 2023.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (C\$m)	EBITDA (C\$m)	PBT (C\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(5.5)	(5.3)	(3.7)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(9.7)	(9.1)	(5.3)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(14.4)	(14.9)	(8.6)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(14.9)	(16.4)	(9.1)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.82
Market cap: A\$104m
Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Kazia Therapeutics' lead asset is paxalisib, a PI3K inhibitor licensed from Genentech that can cross the BBB. It is entering a pivotal study for GBM and is being investigated for other brain cancers (DIPG and brain metastases). Kazia also has the legacy asset Cantrixil in Phase I for ovarian cancer.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.2	52.8	111.3
Relative*	(2.4)	47.7	123.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Kazia Therapeutics (KZA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Kazia is developing two anti-cancer compounds, paxalisib (GDC-0084) and Cantrixil. Paxalisib is a PI3K inhibitor, a well understood class with activity across a wide range of tumor types and multiple previously approved drugs. Paxalisib, unlike other drugs of this class can cross the blood brain barrier (BBB), opening the potential to treat cancers of the brain. It is in Phase II studies and is expected to enrol its first patients in the pivotal GBM AGILE study in calendar Q121.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Glioblastoma (GBM) is the most common primary cancer of the brain with 11,500 new cases reported in the US per year. There are currently very limited treatment options for GBM and the disease has a very low survival rate. Paxalisib is currently being developed for use in the adjuvant setting after initial resection and radiation treatment.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.6	(7.4)	(7.4)	(12.8)	N/A	N/A
2020	1.1	(10.8)	(10.8)	(14.8)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.4	(11.4)	(11.4)	(11.5)	N/A	N/A
2022e	1.5	(12.0)	(12.0)	(11.5)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €2.50
Market cap: €69m
Market Scale

Share price graph (€)

Company description

MagForce has a European approved nanotechnology-based therapy to treat brain cancer. NanoTherm consists of a nanoparticle instillation into the tumour, activated by an alternating magnetic field, producing heat and thermally destroying or sensitising the tumour.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	14.7	(17.5)	(45.2)
Relative*	18.6	(16.8)	(42.2)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

MagForce (MF6)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

MagForce is progressing its strategy to drive uptake and acceptance (in the US and Europe) of its nanoparticle-based therapy NanoTherm, for the treatment of cancerous tumours. It has recently expanded from Germany into Poland and will have five centres in Europe that are commercially capable of treating glioblastoma patients by end-2020. A loan of up to €35m from the European Investment Bank and access to €15m growth funding via zero interest bearing convertible notes will continue to fund the roll-out. A registrational clinical trial for prostate cancer is ongoing in the US using an FDA-approved one day protocol. Approval and launch are expected in H221. The US opportunity is a significant driver for growth in the long term. Our forecasts are under review.

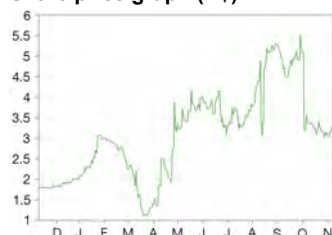
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

MagForce's NanoTherm therapy is designed to directly target cancerous tissue while sparing surrounding healthy tissue. Magnetic nanoparticles are directly instilled into a tumour or a resection cavity and activated by specialist equipment (NanoActivator). This can either thermally ablate tumours or sensitise them to other treatments (chemotherapy or radiotherapy).

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.1	(7.1)	(8.7)	(32.8)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.8	(6.2)	(7.7)	(28.3)	N/A	N/A
2020e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2021e	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$3.20
Market cap: A\$1877m
Market ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Mesoblast is an Australia-based biotechnology company developing adult stem-cell therapies based on its proprietary MPC and MSC platforms. Its lead programs are in pediatric aGvHD, heart failure, ARDS and lower back pain.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(6.2)	(25.6)	76.3
Relative*	(9.5)	(28.1)	86.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Mesoblast (MSB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

The FDA recently issued the company a complete response letter (CRL) for Ryoncil (remestemcel-L) in pediatric steroid-refractory acute graft versus host disease (SR-aGvHD) patients despite a positive recommendation for the product from an FDA advisory committee. The company is seeking a meeting with the FDA to discuss the pathway to approval. Additionally, Mesoblast is conducting a Phase III randomized controlled trial of remestemcel-L in 300 ventilator-dependent patients with moderate/severe COVID-19 related acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) patients. Recruitment is expected to complete in Q4 CY20 but may be stopped early for futility or efficacy at interim analyses. Phase III data in heart failure and back pain is expected by YE20.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Mesoblast is a leading mesenchymal stem cell company. It has a manufacturing alliance with Lonza. JCR Pharmaceuticals markets Mesoblast's GvHD therapy in Japan; FY19 royalties were US\$5.0m.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	17.0	(66.2)	(68.6)	(8.14)	N/A	N/A
2019	16.0	(75.4)	(86.5)	(15.69)	N/A	N/A
2020e	61.2	(32.0)	(45.6)	(6.92)	N/A	N/A
2021e	50.9	(35.1)	(47.4)	(8.12)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF1.77
Market cap: CHF32m
Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)

Company description

Newron Pharmaceuticals is CNS-focused. Xadago for Parkinson's disease (PD) is sold in Europe, Japan and the US. Evenamide, a novel schizophrenia therapy, may start Phase III trials from Q221.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(7.8)	24.6	(72.6)
Relative*	(8.6)	21.6	(72.6)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr John Savin

Newron Pharmaceuticals (NWRN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Newron is focusing on its novel schizophrenia drug, Evenamide (which has a different mechanism of action to other antipsychotic products), and on a further Xadago study. The Evenamide preclinical studies required by the FDA have been successfully completed. A four-week, 120-patient Phase II safety study is now underway to report in Q121; Newron notes that Phase III could start in Q221 with two studies planned. Discussions with Zambon on a Xadago dyskinesia study are progressing. Newron drew down a €7.5m EIB loan in April (a €15m loan facility remains) and had €39.4m cash at end June 2020. Newron has cash well into 2022.

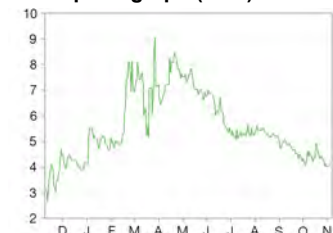
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Xadago is marketed in key territories as an add-on to levodopa therapy in PD is sold by Supernus Pharmaceuticals. This should benefit Newron since Supernus will have a five-fold larger sales team than the previous partner. Adding a dyskinesia indication will maximise the US potential. The former lead, sarizotan, ceased development in H120.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	4.0	(14.9)	(15.0)	(84.20)	N/A	N/A
2019	7.0	(20.7)	(20.2)	(113.24)	N/A	N/A
2020e	5.6	(13.8)	(14.5)	(81.09)	N/A	N/A
2021e	6.7	(19.6)	(20.2)	(113.13)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK4.14
Market cap: SEK1756m
Market: Nasdaq FN Premier

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

Oasmia Pharmaceutical is a Swedish speciality pharma company focusing on its proprietary XR-17 technology platform to develop novel formulations of well-established cytostatic oncology treatments for human and animal health. Key assets include Apealea (partnered with Elevar) and Docetaxel micellar.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(10.1)	(23.3)	19.6
Relative*	(9.3)	(27.3)	8.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Oasmia Pharmaceutical (OASM)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oasmia Pharmaceutical is focused on developing improved formulations of well-established cancer drugs through its proprietary XR-17 platform technology. Its solubility-enhancing technology has received validation through a global partnership deal for lead asset Apealea (Cremophor-free paclitaxel) with Elevar Therapeutics across a variety of cancer indications. Apealea is approved in Europe for second-line ovarian cancer and Elevar is in discussions with the FDA for the pathway to US approval. Oasmia is working on additional nanoparticle formulations, including docetaxel micellar (Phase Ib prostate cancer), and the development of innovative drugs (preclinical stage). Oasmia has an animal health pipeline with two clinical stage assets, Paccal Vet and Doxophos Vet. At 31 July 2020, Oasmia had net cash of SEK274m, giving a cash runway into FY23.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Despite a slew of novel cancer drug treatments transforming care for many oncology indications, established chemotherapy regimens remain a cornerstone of treatment. Oasmia's XR-17 technology is applicable to any solubility-limited drug, which includes 10–15 different cytostatic agents, and can potentially provide an improved formulation and profile.

