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BG's Wake Up Call



	Last close	Daily chg (%)	Chg YTD (%)
Indices			
Dow Jones	17325.76	+0.43%	-0.57%
S&P 500	2027.22	+0.56%	-0.82%
Nasdaq	4763.97	+0.75%	-4.86%
Nikkei	16936.38	-0.22%	-10.82%
Stoxx 600	341.002	+0.04%	-6.78%
CAC 40	4463	-0.22%	-3.75%
Oil /Gold			
Crude WTI	38.46	+5.34%	+3.39%
Gold (once)	1229.53	-0.24%	+15.73%
Currencies/Rates			
EUR/USD	1.10745	-0.34%	+1.95%
EUR/CHF	1.09425	-0.05%	+0.63%
German 10 years	0.31	-2.26%	-51.18%
French 10 years	0.547	-4.38%	-44.22%

Economic releases :

Date	
17th-Mar	CNY - Foreign Direct Investment Feb. (1.7%A, 1.8% E y/y)
	GB - BoE rate Decision
	US - Philadelphia FED Mar. (-1.7E)
	US - Initial Jobless Claims (266K E)
	US - Continuing Claiis (2230M E)
	US - Leading Indicators (0.2% E)

Upcoming BG events :

Date	
18th-Mar	CNP (BG Paris roadshow with CEO, CFO)
23rd-Mar	EIFFAGE (BG Luxembourg with IR)
8th-Apr	VINCI (BGLuxembourg roadshow with CFO)
12th-Apr	DBV TECH. (BG Paris roadshow with CEO)
20th-Apr	REMY COINTREAU (BG Paris breakfast with CFO)
22nd-Apr	PERNOD RICARD (BG Paris roadshow with Head of IR)

Recent reports :

Date	
15th-Mar	STMICROELECTRONICS : Prepares for higher margin
15th-Mar	WIRECARD : The Great Vendetta
9th-Mar	CELLECTIS : Super Mario Car-T
4th-Mar	CAMPARI : The wind in its sails
19th-Feb	CASINO With hindsight: a real Catch-22!
17th-Feb	LAFARGEHOLCIM Everything can't be that bad.

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GRANDVISION

BUY, Fair Value EUR29 vs. EUR29,5 (+17%)

Sounds fundamentals but in the optical industry acquisitions often cause dilution

At the conference call yesterday, management discussed GrandVision's key pillars (to deploy global capabilities, drive comparable growth, global expansion, etc.), which will remain the growth catalyst for 2016 onwards. Most analysts' questions concerned the newly-consolidated US chain For Eyes, the ramp-up of the group's TechCenters (Rx labs) and the capex budget. In light of a higher-than-expected dilutive impact from acquisitions, we have fine-tuned our 2016-17 assumptions (-2%) but the underlying margin performance (adj. EBITDA: +60bp in 2015) clearly confirms that the business model, which relies on scale, is efficient. FV adjusted to EUR29 vs. EUR29.5 but Buy recommendation confirmed.

HEIDELBERGCEMENT

BUY-Top Picks, Fair Value EUR86 (+20%)

Strong dividend per share increase: +73% at EUR1.30

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LAFARGEHOLCIM

BUY, Fair Value CHF50 (+21%)

2015 EBITDA in line with our estimates. 2018 targets confirmed. But CHF3bn in impairment.

LafargeHolcim has reported its first full-year figures since the merger. 2015 revenues totalled CH29,483m down 6.2% (+0.1% I-f-I), 2% below our estimate and 3% above the consensus while EBITDA came in at CHF5,751m, in line with our estimates and 7% above the consensus. EBITDA margin stood at 19.5%, down 90bps but we expected 19% and IBES 18.8%. CHF1.50 dividend proposed. CHF3.5bn divestment programme underway with one third secured. However, Q4 included a massive CHF3bn in impairment charges. 2018 target confirmed. Analysts' meeting at 9am.

In brief...