Y/E Apr	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	2.0	(119.2)	(168.5)	(68.5)	N/A	N/A
2020	201.8	(10.1)	(43.4)	0.2	2070.0	N/A
2021e	0.8	(103.2)	(137.2)	0.0	N/A	N/A
2022e	96.9	(13.5)	(47.1)	0.0	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.66
Market cap: €52m
Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Onxeo has a proprietary platON platform based on a unique decoy technology in the field of DNA damage repair inhibition. The compounds have been shown in preclinical studies to be synergistic with DNA breaking therapies and also have an ability to reverse tumour resistance to PARP inhibitors and TKIs.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	3.1	(2.5)	17.9
Relative*	2.3	(3.9)	38.9

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciuslis

Onxeo (ONXEO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Onxeo's portfolio focuses on its novel platON platform, from which AsiDNA was the first product to enter clinical development. AsiDNA is the only oligonucleotide decoy agonist in development that disrupts and exhausts the tumour DNA damage response mechanism. To date, the only approved similar class of drugs are four commercially successful PARP inhibitors. AsiDNA is now being tested in the Phase Ib part of the DRIIV-1 trial in patients with advanced solid tumours in combination with chemotherapy (latest interim update in November showed promising data). Another key Phase Ib/II trial, REVOCAN, is recruiting patients and will evaluate AsiDNA's potentially unique ability to reverse tumour resistance to the PARP inhibitor, niraparib. The outcomes of all these events will define AsiDNA's mid- to late-stage development.

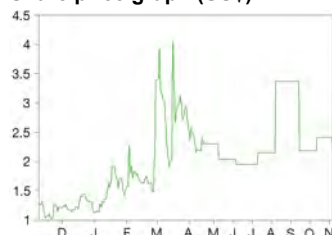
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Approval of the first PARP inhibitors has kick-started interest by the scientific community and large pharma in the DNA Damage Response field. Few biotechs are already positioned in this emerging field that has broad potential.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (fd) (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	6.1	(3.4)	(4.2)	4.92	13.4	N/A
2019	4.3	(9.1)	(11.5)	(14.98)	N/A	N/A
2020e	9.6	(4.1)	(4.8)	(7.09)	N/A	N/A
2021e	3.5	(10.5)	(11.1)	(16.56)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$2.12
Market cap: US\$42m
Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

OpGen is focused on revolutionizing the identification and treatment of bacterial infections. Following the merger with Curetis, it has technology platforms to detect pathogens and predict resistance. Importantly, the AMR Gene Panel and Unyvero platforms have the ability to provide results in hours instead of days.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(8.6)	(4.1)	60.6
Relative*	(12.5)	(8.5)	40.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

OpGen (OPGN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

OpGen is a diagnostic company focused on revolutionizing the identification and treatment of bacterial infections. It recently merged with Curetis, a Germany-based molecular diagnostics company with a complementary focus on infectious disease. Curetis has two main business lines: the Unyvero A50 high-plex polymerase chain reaction platform for the diagnosis of infectious disease in hospital patients and the ARES AMR database (ARESdb), which includes data on 55,000 sequenced strains with a focus on resistant pathogens as well as data on over 100 antibiotics.

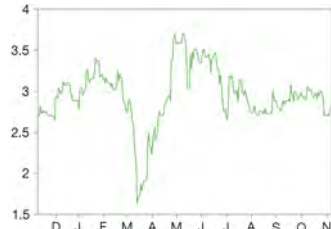
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

It currently takes days to test a patient sample to find out if they have an infection, what they are infected with and to which drugs that infection might be susceptible. This can lead to a delay in treatment or the wrong treatment being prescribed. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are over two million cases of drug-resistant bacterial infections every year.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	2.9	(13.2)	(13.4)	(4445.18)	N/A	N/A
2019	3.5	(11.7)	(11.9)	(737.57)	N/A	N/A
2020e	4.6	(22.7)	(25.8)	(162.79)	N/A	N/A
2021e	12.5	(17.9)	(21.2)	(105.19)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €2.81
Market cap: €149m
Market Madrid Stock Exchange

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Oryzon Genomics is a Spanish biotech focused on epigenetics. Iadademstat (Phase IIa) is being explored for acute leukaemias and SCLC; vafidemstat, its CNS product, has completed several Phase IIa trials and a Phase IIb trial in borderline personality disorder has received approval to start. ORY-3001 is being developed for certain orphan indications.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(2.9)	3.5	5.2
Relative*	(2.0)	4.8	44.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Oryzon Genomics (ORY)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oryzon develops small molecule inhibitors for epigenetic targets. It has completed two PhII and has six ongoing PhII trials with two assets iadademstat (a specific LSD1 inhibitor) and vafidemstat (a CNS-optimised LSD1 inhibitor). In April 2020, Oryzon reported first efficacy data from the PhIIa ETHERAL trial in Alzheimer's disease (AD) (full results in Q221), plus positive data from the PhIIa trial in aggression in AD (REIMAGINE-AD) and announced a new vafidemstat trial in COVID-19 (ESCAPE). In July 2020, Oryzon released final results from its PhIIa REIMAGINE trial with vafidemstat in aggressiveness in psychiatric diseases with improvement in all cohorts (BPD, ADHD and ASD). Oryzon has received approval to start PhIIb PORTICO with vafidemstat in BPD. In June 2020, it presented more data from the PhII ALICE trial (iadademstat plus azacitidine) in AML, which continues to impress. In September 2020, Oryzon presented final data from its PhIIa CLEPSIDRA trial with iadademstat in SCLC and Oryzon is now considering further steps in this indication.

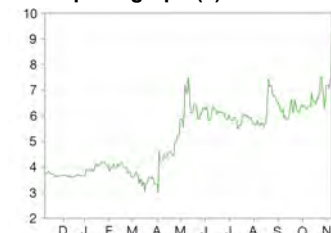
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Oryzon is among the leading clinical-stage drug developers with a second generation of epigenetic therapeutics, which have greater selectivity and potentially a favourable safety/efficacy profile than the first generation HDAC inhibitors.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	6.8	(2.8)	(3.7)	(3.37)	N/A	N/A
2019	10.3	(3.7)	(4.6)	(8.81)	N/A	N/A
2020e	9.9	(4.1)	(4.7)	(6.51)	N/A	N/A
2021e	9.9	(4.1)	(4.2)	(6.38)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €9.28
Market cap: €143m
Market Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

OSE Immunotherapeutics is an immunotherapy company based in Nantes and Paris, France and listed on the Euronext Paris exchange. OSE is developing immunotherapies for the treatment of solid tumours and autoimmune diseases and has established several partnerships with large pharma companies.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	46.8	63.4	154.2
Relative*	45.7	61.0	199.6

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

OSE Immunotherapeutics (OSE)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

OSE Immunotherapeutics focuses on both oncology and immune disorders. Long-term collaborations with top research institutions enable it to identify novel targets in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner. The success of this model is demonstrated by several commercial partnerships, including a deal with Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) for a total value of €1.1bn plus royalties. OSE's most advanced internal programme is Tedopi for NSCLC (Phase III, most recent data update in September 2020). A Phase I study with BI 765063, antagonist of SIRP alpha, in solid tumours is ongoing in partnership with BI with first results expected in H121. Two Phase II trials with OSE-127, an anti-IL-7R alpha antibody, are planned to start in H220 in ulcerative colitis (sponsored by OSE) and Sjögren's syndrome (sponsored by Servier). New project CoVepiT, a potentially prophylactic vaccine against the SARS-CoV-2 virus, is progressing and could enter clinical trials as soon as Q121-2020 (positive human ex vivo data published in August).