ADOCIA, Hike in operating costs a touch higher than anticipated

CELLECTIS, Collaboration with MabQuest on a new class of PD-1 mAbs

SANOFI, Jury's verdict in PCSK9 battle favours Amgen

Luxury & Consumer Goods

Grandvision

Price EUR24.81

Sounds fundamentals but in the optical industry acquisitions often cause dilution

Fair Value EUR29 vs. EUR29,5 (+17%)

BUY

Bloomberg	GVNV NA
Reuters	GVNV AS
12-month High / Low (EUR)	27.7 / 21.3
Market Cap (EUR)	6,311
Ev (BG Estimates) (EUR)	7,261
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	109.1
3y EPS CAGR	14.1%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	0.6%	-3.4%	9.4%	-10.3%
Consumer Gds	4.0%	-2.9%	0.9%	-3.9%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	2,817	3,205	3,444	3,605
% change		13.8%	7.5%	4.7%
EBITDA (adjusted)	449	512	557	599
EBIT (reported)	288.6	353.3	388.5	423.1
% change		22.4%	10.0%	8.9%
Net income	161.2	213.3	238.0	263.9
% change		32.3%	11.6%	10.9%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	10.2	11.0	11.3	11.7
Net margin	5.7	6.7	6.9	7.3
ROE	25.9	37.4	33.7	32.6
ROCE	17.6	20.8	22.6	24.6
Gearing	137.6	154.3	108.7	84.0

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	0.70	0.85	0.94	1.04
% change	-	22.2%	9.6%	10.9%
P/E	35.5x	29.1x	26.5x	23.9x
FCF yield (%)	3.5%	4.3%	4.3%	4.6%
Dividends (EUR)	0.00	0.14	0.35	0.39
Div yield (%)	NM	0.6%	1.4%	1.6%
EV/Sales	2.6x	2.3x	2.1x	1.9x
EV/EBITDA	16.1x	14.2x	12.8x	11.7x
EV/EBIT	25.1x	20.6x	18.3x	16.6x

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ANALYSIS

- For Eyes: successful integration is a priority for 2016.** Management admitted that revenue declined to EUR83m in 2015 and that this could suggest a higher-than-expected dilutive impact on profitability. GNVV has already implemented several initiatives to turn around the business: (i) new experienced leadership team that has a proven track-record in integrating new chains, (ii) supply chain integration and (iii) a revamped commercial proposition with the roll-out of the group's global in-house brands (*see picture overleaf*). The EUR3m in one-off charges booked in Q4 were due to inventory and other balance sheet item write-offs, no other costs are expected this year. Last but not least, management expected the integration to be completed within 12-18 months, which is the traditional deadline for large acquisitions.
- The US optical market harbours significant MT/LT growth opportunities for GNVV.** Indeed the world's largest optical market grew 6.3% to USD39.4bn for the 12 months ending September 2015 and industry experts were expecting a similar pace of growth for 2016. Moreover the market environment offers opportunities for GNVV: (i) the value and mass segments account for 76% of the US market which fits perfectly with the group's value positioning and (ii) it is very fragmented since independent opticians/optometrists own 53% of the market, which enables GNVV to make the most of its critical size to improve competitiveness and win market share, probably vs. other small chains as optometrists enjoy strong customer loyalty thanks to their high level of expertise.
- TechCenters (TC) now assemble 60% of global lenses sold by GNVV.** These TCs are an illustration of the aim to involve critical mass in the assembly phase by pooling volumes to release productivity and efficiency gains, as well as shorter lead times. New countries are now covered by these TCs and this share will further increase in the coming years, implying an accretive impact to the group's profitability.
- Solaris is accelerating its global expansion** as the group is under-exposed to the sun-wear category (~10-12% of sales vs. ~15% of global optical market). Last year Solaris opened 390 new POS to a total of 1,201, including 60 stores in Mexico (Sunglass Island banner was rebranded Solaris). As a reminder, Solaris expansion mainly relies on the opening of shop-in-shops within existing optical stores in order to favour cross-selling by addressing customers who initially visited the store to buy Rx glasses or contact lenses. Main advantages: low capex intensive strategy and accretive to margins as it increases sales/store.
- Capex should remain in the region of 5-5.5% of sales.** The management does not anticipate a major inflation in capex despite the integration of *For Eyes* and investments should grow in line with the FCF generation. The share of non-store capex might increase as the group continues to invest in IT, supply chain and omni-channel. Hence the leverage ratio should continue to improve to give more firepower for acquisitions.
- G4 segment (62% of group sales): watch out for the challenging comparison base and update on the French market.** While the comparable growth achieved in Q1 (+5.6%) was slightly lower than in Q4 2014 (+6.1%), we draw attention to the tough comps in the G4 segment (Q1 15: +6.8% vs. +5.9% in Q4 14) given successful promotional campaigns. Management also delivered an interesting update about **France** (~20% of sales): the new reimbursement conditions that came into force in April 2015 did not hamper the **group's business that remained well-oriented throughout 2015**. The CEO even reminded that any deregulation of this market would be a growth opportunity to gain market share vs. independent opticians and small chains unable to benefit from their critical mass.