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

OSE has products in development for both immunological diseases and cancer indications. We expect its strong relationships with research institutions and internal expertise to be a significant advantage in continuing to develop pipeline products.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	24.5	5.0	4.8	38.47	24.1	72.8
2019	26.0	(0.9)	(1.2)	(29.55)	N/A	23.1
2020e	9.0	(13.8)	(13.9)	(65.82)	N/A	N/A
2021e	9.0	(14.0)	(14.1)	(94.40)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 813.0p
Market cap: £669m
Market: LSE

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Oxford Biomedica's (OXB) LentiVector technology underpins the company's strategy. OXB generates significant revenue from partners that use its technology and is manufacturing the COVID-19 vaccine candidate AZD1222 for AstraZeneca. OXB is implementing significant capacity upgrades to enable more partnering/out-licensing agreements.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(4.5)	(3.1)	47.3
Relative*	(4.1)	(2.2)	80.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Oxford Biomedica (OXB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Oxford Biomedica (OXB) is a global leader in lentiviral development and manufacturing. It is expanding its manufacturing facilities through Oxbox, a 84,000 sq ft state-of-the-art bioprocessing facility, significantly increasing its production capacity to match increasing demand and to continue growing its platform revenues. In the near term, revenues will continue to be driven by the Novartis partnership for CAR-T Kymriah as the commercial roll-out continues. OXB has several established development and manufacturing partnerships including Novartis, Juno Therapeutics (BMS), Bioverativ (Sanofi), Orchard Therapeutics, Axovant, Boehringer Ingelheim, Santen and Beam Therapeutics. OXB also has a supply agreement with AstraZeneca for the large-scale commercial manufacture of the adenovirus vector-based COVID-19 vaccine candidate AZD1222.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Cell- and gene-therapy is the focus of much industry attention as it can dramatically alter the outcomes of many diseases. OXB's proprietary LentiVector platform has demonstrated promise in many indications.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	66.8	13.5	0.3	4.3	189.1	41.2
2019	64.1	(4.6)	(16.8)	(16.4)	N/A	N/A
2020e	84.2	2.2	(5.6)	(0.6)	N/A	508.0
2021e	112.4	19.9	11.7	11.6	70.1	32.1

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NZ\$0.71
Market cap: NZ\$515m
Market: NZSX

Share price graph (NZ\$)

Company description

Pacific Edge develops and sells a portfolio of molecular diagnostic tests based on biomarkers for the early detection and management of cancer. Tests utilising its Cxbladder technology for detecting and monitoring bladder cancer are sold in the US, New Zealand, Australia and Singapore.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	9.2	(1.4)	321.2
Relative*	6.0	(5.2)	276.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Pacific Edge (PEB)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pacific Edge develops and sells a portfolio of molecular diagnostic tests based on biomarkers for the early detection and management of cancer. Tests using its Cxbladder technology for detecting and monitoring bladder cancer are sold in the US, New Zealand, Australia and Singapore. Pacific Edge recently announced that Cxbladder Detect and Cxbladder Monitor (93% of US lab throughput in FY20) gained inclusion in the CMS's local coverage determination (LCD), which would enable reimbursement and negotiation for payment of many of the 21,789 tests previously performed on patients covered by CMS as of the end of FY20. Additionally, Kaiser Permanente, one of the largest non-profit health providers in the US with 12 million members, has reached an agreement with the company on the commercial use of Cxbladder by its urologists.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Molecular diagnostics is a growing, but increasingly competitive field. Lead times from the initiation of user programmes to payment can be long.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (NZ\$m)	EBITDA (NZ\$m)	PBT (NZ\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	4.8	(17.8)	(17.8)	(3.5)	N/A	N/A
2020	5.0	(17.7)	(18.8)	(3.2)	N/A	N/A
2021e	20.2	(3.5)	(4.6)	(0.6)	N/A	N/A
2022e	44.1	19.2	17.4	2.3	30.9	26.5

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €2.15
Market cap: €142m
Market: FRA

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Paion sells and develops the fast-onset and short-recovery anaesthesia product remimazolam (ByFavo), approved in Japan and in the US. ByFavo, licensed in the US to Acacia, is filed in the EU, China and South Korea.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(13.3)	(10.0)	8.9
Relative*	(10.3)	(9.2)	15.0

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr John Savin

Paion (PA8)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Remimazolam is approved in the US and China for procedural sedation (PS) and was launched in late July in Japan by partner Mundipharma for general anaesthesia (GA). In the US, a soft launch by Acacia is expected by Q4 after the DEA assessed ByFavo as low risk Class IV. A full launch might be in H1 2021, depending on COVID-19. In China, partner Yichang Humanwell launched for PS in August with GA trials ongoing. H120 results reported revenues of €3m from the Japanese approval and the Asian Hana Pharma deal; a €15m milestone was paid in H2 after US approval. Paion indicates that it has cash until H221.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Paion is considering licensing or acquiring products to make a direct European salesforce economic. Otherwise, there will be a European partnering strategy. In Italy and Belgium, compassionate use of remimazolam is possible to sedate COVID-19 patients if other sedatives are in short supply.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	2.8	(12.5)	(12.4)	(15.9)	N/A	N/A
2019	8.0	(9.2)	(9.3)	(10.8)	N/A	N/A
2020e	20.3	2.4	2.4	5.9	36.4	150.3
2021e	4.2	(20.9)	(20.9)	(31.2)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$2.24
Market cap: US\$255m
Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

As of December 2019, PDL BioPharma has ceased to make additional strategic transactions and investments and is pursuing a formal process to unlock the value of its portfolio by monetizing its assets and ultimately distributing net proceeds to shareholders.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(9.3)	(30.9)	6.0
Relative*	(13.1)	(34.1)	(7.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

PDL BioPharma (PDLI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

After completing a strategic review process, it has decided to cease additional strategic investments and monetize the company's current assets, returning net proceeds to shareholders. In the second quarter, the company distributed its common stock in Evofem to its shareholders and, during the third quarter, announced the divestiture of its Noden subsidiary to Stanley Capital, the settlement of the Wellstat litigation and the sale of its Kybella, Zalviso and Coflex royalty rights to SWK holdings. Further, early in the fourth quarter the company completed the spin-off of LENSAR.

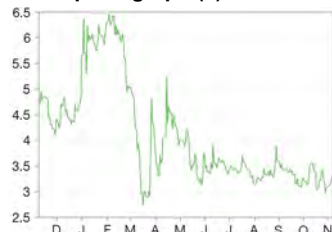
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

PDL BioPharma has a portfolio of assets (royalties, notes and direct investments) in healthcare covering the medical device and biotechnology sectors.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	32.0	(24.3)	(30.4)	(16.2)	N/A	N/A
2019	30.7	(39.3)	(44.6)	(43.6)	N/A	N/A
2020e	23.1	(40.8)	(41.0)	(21.8)	N/A	N/A
2021e	32.6	(36.0)	(36.1)	(31.7)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €3.23
Market cap: €55m
Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Pharnext is developing new therapies for neurological disorders using its proprietary Pleotherapy platform that unearths new therapeutic effects from drug combinations. Its lead program is PXT3003 for CMT1A, which is entering Phase III. It also has PXT864 for Alzheimer's disease, which has completed Phase IIa.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	2.4	(0.5)	(35.6)
Relative*	1.6	(1.9)	(24.1)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Pharnext (ALPHA)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pharnext's pleotherapy platform uses a combination of in silico prediction of drug effects as well as in vitro screening to find drug combinations that have biochemical effects totally outside of their canonical activities. For instance, the company's lead program PXT3003 is a triple combination of an anti-opiate (naltrexone), a drug for spasms (baclofen), and the sweetener sorbitol, but the combination has shown positive results in Phase III for Charcot-Marie-Tooth type 1A (CMT1A) disease.

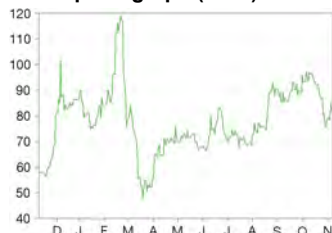
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The power of the pleotherapy platform lies in its ability to predict gene expression patterns as a result of different drug combinations. This provides a way of addressing diseases of a genetic origin like CMT (and potentially other types of disease) that may not be amenable to other treatments like enzyme replacement therapy.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	6.8	(17.8)	(21.7)	(183.47)	N/A	N/A
2019	3.6	(19.5)	(23.4)	(161.08)	N/A	N/A
2020e	3.2	(14.5)	(17.8)	(95.91)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.8	(23.3)	(26.6)	(138.89)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NOK83.20
Market cap: NOK2215m
Market: Oslo

Share price graph (NOK)

Company description

Photocure specialises in photodynamic therapy. Its bladder cancer imaging product is sold as Hexvix in Europe and Cysview in the US. Photocure handles the marketing in Nordic countries and the US, while Ipsen is its marketing partner in the EU.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(12.4)	13.4	36.6
Relative*	(9.0)	16.6	60.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Photocure (PHO)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Photocure is a commercial-stage Norwegian specialty pharmaceutical company that markets Hexvix/Cysview for diagnosing and managing bladder cancer. US sales are a key driver for the company and were up 55% in 2019. As of 1 October, Photocure has re-acquired the rights to Hexvix/Cysview in territories where Ipsen had been marketing the product (primarily the EU). Photocure expects the re-acquisition to be EBITDA accretive in 2021 and beyond. Additionally, the company has announced that it is targeting NOK1bn in reported revenues for 2023 with 40% EBITDA margins as a result of the re-acquisition.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Photocure is a photodynamic therapy company focused on bladder cancer. As its products are typically a combination of a drug and a device, hurdles for generics are typically higher than with other therapeutics.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (NOKm)	EBITDA (NOKm)	PBT (NOKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	181.5	(10.5)	(22.5)	(104.0)	N/A	N/A
2019	281.6	58.9	45.9	146.0	57.0	87.8
2020e	168.4	(46.8)	(60.7)	(312.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	266.1	39.5	38.0	117.0	71.1	90.2