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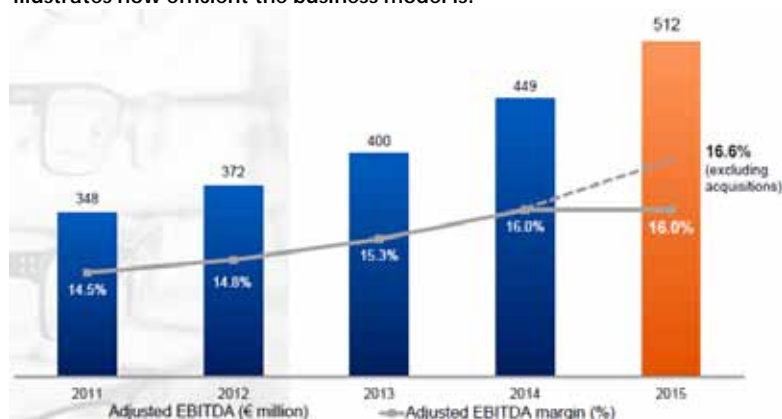
VALUATION

- We maintain our top-line assumptions. However we have nudged down our FY16-17 margin assumptions by 2% on average to reflect the higher-than-expected dilutive impact from acquisitions (Italy, the US) which might last in H1, pending the turnaround in Italy and the integration of For Eyes in the US. Hence our FV is adjusted to EUR29 vs. EUR29.5 previously.
- We still have a positive stance on GrandVision to play both structural catalysts in the optical market and the group's ability to make the most of its critical mass to win market share, consolidate the very fragmented optical distribution market (M&A, despite the possible dilutive impacts) and generate substantial leverage to operating expenses.
- GrandVision's 2016e PEG of 2.2x, the stock trades below Luxottica and Essilor (2.4x and 2.5x respectively) and offers a significant discount relative to its most direct peer, Fielmann (3.7x) despite more appealing growth prospects (2015-18e EPS CAGR of ~10% vs. 7.8% for Fielmann).

NEXT CATALYSTS

- GrandVision will report its Q1 Trading Update on 29th April.

The solid improvement in the adj. EBITDA margin (excl. dilutive impact from acquisitions) illustrates how efficient the business model is:



Source: Company Data

Some of GrandVision's global in-house brands are already displayed on *For Eyes'* website



Source: foreyes.com

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Price EUR71.91

Strong dividend per share increase: +73% at EUR1.30

Fair Value EUR86 (+20%)

BUY-Top Picks

Bloomberg	HEI GY
Reuters	HEIG.F
12-month High / Low (EUR)	77.0 / 60.1
Market Cap (EUR)	13,513
Ev (BG Estimates) (EUR)	20,366
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	651.8
3y EPS CAGR	38.3%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	12.3%	0.4%	7.2%	-4.9%
Cons & Mat	7.9%	-1.3%	-2.0%	-3.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	12,614	13,373	17,703	19,110
% change		6.0%	32.4%	8.0%
EBITDA	2,117	2,371	3,356	3,884
EBIT	1,424	1,621	2,206	2,734
% change		13.9%	36.1%	23.9%
Net income	498.4	689.8	960.2	1,392
% change		38.4%	39.2%	45.0%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	11.3	12.1	12.5	14.3
Net margin	5.5	6.9	6.5	8.6
ROE	3.8	5.1	6.5	8.9
ROCE	6.4	5.3	5.9	7.4
Gearing	48.6	35.2	51.9	43.7

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	2.66	3.68	4.85	7.03
% change		38.4%	31.8%	45.0%
P/E	27.1x	19.5x	14.8x	10.2x
FCF yield (%)	4.9%	5.3%	8.6%	9.4%
Dividends (EUR)	0.75	1.10	1.50	2.80
Div yield (%)	1.0%	1.5%	2.1%	3.9%
EV/Sales	1.8x	1.5x	1.4x	1.2x
EV/EBITDA	10.6x	8.6x	7.2x	6.0x
EV/EBIT	15.7x	12.6x	11.0x	8.5x

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A trading statement was published mid-February, with most of the operational figures reported. The rest of the figures were reported this morning. In particular group share net income stood at EUR800m, up 65% y/y in line with the consensus (and significantly above our own but conservative estimates). As previously announced, net debt was EUR5.3bn, equivalent to 2.0x leverage.

The Italcementi transaction is expected to be finalised in H2 2016.

Guidance for 2016 was provided: HEI anticipates an increase in sales volumes, combined with slight to moderate growth in energy costs, a moderate rise in raw materials and staff costs and a significant decrease in financing costs (excluding Italcementi deal). All in all, HEI expects a moderate increase in revenues and operating income before forex and scope.

Key figures

EURm	Reported	Consensus (corporate)	% vs Cons.
Operating income (already reported)	1846	1807	2%
Net income group share	800	809	-100%

Source : Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

ANALYSIS

- Confirmation of healthy 2015 figures
- Positive outlook with the combination of positive sales volumes and moderate cost inflation.
- Very strong (+73%) dividend increase reflects management's confidence.

2015 Revenues and EBITDA by zone

EURm	Revenues	y/y% I-f-I	Split%	EBITDA*	Split%	Mrgn %	Delta bps
Western & Northern Europe	4196	0.1	30	672	25	16.0	201
Eastern Europe-Central Asia	1097	1.1	8	207	8	18.9	-59
North America	3746	6.7	27	829	31	22.1	213
Asia-Pacific	2775	-5.6	20	719	27	25.9	-45
Africa-Mediterranean Basin	1008	11.4	7	260	10	25.8	244
Group Services	1060	-17.8	8	25	1	2.4	-16
Reconciliation	-417	0.2	-	-99	-	23.7	155
Total	13465	-0.2	100	2613	100	19.4	127

* included JVs

Source: Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

VALUATION

- EUR86 FV derived from the application of historical multiples to our 2017 figures. Current EV/EBITDA at 7.2x 2016s vs 7.9x for the sector (under coverage).

NEXT CATALYSTS

- AGM and Q1 2016 results on 4th May 2015

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Construction & Building Materials

LafargeHolcim

Price CHF41.20

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BUY

Bloomberg	LHN VX
Reuters	LHN.VX
12-month High / Low (CHF)	72.9 / 34.1
Market Cap (CHF)	25,005
Ev (BG Estimates) (CHF)	45,202
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	2,137
3y EPS CAGR	19.5%

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Absolute perf.	13.7%	-17.5%	-29.5%	-18.1%
Cons & Mat	7.9%	-1.3%	-2.0%	-3.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	31,814	30,144	30,741	32,518
% change		-5.2%	2.0%	5.8%
EBITDA	6,495	5,723	6,204	7,234
EBIT	3,765	2,993	3,474	4,504
% change		-20.5%	16.1%	29.7%
Net income	1,247	1,005	1,445	2,127
% change		-19.4%	43.8%	47.2%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	11.8	9.9	11.3	13.9
Net margin	5.3	3.1	4.1	7.2
ROE	3.3	2.7	3.9	5.6
ROCE	3.4	3.4	4.0	5.2
Gearing	41.6	43.9	42.1	36.8

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	2.06	1.66	2.39	3.51
% change		-19.4%	43.8%	47.2%
P/E	20.0x	24.8x	17.3x	11.7x
FCF yield (%)	1.9%	3.4%	7.8%	13.6%
Dividends (EUR)	1.30	1.50	1.75	2.00
Div yield (%)	3.2%	3.6%	4.2%	4.9%
EV/Sales	1.4x	1.5x	1.5x	1.3x
EV/EBITDA	6.6x	7.9x	7.2x	6.0x
EV/EBIT	11.5x	15.1x	12.9x	9.6x



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2015 was a difficult year. Adjusted EBITDA fell 4.6% on a like-for-like basis, impacted by difficult markets like Brazil, China, Indonesia or Nigeria. But the group is very well diversified and the top line was flat (+0.1% like-for-like) thanks to positive developments in the US, Mexico and the Philippines. Moreover, 2015 adjusted EBITDA was bang in line with line with our expectations, and looks better than the consensus (although it might not be fully comparable, as LH reports two different EBITDA).