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €0.60
Market cap: €26m
Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Pixium Vision develops bionic vision systems for patients with severe vision loss. Lead product, Prima, is a wireless sub-retinal implant system designed for dry-AMD. Pixium completed five implantations in an EU feasibility study and recently started a US feasibility study.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	1.4	2.6	(7.8)
Relative*	0.6	1.1	8.7

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Pooya Hemami

Pixium Vision (PIX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Pixium Vision is developing the Prima wireless photovoltaic sub-retinal implant, which transforms images into electrical signals to elicit a form of central visual perception in patients with severe retinal disease. In Q120, positive 18-month data were reported from its EU feasibility study in patients with geographic atrophy associated with dry age-related macular degeneration (GA-AMD), showing continued safety and improvements of between three and seven lines on the Landolt C visual acuity scale versus baseline. Pixium started a US feasibility study in Q120 and we expect it to file for the PRIMAvra pivotal study in H220 and start implantation in this trial in H121.

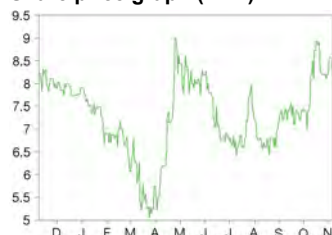
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Pixium completed a €7.3m capital increase in July, which we estimate should enable it to maintain its operations into Q421. Prima is being evaluated in clinical trials as a potential treatment option for patients with decreased vision from GA-AMD, a disease affecting ageing populations and a significant unmet medical need.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	1.6	(5.8)	(7.7)	(41.63)	N/A	N/A
2019	1.8	(8.4)	(9.8)	(43.90)	N/A	N/A
2020e	1.7	(7.4)	(8.6)	(27.76)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.6	(9.4)	(11.0)	(25.38)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: CHF8.15
Market cap: CHF91m
Market: Swiss Stock Exchange

Share price graph (CHF)

Company description

Polyphor is a development stage company focused on oncology and antibiotics. Its lead programme is balixafortide, a CXCR4 inhibitor currently in Phase III for breast cancer. Data are expected in 2021. It plans to start its Phase I programme of inhaled murepavadin to treat P. aeruginosa infections in CF patients by the year end.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	10.1	20.7	(2.2)
Relative*	9.2	17.8	(2.2)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Polyphor (POLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Polyphor is a development-stage company focused on oncology and antibiotics. Its lead programme is balixafortide, a C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4 (CXCR4) inhibitor currently in a randomised-controlled Phase III trial in 407 previously treated human epidermal growth factor receptor 2 (HER2) negative advanced breast cancer patients. Objective response rate (ORR) data from the trial are expected in Q221 and could allow for an accelerated approval filing in the US. Additionally, it plans to start its Phase I programme of inhaled murepavadin to treat P. aeruginosa infections in cystic fibrosis (CF) patients by the end of the year.

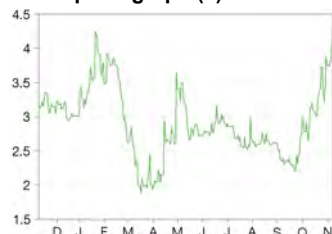
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

According to the National Cancer Institute, 78% of the estimated 276,480 new cases of breast cancer every year are HER2 negative. For those who are HER2 negative and hormone-receptor positive (68% of breast cancers), chemotherapy remains the standard of care in over 90% of cases once past front-line therapy.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (CHFm)	EBITDA (CHFm)	PBT (CHFm)	EPS (CHFc)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	6.5	(41.6)	(45.6)	(484.0)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(64.9)	(64.2)	(581.0)	N/A	N/A
2020e	13.7	(44.9)	(45.1)	(404.0)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(48.6)	(48.8)	(428.0)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €4.36
Market cap: €92m
Market: Euronext Paris

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Quantum Genomics is a biopharmaceutical company developing firibastat, a brain aminopeptidase A inhibitor for treating hypertension and heart failure. Its mechanism is implicated in the 25% of patients resistant to treatment.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	58.3	68.0	37.1
Relative*	57.0	65.6	61.6

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

Quantum Genomics (ALQGC)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Quantum Genomics is investigating brain aminopeptidase A inhibitors, a new class of drug, for the treatment of hypertension and heart failure. Data from the Phase IIb NEW-HOPE trial strongly suggests that firibastat is an efficacious, safe drug. After eight weeks of treatment, patients saw a statistically significant reduction from baseline ($p < 0.0001$) in systolic blood pressure of 9.7mmHg. A pivotal Phase III in 500 resistant hypertension patients has been initiated with results by the end of 2021. Enrolment of the Phase IIb of firibastat in 294 heart failure patients is expected to complete by the end of 2020 with results in H121.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The angiotensin pathway is one of the primary methods of modulating blood pressure and is the target of many anti-hypertensive drugs, including ACEs and ARBs. However, there is a parallel pathway in the brain responsible for the secretion of vasopressin and heart rate that is unaddressed by current drugs and that is being targeted by Quantum Genomics.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(13.6)	(13.6)	(93.94)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.0	(10.8)	(10.8)	(52.69)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(15.6)	(15.6)	(64.07)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(21.6)	(21.6)	(85.08)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: US\$8.73
Market cap: US\$327m
Market: NASDAQ

Share price graph (US\$)

Company description

RedHill Biopharma focuses on gastrointestinal (GI), infectious diseases and promotes several GI products in the US. The commercial portfolio includes Movantik (opioid-induced constipation), Talicia (H. pylori eradication) and Aemcolo (TD). RedHill also has a rapidly progressing COVID-19 R&D programme.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(7.6)	9.3	24.7
Relative*	(11.5)	4.3	9.3

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peculis

RedHill Biopharma (RDHL)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

RedHill is marketing Talicia for H. pylori infection (approved by the FDA in November 2019, launched in March); Movantik for opioid-induced constipation; and Aemcolo, a minimally-absorbed antibiotic formulation approved by the FDA for travellers' diarrhoea (TD). Net revenues were \$20.9m in Q320, in line with Q220. The R&D pipeline includes RHB-204 for pulmonary non-tuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) infections (Phase III study initiating in the coming weeks); RHB-104 for Crohn's disease (positive top-line results from first Phase III announced in July 2018); BEKINDA for both gastroenteritis (positive results from first Phase III announced in June 2017) and IBS-D (positive final Phase II results announced in January 2018). RedHill is also investigating opaganib for COVID-19 in a US Phase II study and a global Phase II/III study (Europe and other territories) which are nearing completion.

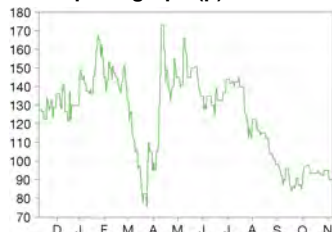
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

RedHill's main focus includes a range of gastrointestinal conditions, but also viral and bacterial infections. Although they can be treated with a variety of innovative and established products, in our view, carefully positioned, innovative solutions for the patients will attract attention.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (US\$m)	EBITDA (US\$m)	PBT (US\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	8.4	(39.2)	(38.8)	(16.8)	N/A	N/A
2019	6.3	(42.0)	(42.1)	(14.2)	N/A	N/A
2020e	105.0	2.5	2.3	0.5	1746.0	N/A
2021e	137.0	3.4	3.2	0.6	1455.0	505.2

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 90.5p
Market cap: £29m
Market LSE

Share price graph (p)

Company description

ReNeuron Group is a UK biotech company developing allogeneic cell therapies. Human retinal progenitor cells are the lead Phase I/IIa project for retinitis pigmentosa. There is a strong preclinical technology base in exosomes.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(7.7)	(22.3)	(29.0)
Relative*	(7.3)	(21.6)	(13.2)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr John Savin

ReNeuron Group (RENE)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

ReNeuron is focused on human retinal progenitor cell (hRPC) as the lead project in retinitis pigmentosa. hRPC shows a consistent and robust sustained average response at the one million cell dose. In a nine-patient study extension to the ongoing Phase II, a two million cell dose is being tested in the US; other sites may start soon. A pivotal study could begin in 2022. ReNeuron is creating multiple partnering opportunities from its core technologies of progenitor cells and exosomes.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

hRPC cell therapy could potentially treat any RP patient, giving a big potential commercial advantage; gene therapies only treat a small number of specific mutations. ReNeuron has research agreements to explore uses of the company's proprietary, scalable exosomes to deliver novel therapeutics and as viral vaccines; these can be produced to GMP standard. Preclinical model data may be published from late CY20 onward, giving a strong basis for licensing.

Y/E Mar	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	2.7	(18.1)	(17.2)	(45.34)	N/A	N/A
2020	6.2	(14.3)	(13.9)	(35.85)	N/A	N/A
2021e	1.1	(13.4)	(13.1)	(35.97)	N/A	N/A
2022e	1.1	(14.0)	(13.6)	(36.57)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: SEK17.86
Market cap: SEK340m
Market SE

Share price graph (SEK)

Company description

RhoVac is an immunotherapy company listed on the Spotlight stock market in Sweden, with a 100%-owned subsidiary in Denmark. It is developing a peptide-based immunotherapy, RV001, which aims to train the immune system to specifically target cancer cells with metastatic potential.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(7.9)	(7.3)	12.8
Relative*	(4.3)	(4.6)	32.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

RhoVac (RHOVAC)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

RhoVac is developing RV001, a cancer immunotherapy designed to prevent or limit progression to metastatic disease after curative intent therapy, by activating T-cells against cells with metastatic potential. The therapy contains fragments of the protein RhoC, which is overexpressed in cells with metastatic potential across a range of cancers. The existing funding is expected to be sufficient to complete the ongoing Phase IIb study in prostate cancer currently ongoing in Europe and the US (full recruitment expected in Q221; treatment results in 2022, but will depend on how the COVID-19 pandemic develops) as well as complementing exploratory preclinical studies in other cancers. RhoVac's strategic aim is to secure a partner for the late-stage development and global launch of RV001 after completion of the Phase IIb study.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Metastatic cancer is the most advanced stage of cancer and is terminal. A large proportion of patients diagnosed with local cancer already have undetectable metastatic cells or micro-metastases that have infiltrated other tissues. Preventing or halting metastasis formation through inhibiting the metastatic cascade or selectively killing cells with metastatic potential could help contribute to a reduction of morbidity and an improved survival.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (SEKm)	EBITDA (SEKm)	PBT (SEKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(20.1)	(20.2)	(195.00)	N/A	N/A
2019	6.0	(36.3)	(35.9)	(155.00)	N/A	N/A
2020e	12.0	(38.0)	(37.4)	(219.00)	N/A	N/A
2021e	8.0	(42.0)	(41.6)	(261.00)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: €36.80
Market cap: €2063m
Market Madrid Stock Exchange

Share price graph (€)

Company description

Laboratorios Farmacéuticos ROVI is a fully integrated Spanish speciality pharmaceutical company that is developing, manufacturing and marketing small molecule and speciality biologic drugs, with expertise in low molecular weight heparin (LMWH). Its drugs pipeline is focused on its proprietary ISM technology.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	14.3	31.0	57.9
Relative*	15.4	32.6	116.1

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

ROVI Laboratorios Farmaceuticos (ROVI)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

ROVI is a profitable speciality healthcare company that markets ~40 proprietary and in-licensed products across nine core franchises, mainly in its domestic Spanish market. Since obtaining market authorisation for its internally developed enoxaparin biosimilar (Becat) in multiple countries, ROVI has commenced marketing in several European countries and has signed out-licensing agreements that cover 91 countries globally - key drivers for sales and operating growth in the medium term. In September 2019, ROVI announced that it plans to build a new LMWH manufacturing facility over the next three years, doubling its current capacity. R&D progress continues with its proprietary ISM technology. Following positive PRISMA-3 data on DORIA (risperidone ISM), a long-acting injectable for schizophrenia, an MAA was filed with the EMA in January 2020. The US NDA filing is expected in H220.

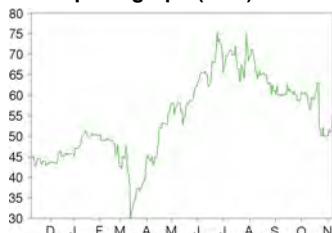
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

ROVI has a strong presence in the Spanish heparin market (and select international markets through partners), where it has been manufacturing and marketing its flagship product, Hibor (second-generation LMWH), since 1998.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (€m)	EBITDA (€m)	PBT (€m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	304.8	29.5	19.2	38.45	95.7	216.7
2019	382.5	60.9	45.6	76.64	48.0	N/A
2020e	394.5	70.9	54.3	88.10	41.8	N/A
2021e	449.2	78.2	60.8	98.02	37.5	46.9

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 56.00PLN
Market cap: PLN1028m
Market Warsaw Stock Exchange

Share price graph (PLN)

Company description

Ryvu Therapeutics is an oncology R&D company. The lead asset is wholly owned SEL120, a selective CDK8 inhibitor. SEL24/MEN1703 is a dual PIM/FLT3 kinase inhibitor licensed to the Menarini Group. Ryvu also has a diversified preclinical R&D pipeline.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(6.7)	(18.1)	23.1
Relative*	(4.6)	(12.3)	63.5

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peculis

Ryvu Therapeutics (RVU)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Menarini, Ryvu's licensing partner, has completed a Phase I study with SEL24/MEN1703 (a dual PIM/FLT3 kinase inhibitor) in AML and reported an acceptable safety profile and initial evidence of single agent efficacy. A cohort expansion study is now planned in relapsed/refractory AML. In the near term, Ryvu plans to present interim data from its Phase Ib study with wholly owned SEL120 (a selective CDK8 kinase inhibitor) in AML and myelodysplastic syndrome. In addition to clinical-stage assets, Ryvu has a broad R&D pipeline of cutting-edge oncology projects at earlier stages, which have been progressing steadily. In October 2020, the company re-prioritised the preclinical portfolio and discontinued two disclosed programmes and will re-direct the investments into other prospective assets. In July 2020, Ryvu completed a share issue raising \$36m, which ensures funding to progress all R&D projects.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The profiles of SEL24 and SEL120 are potentially unique compared to existing clinical-stage competitors and both candidates may offer efficacy advantages.

Y/E Sep	Revenue (PLNm)	EBITDA (PLNm)	PBT (PLNm)	EPS (gr)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	51.7	(17.3)	(23.0)	(1.49)	N/A	N/A
2019	42.6	(36.1)	(44.4)	(2.26)	N/A	N/A
2020e	39.5	(22.5)	(31.2)	(1.95)	N/A	N/A
2021e	25.0	(40.0)	(48.7)	(3.05)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 130.5p
Market cap: £153m
Market AIM

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Shield Therapeutics is a commercial-stage pharmaceutical company. Its proprietary product, Feraccru, is approved by the EMA and FDA for the treatment of iron deficiency. Feraccru is marketed through partners Norgine, AOP Orphan and Ewopharma.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(5.1)	2.8	(28.7)
Relative*	(4.8)	3.7	(12.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Susie Jana

Shield Therapeutics (STX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Shield Therapeutics is a commercial-stage speciality pharmaceutical company based in the UK. Its primary focus is the commercialisation of Feraccru/Accrufer, approved by the EMA and FDA for the treatment of iron deficiency in adults, with or without anaemia. The commercialisation of Feraccru in Europe, Australia and New Zealand is in the hands of distribution partner Norgine, and the product has been licensed to ASK Pharm in China. With FDA approval of the drug now obtained (to be marketed as Accrufer), a partnering deal for commercialisation in the US is expected before year end. The company reported an unaudited cash balance of £6.5m at 30 June 2020, which implies a cash runway into Q121.