2015 targets were apparently exceeded (CHF200 less capex at CHF1.6; CHF17.3 net debt vs 17.5). The divestment programme is well underway with one third of the CHF3.5bn already secured. However, Q4 net result was massively impacted by a negative CHF3bn in asset impairment and other charges (equivalent to CHF5 per share), which explains the net loss of CHF2.86bn in Q4.

Regarding 2016, LH expects market growth of between 2% and 4% and EM "will continue to grow overall". More than CHF450m in synergies are expected at the EBITDA level in 2016, vs CHF338 in our model but in line with initial guidance.

Key figures

2015	CHFm	y/y	y/y I-F-I	BG	IBES	vs BG	vs IBES
Revenues	29483	-6%	0.1%	30144	28709	-2%	3%
EBITDA adjusted	5751	-11%	-4.6%	5723	5399	0%	7%
EBITDA margin	19.5%	-	-	19.0%	18.8%	52bps	70bps

Source : Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

ANALYSIS

- As far as we are concerned, the CHF3bn in impairment charges was not expected and is obviously not good news. However, adjusted EBITDA was in line with our expectations and is likely to be better than the consensus. This reflects LH's very good diversification.
- Additionally, 2018 targets are confirmed and comments on 2016 market trends do not reflect any sort of market deterioration, on the contrary. Our volume forecasts stand at 2% on average between 2016 and 2018, at the low-end of the range provided for by the markets where LH is located. In all, we think this is reassuring and excludes a worse case scenario for LH.

Operating performance by zone

CHFm	Sales FY15	Split %	y/y % I-F-I FY	y/y % I-F-I Q4	EBITDA FY15	mg%	y/y bps	Split %
Europe	7356	25	-2.4	-1.2	1264	17.2	-168	20
North America	5678	19	5.4	3.1	1183	20.8	139	19
Latin America	3241	11	2.8	1.3	907	28.0	76	14
Africa Middle-East	4536	15	1.9	3.7	1362	30.0	-239	22
Asia-Pacific	9048	30	-1.7	2.6	1565	17.3	-85	25
Adjust	-376				-530	-		
Total	29483	100	0.1	1.7	5751	19.5	-91	100

Source : Company Data; Bryan Garnier & Co. ests.

VALUATION

- CHF50 FV derived from the application of historical EV/EBITDA of 7.5x to our 2017 estimates, discounted back. Current EV/EBITDA stands at 7.2x 2016e, vs 7.9x for the sector (under coverage)

NEXT CATALYSTS

- Q1 2016 release date not disclosed, yet.

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Healthcare

Adocia

Price EUR60.29

Hike in operating costs a touch higher than anticipated

Fair Value EUR113 (+87%)

BUY

Bloomberg	ADOC.FP
Reuters	ADOC.FR
12-month High / Low (EUR)	93.7 / 44.4
Market Cap (EURk)	412,625
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	32.70

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	23.8%	-21.4%	-27.7%	-17.7%
Healthcare	2.4%	-9.0%	-10.3%	-11.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
P/E	NS	54.1x	29.7x	10.0x
Div yield (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM

ANALYSIS

- Following yesterday evening's press release reporting full-year numbers for Adocia, we would make the following three comments:
- First, expenses were higher than we had anticipated. Operating expenses were expected to show a marked jump from the first half to the second as pipeline activity intensified and the company expanded its administrative footprint both in France and in the US. However, this had a more significant impact than we expected as operating expenses grew from around EUR12m in H1 to EUR22m in H2 (the main origin being "external expenses" i.e. mainly CRO costs). That said, the cash position (already reported in February), at EUR72m was very close to our estimates. For 2016, we anticipate EUR30m in total operating expenses and this could prove somewhat conservative dependent on what follows i.e. development plans for BC Combo and expansion of premises in Lyon.
- Second, Adocia announced that it signed a preliminary sales agreement in January 2016 for the acquisition of a new field of 7,120 m² in Central Lyon for a consideration of EUR5m. From one year to the next, full-time employees have risen from 74.6 to 93.9 in 2015.
- Lastly, more as a confirmatory statement, Adocia stated that it "intends to intensify the development [of the BC Combo] and to push the product up to the entry in phase 3", which includes the planning of two new phase 1b/2 studies in type 2 diabetes in H1 2016. This suggests a desire to keep the drug proprietary until phase 3, which could be disappointing for some who may have expected a deal on the BC Combo in 2016.