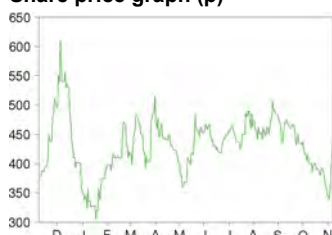
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

The market for iron deficiency is substantial and Feraccru is a unique oral formulation of iron developed to overcome the side-effect profile of salt-based oral iron therapies and provides an alternative treatment to intravenously administered iron.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	11.9	(2.5)	(5.2)	(1.5)	N/A	N/A
2019e	0.7	(6.4)	(9.1)	(7.5)	N/A	N/A
2020e	10.5	1.4	(0.8)	0.3	435.0	N/A
2021e	8.9	(2.3)	(4.4)	(3.2)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: 441.0p
Market cap: £366m
Market AIM

Share price graph (p)

Company description

Silence Therapeutics (SLN) has a portfolio of siRNA drugs in early stage testing. SLN124 for iron overload was recently dosed in the first volunteers of a Phase I study. SLN360 is being developed for cardiovascular disease and recently had its IND approved.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	6.5	(4.3)	10.3
Relative*	6.9	(3.4)	34.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Silence Therapeutics (SLN)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Silence Therapeutics is a developer of RNA-based therapeutics with some of the foundational intellectual property in the space. The value of its platform has been highlighted with recent licensing deals with Mallinckrodt to develop a complement inhibitor, with Takeda to research undisclosed targets, and recently with AstraZeneca to research cardiovascular, renal, metabolic and respiratory targets. This is in addition to the company's internal pipeline; SLN124 recently entered the clinic in 2020 and SLN360 is planned to enter the clinic in coming months.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

RNA therapeutics is an increasingly high-profile sector of the biotechnology industry, now with multiple drug approvals for a range of disorders. We consider the technology in this field to be mature and expect increased interest across the industry to develop new drugs of this class.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (£m)	EBITDA (£m)	PBT (£m)	EPS (fd) (p)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(20.2)	(19.8)	(25.18)	N/A	N/A
2019	0.2	(22.3)	(22.3)	(27.15)	N/A	N/A
2020e	6.3	(23.0)	(20.5)	(20.93)	N/A	N/A
2021e	10.0	(22.5)	(20.9)	(20.96)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$0.04
Market cap: A\$12m
Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

SUDA Pharmaceuticals is a drug delivery company focusing on developing oro-mucosal spray versions of established medicines. It has the rights to ZolpiMist, the spray version of Ambien for insomnia, outside of North America.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(4.9)	(2.5)	(26.3)
Relative*	(8.3)	(5.8)	(22.0)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Maxim Jacobs

SUDA Pharmaceuticals (SUD)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

SUDA Pharmaceuticals has focused on reformulating established drugs into oro-mucosal spray formulations for better bioavailability. Its lead commercial product is ZolpiMist, an oro-mucosal spray version of Ambien for the treatment of insomnia that is partnered in certain regions with Teva and Mitsubishi Tanabe. SUDA is also working on formulating an oro-mucosal version of anagrelide for the treatment of solid tumours in patients who have high platelet counts. Anagrelide is currently used as an anti-thrombotic agent to reduce elevated levels of platelets in essential thrombocythemia. Additionally, SUDA is working on spray versions of sumatriptan for migraine, cannabinoids for various conditions, as well as other projects.

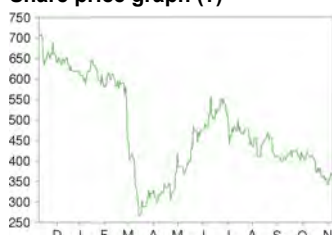
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

SUDA is targeting very large markets. ZolpiMist is a spray version of Ambien which has 30m prescriptions in the US. Anagrelide is targeting multiple cancers, including ovarian, pancreatic and lung. Additionally, migraine has a prevalence of 13–15% in the US/EU.

Y/E Jun	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2019	1.2	(1.9)	(2.4)	(1.54)	N/A	N/A
2020	0.5	(4.1)	(4.7)	(2.81)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.6	(4.9)	(5.5)	(1.78)	N/A	N/A
2022e	1.1	(5.1)	(5.6)	(1.81)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: ¥361.00
Market cap: ¥12743m
Market: Tokyo

Share price graph (¥)

Company description

SymBio Pharmaceuticals is a Japanese specialty pharma company focused on oncology and hematology. The Treakisym powder formulation was in-licensed from Astellas in 2005; liquid Treakisym was in-licensed from Eagle Pharmaceuticals in 2017; and brincidofovir was licensed from Chimerix in 2019.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(14.5)	(12.0)	(52.8)
Relative*	(15.1)	(17.7)	(51.8)

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

SymBio Pharmaceuticals (4582)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

SymBio is a specialty pharma focused on Asia-Pacific markets and has in-licensed two orphan blood cancer products. Treakisym iv was approved for r/r low-grade NHL/MCL in 2010 and in 2016 for CLL and first-line low-grade NHL/MCL. SymBio has in-licensed liquid formulations for injection that will give Treakisym patent protection to 2031; a clinical trial is underway of the rapid-infusion liquid formulation that would reduce Treakisym infusion time from 60 minutes to 10. A Phase III trial of Treakisym in r/r diffuse large B-cell lymphoma recently reported positive results and the company has filed for a label extension.

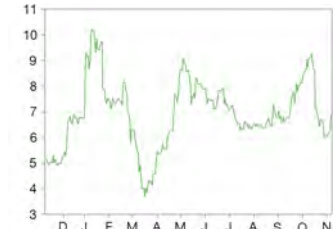
INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

SymBio is focused on in-licensing niche opportunities in hard-to-treat indications often overlooked by big pharma. An in-house screening process to select additional pipeline candidates for development and commercialisation will be key to driving operational leverage.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (¥m)	EBITDA (¥m)	PBT (¥m)	EPS (fd) (¥)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	3835.5	(2621.4)	(2625.8)	(104.91)	N/A	N/A
2019	2837.8	(4263.5)	(4249.5)	(180.46)	N/A	N/A
2020e	2608.1	(4754.8)	(4729.1)	(143.00)	N/A	N/A
2021e	9227.8	1465.0	1531.3	29.86	1209.0	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: NOK6.70
Market cap: NOK580m
Market: Oslo

Share price graph (NOK)

Company description

Targovax is an immunoncology company headquartered in Oslo, Norway, with an oncolytic virus platform, ONCOS-102 is currently prioritised in several indications including mesothelioma and melanoma. Targovax is also working on mutant RAS peptides and next-gen oncolytic viruses in its preclinical pipeline.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	(25.9)	3.7	32.7
Relative*	(23.0)	6.7	55.5

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Jonas Peciulis

Targovax (TRVX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Targovax is an immunoncology company specialising in oncolytic viruses. ONCOS-102 is a genetically engineered adenovirus being tested in advanced melanoma, mesothelioma, colorectal and prostate cancer. In June 2020, Targovax reported follow up data from the Phase I/II study (n=31) in mesothelioma. The mPFS for ONCOS-102-treated first-line patients remained at 8.9 months (unchanged) vs 7.6 months in the control arm. The 12-month overall survival was 64% in the ONCOS-102-treated first-line patients versus 50% in the first-line control arm. In July 2019, Targovax announced objective response rate (ORR) and immune activation data from Part 1 of the ONCOS-102 Phase I study of patients with advanced melanoma. The initial data showed 33% ORR, which is promising in this setting. In Part 2 of this study, the patients receive a much more intensive ONCOS-102 dosing regimen.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

CPIs have gained popularity over the past several years, although a large proportion of patients do not respond to them. Targovax's oncolytic virus technology is designed to prime immune response to cancers, which offers synergies for use in combination with other immunoncology therapies.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (NOKm)	EBITDA (NOKm)	PBT (NOKm)	EPS (öre)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	0.0	(145.8)	(147.3)	(2.79)	N/A	N/A
2019	2.3	(146.2)	(147.9)	(2.43)	N/A	N/A
2020e	0.0	(124.5)	(124.5)	(1.79)	N/A	N/A
2021e	0.0	(126.3)	(126.3)	(1.66)	N/A	N/A

Sector: Pharma & healthcare

Price: A\$2.35
Market cap: A\$648m
Market: ASX

Share price graph (A\$)

Company description

Telix Pharmaceuticals is a Melbourne-headquartered global biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of diagnostic and therapeutic products based on targeted radiopharmaceuticals or molecularly targeted radiation.

Price performance

%	1m	3m	12m
Actual	28.4	84.3	42.4
Relative*	23.8	78.1	50.8

* % Relative to local index

Analyst

Dr Nathaniel Calloway

Telix Pharmaceuticals (TLX)

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

Telix is developing diagnostic and therapeutic radiopharmaceuticals for kidney, prostate and brain cancers. It is commercialising TLX591-CDx in the US and Europe and on 24 September 2020 the company announced that it had submitted its NDA to the FDA for approval. Telix expects to fully enrol the ZIRCON Phase III for kidney cancer imaging agent TLX250-CDx in early 2021.

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

Big pharma has shown keen interest in MTR products. In 2017 Novartis acquired Advanced Accelerator Applications, the developer of the MTR therapeutic Lutathera, for US\$3.9bn. In 2014 Bayer acquired Algeta for ~US\$2.6bn; Algeta had developed Xofigo, a therapeutic radiopharmaceutical for prostate cancer. In December 2018 Novartis acquired prostate cancer radiopharmaceutical developer, Endocyte for US\$2.1bn.

Y/E Dec	Revenue (A\$m)	EBITDA (A\$m)	PBT (A\$m)	EPS (c)	P/E (x)	P/CF (x)
2018	10.3	(17.5)	(15.7)	(6.84)	N/A	N/A
2019	15.2	(24.3)	(31.1)	(11.94)	N/A	N/A
2020e	15.0	(25.6)	(29.9)	(11.54)	N/A	N/A
2021e	97.8	56.8	52.2	19.51	12.0	8.7

Company coverage

Company	Note	Date published
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Glossary

AACR	American Association for Cancer Research
AAV	Adeno-associated virus
ABSSSI	Acute bacterial skin and skin structure infections
Accelerated approval	Faster FDA approval based on a surrogate endpoint for drugs that fill an unmet medical need for serious conditions. Phase IV confirmatory trial required post-approval to demonstrate clinical benefit
ACEs	Angiotensin converting enzymes
AD	Alzheimer's disease
ADC	Antibody-drug conjugate
AdCom	FDA Advisory Committee meeting
ADHD	Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder
ADME	Absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion
AdV	Adenovirus
AEs	Adverse events
AfDC	Affimer drug conjugates
AGvHD	Acute graft vs host disease
AKI	Acute kidney injury
ALL	Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
AM	Alpha-mannosidosis
AMF	Alternating magnetic field
AMI	Acute myocardial infarction
AML	Acute myeloid leukaemia
ANDA	Abbreviated new drug application
AOBP	Automated office blood pressure
APD	Atypical antipsychotic drugs
API	Active pharmaceutical ingredient
APPA	American Pet Products Association
ARBs	Angiotensin receptor blockers
ARDS	Acute respiratory distress syndrome
ASCO	American Society of Clinical Oncology
ASCT	Autologous stem cell transplantation
ASD	Autism spectrum disorder
AUC	Area under the curve (total drug exposure over time)
B-ALL	B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
B-NHL	B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma
BARDA	Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (US agency that supports research into drugs, vaccines and other products that are considered priorities for national health security)
BBB	Blood-brain barrier
BC	Breast cancer
BCAL	Breast cancer-associated secondary lymphedema
BE	Bronchiectasis
BET	bromodomain and extraterminal domain proteins
bid	Twice daily (prescription)
BLA	Biologics License Application (FDA filing approval for biologic drugs)
BLC	Blue light cystoscopes
BMBC	Brain metastases from breast cancer
BMI	Body mass index
BMs	Brain metastases
BMT	Bone marrow transplantation
BOI	Burden of illness study
BPD	Borderline personality disorder
BTC	Biliary tract carcinoma
BDT	Breakthrough therapy designation (Expediates development and FDA review of drugs intended to treat a serious condition and may demonstrate substantial improvement on available therapies)
BTR	Bridge-to-recovery
BTT	Bridge-to-transplant
BVS	Bionic vision system
Cancer stages	
I	The cancer or tumour is small and is still in the place that it started and hasn't spread to nearby tissue
II-III	The cancer or tumour is larger and may have spread to the surrounding tissue and/or lymph nodes
IV	The cancer has spread to one or more other organs of the body and is considered metastatic
CABP	Community-acquired bacterial pneumonia
CAR-T	Chimeric antigen receptor T cell
CBD	Hemp-derived cannabidiol
CBN	Cannabinol
ccRCC	Clear cell renal cell carcinoma
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (US agency that aims to protect public health through the control and prevention of disease, injury and disability)
CDK	cyclin-dependent kinase

CDMO	Contract development and manufacturing organisation
CE mark	Notified body issued authorisation for medical devices that pass the conformity assessment (health, safety and environmental protection) and are sold in the European economic area
CEC	Circulating endothelial cells
CF	Cystic fibrosis
CGT	Cell and gene therapies
cGvHD	Chronic graft vs host disease
CHF	Congestive heart failure
CHMP	Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (a committee of the EMA)
CINV	Chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting
CKD	Chronic kidney disease
CLL	Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
Cmax	Maximum concentration of drug exposure
CMO	Contract manufacturing organisation
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (US federal agency that operates the Medicare program and works in partnership with state governments to operate the Medicaid program)
CMT	Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease
CNS	Central nervous system
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPI	Checkpoint inhibitor
CR	Complete response
CRC	Colorectal cancer
CRE	Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae
CRL	Complete response letter (reflects FDA's complete review of a new or generic drug application that has not been approved for marketing)
CRO	Contract research organisation
CsA	Cyclosporin A
CTA	Clinical trials application (EU version of an IND)
CTN	Clinical Trials Notification Scheme (Australian version of an IND)
CV	Cardiovascular
CXCR4	C-X-C chemokine receptor type 4
DC	Dendritic cell
DCR	Disease control rate
DEA	Drug Enforcement Administration (US agency focused on controlled substances)
DFS	Disease-free survival
DGF	Delayed graft function
DIPG	Diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma
DLBCL	Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
DLT	Dose-limiting toxicity
DMF	Drug master file (submission to FDA to provide confidential, detailed information about facilities or processes used in the manufacturing, processing, packaging, and storing of human drug products)
DMPK	Drug metabolism and pharmacokinetics
DoR	Duration of response
DRG	Diagnosis-Related Group code
Dry-AMD	Dry age-related macular degeneration
DSMB	Data safety monitoring board
DT	Destination therapy
DTC	Direct to consumer
EB	Epidermolysis bullosa
EBT	External-beam radiation therapy
ECM	Extracellular matrix
EDL	Essential drug list (list of medicines that must be in stock at public hospitals and clinics in China)
EGFR	Epidermal growth factor receptor
EMA	European Medicines Agency (European regulator)
epNET	Non-pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour
ER	Estrogen receptor
ESMO	European Society for Medical Oncology
FDA	Food and Drug Agency (US regulator)
FGFR	Fibroblast growth factor receptors
FISH	Fluorescence in situ hybridization
FL	Follicular lymphoma
FTD	Fast Track Designation (Facilitates development and expedites FDA review of drugs to treat serious conditions and fill an unmet medical need)
G-CSF	Granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
GA	General anaesthesia
GA-AMD	Geographic atrophy associated with dry age-related macular degeneration
GBM	Glioblastoma
GC	Gastric cancer
GDUFA	Generic Drug User Fee Act date (when FDA is expected to approve/not approve ANDA)
GI	Gastrointestinal
GIST	Gastrointestinal stromal tumours
GMP	Good manufacturing practice

GvHD	Graft vs host disease
H2H	Head to head
HAIs	Hospital-acquired infections
HbV	Haemoglobin
HBV	Hepatitis B virus
HCC	Hepatocellular cancer
HDAC	Histone deacetylase
HDL	How-density lipoprotein (cholesterol)
HER	Human epidermal growth factor receptor
HF	Heart failure
HHT	Human heart transplantation
HHV	Human herpesvirus
HNSCC	Head and neck squamous cell carcinoma
hpSCs	Human parthenogenetic stem cells
HPV	Human papilloma virus
HR	Hazard ratio
HR-MDS	Higher-risk myelodysplastic syndrome
hRPC	Human retinal progenitor cell
HRQoL	Health-related quality-of-life
HSCT	Hematopoietic stem cell transplant
HSIL	High-grade squamous intraepithelial lesion
IBD	Inflammatory bowel disease
IBS-D	Irritable bowel syndrome with diarrhoea
iCCA	Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma
ICU	Intensive care unit
ID	Iron deficiency
IDA	Iron deficiency anaemia
IDMC	Independent Data Monitoring Committee
IDN	Integrated delivery network
IMP	Investigational medicinal product (Australia TGA terminology)
IND	Investigational New Drug Application (submission to FDA required to start clinical trials)
IO	Immuno-oncology
IOP	Intraocular pressure
IPF	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
IR	Insulin receptor
ITP	Immune thrombocytopenia
ITT	Intention-to-treat (analysis includes all patients randomised in the clinical study)
iv, im, sc	Intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous
KOL	Key opinion leader
LAI	Long-acting injectable
LCD	Local coverage determination (MAC decision whether to cover a particular treatment in it's jurisdiction)
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein (cholesterol)
LDTs	laboratory-developed tests
LHON	Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
LMWH	Low molecular weight heparin
LPAD	Limited population pathway for antibacterial and antifungal drugs (FDA pathway to approval for antibacterial and antifungal drugs that treat serious infections in a small population of patients with unmet needs)
LSC	Leukaemia stem cells
LSIL	Low-grade squamous intraepithelial lesions
LVEF	Left ventricular ejection fraction
LVESV	Left ventricle end systolic volume
LVV	Lentiviral vector
MAA	Marketing Authorisation Application (EMA regulatory filing for approval)
MAC	Medicare Administrative Contractor (private insurer that has been awarded geographic jurisdiction to process claims)
MACE	Major adverse cardiac event
MAD	Multiple ascending dose
mBC	Metastatic breast cancer
MCL	Mantle cell lymphoma
mCDRPC	Metastatic castration and docetaxel resistant prostate cancer
mCRC	Metastatic colorectal cancer
mCRPC	Metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancer
MCS	Mechanical circulatory support
MDS	Myelodysplastic syndrome
MDSC	Myeloid-derived suppressor cell
MES	Molecular epidemiology study
MET	Mesenchymal epithelial transition factor
MFS	Metastasis-free survival
MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (UK regulator)
MI	Myocardial infarctions
MM	Multiple myeloma
MoA	Mode of action

mOS	Median overall survival
MPC	Mesenchymal precursor cell
mPFS	Median progression-free survival
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
MRP	Mutual recognition procedure (one route of filing in the EU)
MRSA	Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus
MS	Multiple sclerosis
MSC	Mesenchymal stem cell
MSA	Medical savings account (allows owner to withdraw earmarked funds to pay for treatments)
MT	Monotherapy
MTD	Maximum tolerated dose
MTR	Molecularly targeted radiation
NAFLD	Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
nAMD	Neovascular age-related macular degeneration
NASH	NASH activity score
NASH	Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis
NCI	National Cancer Institute (US agency for cancer research)
NDA	New Drug Application (FDA filing application for approval for chemical/small molecule drugs)
NET	Neuroendocrine tumour
NGF	Nerve growth factor
NGS	Next generation sequencing
NHL	Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
NHP	Non-human primate
NHSA	National Healthcare Security Administration (China agency that manages medical insurance schemes)
NICE	National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (develops clinical guidelines for NHS)
NIAID	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (US agency for the research of infectious, immunologic and allergic diseases)
NK	Natural killer cell
NME	New molecule entity (FDA regulatory pathway)
NMIBC	Non-muscle invasive bladder cancer
NMPA	Chinese National Medical Products Administration (China regulator)
NRDL	National reimbursement drug list (includes drugs reimbursable by public insurance schemes in China)
NSCLC	Non-small cell lung cancer
NTAP	New technology add-on payments (CMS provides additional payment to hospitals for new, high-cost medical services and technologies)
NTM	Pulmonary non-tuberculous mycobacteria
OC	Ovarian cancer
ODAC	Oncologic Drugs Advisory Committee (makes recommendations to FDA about the safety and effectiveness of marketed and investigational oncology drugs)
ODD	Orphan drug designation (provides tax incentives and a period of market exclusivity to treatments targeting rare diseases or conditions)
OFP	Oral ferrous product
OIC	Opioid-induced constipation
OR	Odds ratio
ORR	Objective response rate
OS	Overall survival
OTC	Over-the-counter
pALL	Paediatric acute lymphoblastic leukaemia
PARP	Poly-ADP-ribose polymerase
PCLS	Precision cut liver slices
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PD-1	Programmed cell death protein 1
PD	Parkinson's disease
PDAC	Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma
PGDGF	Platelet-derived growth factor
PD-(L)1	Programmed death-ligand 1
PDUFA date	Prescription Drug User Fee Act date (when FDA is expected to approve/not approve NDA or BLA)
PDX	Patient-derived xenograft
PET	Positron emission tomography
PFAS	Perfluoroalkyl substances
PFS	Progression-free survival
PGP	P-glycoprotein - multidrug resistance protein
Phase I	Testing of a new treatment in healthy volunteers (can also be in patients with the disease or condition) to assess safety and determine the RP2D dose. Less than 100 participants.
Phase Ia	Single ascending dose. Patients receive a single dose of the treatment, and if no adverse side effects are observed, the dose is increased for the next cohort of patients to determine the MTD.
Phase Ib	Multiple ascending dose. Patients receive multiple doses of the treatment at the same dose level, and if no adverse side effects are observed, the dose is increased for the next cohort of patients to determine the MTD. Provides preliminary efficacy data.
Phase II	Testing of a new treatment in patients with the disease or condition to assess efficacy and side effects. Up to several hundred participants.
Phase III	Testing of a new treatment in patients with the disease or condition to assess efficacy and clinical benefit, as well

	as monitoring adverse reactions (and long-term side effects). Up to several thousand participants.
Phase IV	Post-marketing surveillance to assess the safety (rare and long-term side effects) and efficacy of an approved treatment in patients that are prescribed it.
PICU	Paediatric intensive care unit
PK	Pharmacokinetics
PMA	Pre-market approval (FDA approval required for Class III medical devices that support or sustain human life before marketing)
PMDA	Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Agency (Japan regulator)
PMC	Pseudomembranous colitis
PMDs	Primary mitochondrial diseases
pNET	Pancreatic neuroendocrine tumour
PoC	Point-of-care
PONV	Post-operative nausea and vomiting
PP	Per protocol (analysis only includes patients that complied with the clinical study protocol)
PPE	Personal protective equipment
PR	Partial response
PRCC	Papillary renal cell carcinoma
Preclinical	Testing of drug in non-human subjects, to gather efficacy, toxicity and pharmacokinetic information
Priority review	FDA aims to take action on an application within 6 months (compared to 10 months under standard review)
PRRT	Peptide receptor radionuclide therapy
PS	Procedural sedation
PSA	Prostate-specific antigen
PSC	Pulmonary sarcomatoid carcinoma
Pt	Patient
PTCL	Peripheral T-cell lymphoma
PV	Pharmacovigilance
qd	Once daily
QIDP	Qualified infectious disease product designation
QoL	Quality-of-life
RBC	Red blood cell
RCC	Renal cell carcinoma
RECIST	Response evaluation criteria in solid tumours
RGC	Retinal ganglion cell
RI	Rapid infusion
RMAT	Regenerative medicine advanced therapy (FDA designation for regenerative medicine therapies that enables eligibility for expediated programs)
RP	Retinitis pigmentosa
RP2D	Recommended Phase II dose
RT-PCR	Reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
RTD	Ready to dilute formulation
RTF	Refusal to file (allows FDA to inform sponsors of deficiencies in their NDA or BLA as soon as possible, instead of waiting to issue a CRL)
RTK	Receptor tyrosine kinase
Rx	Prescription
SAA	Severe aplastic anaemia
SAB	Staphylococcus aureus bacteraemia
SAD	Single ascending dose
SAE	Serious adverse event
SAP	Statistical analysis plan
SARS	Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SCLC	Small cell lung cancer
SD	Stable disease
SMA	Spinal muscular atrophy
SMC	Safety monitoring committee
SoC	Standard of care
SPA	Special protocol assessment (FDA process to reach agreement with sponsors on the design and size of certain clinical trials)
SPECT	Single photon emission computed tomography
SPION	Super paramagnetic iron oxide nanoparticle
SRE	Skeletal-related event
T1D	Type 1 diabetes
T2D	Type 2 diabetes
TAH	Total artificial heart
TAM	Tumour-associated macrophage
TBI	Traumatic brain injury
TCM	Traditional Chinese medicine
TCR	T-cell receptor
TD	Travellers' diarrhoea
TEAE	Treatment-emergent adverse event
TfR	Transferrin receptor
TGA	Therapeutic Goods Administration (Australia regulator)
TGF	Transforming growth factor

THC	Tetrahydrocannabinol
TKI	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor
TMAC	Tissue microenvironment-activated conjugates
TNBC	Triple-negative breast cancer
TNK	Tumour necrosis factor
TLR	Toll-like receptor
TTP	Time-to-progression
TURBT	Transurethral resection of the bladder tumour
Tx	Treatment
UBC	Umbilical cord blood
UC	Urothelial cancer
URD	Unrelated matched donor
VADs	Visual acuity
VADs	Ventricular assistance devices (L = left, R = right and Bi=biventricular)
VEGFR	Vascular endothelial growth factor receptors
vHC	Viral haemorrhagic cystitis
VMIC	Vaccines Manufacturing and Innovation Centre
WHO	World Health Organisation
WT	Wild type

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