NEXT CATALYSTS

- Today at 6pm: Conference call

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Healthcare

Collectis

Price EUR22.67

Collaboration with MabQuest on a new class of PD-1 mAbs

Fair Value EUR37 (+63%)

BUY

Bloomberg	ALCLS.FP
Reuters	ALCLS.PA
12-month High / Low (EUR)	40.9 / 16.9
Market Cap (EURm)	798
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	219.7

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	14.7%	-13.8%	-23.3%	-18.8%
Healthcare	2.4%	-9.0%	-10.3%	-11.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
P/E	NS	NS	NS	NS
Div yield (%)	NM	NM	NM	NM

ANALYSIS

- **Collectis announced it has entered into a collaboration agreement with MabQuest** to develop and eventually commercialise a class of monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) targeting PD-1. Targeting the PD-1/PD-L1 axis is a pretty well-known strategy (see BMS' nivolumab or Roche's atezolizumab), but MabQuest's mAbs is quite different as it aims to promote the recovery of T-cells from exhaustion. **We think this additional development could be of interest in PD-L1-patients with solid tumours (lung, liver, etc.),** the objective being to enhance the anti-tumour activity and the half-life of future UCARTs (or even currently approved PD-1/PD-L1 checkpoint blockers) as part of a combination.
- Under the terms of the agreement, **MabQuest has granted an exclusive option to Collectis** on the worldwide rights to these future antibodies if the option is exercised. That said, the press release does not provide any details concerning the financial terms.
- While we see this as a pretty interesting add-on, we'd say it is too early to integrate into our FV.

VALUATION

- **BUY reiterated with a FV of EUR37.**

NEXT CATALYSTS

- June 2016: Potential read-across analyses from Juno, Novartis and Kite Pharma's CD19 CAR-T cells during the ASCO meeting.
- 2016: DSMB feedback regarding the Phase I study of UCART19.
- 2016: Potential listing of Calyxt (agro-biotech business) in the US.

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Healthcare

Sanofi

Price EUR73.02

Jury's verdict in PCSK9 battle favours Amgen

Fair Value EUR88 (+21%)

NEUTRAL

Bloomberg	SAN FP
Reuters	SASY.PA
12-month High / Low (EUR)	100.7 / 67.3
Market Cap (EURm)	95,342
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	3 267

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Absolute perf.	5.1%	-7.2%	-18.5%	-7.1%
Healthcare	2.4%	-9.0%	-10.3%	-11.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.4%	-5.4%	-5.8%	-6.8%

	2016	2017e	2018e	2019e
P/E	13.1x	12.7x	11.7x	10.7x
Div yield (%)	4.1%	4.3%	4.8%	5.2%

ANALYSIS

- Yesterday a jury ruled in favour of Amgen in the patent infringement case that concerns the PCSK9 class and that started in 2014 when Amgen sued both Regeneron and Sanofi for infringement of its patent portfolio with alirocumab. No decision was made in terms of damages or any royalty payment due to Amgen but a follow-on hearing by a judge this time is scheduled for 23rd March on Amgen's request for permanent injunction. Sanofi and Regeneron issued a press release to say that they "strongly disagree" with the US jury's verdict and that they plan to appeal the judgement. Should the case now move to the Appeal Court it may take a different angle if only because legal and patent specialists would advise the Court and a judge would make the decision rather than a jury that has little knowledge about these matters.
- That said, it could have been expected that that both parties reach an agreement even before this ruling. It is not fully clear why this has not been the case but each party thought it had strong enough arguments to move forward. Now clearly, Amgen looks in an even stronger position. Will the two parties wait for the permanent injunction hearing? Permanent injunction is granted when harm for one party is irremediable and it may prove difficult for the judge to make such a statement but Amgen will argue in this way. The probability is low but the risk is high for Sanofi. As such, it would make more sense than ever for Sanofi and even more for Regeneron to try settling the case with Amgen. Even without a permanent injunction being granted and appealing the jury decision, a long period of uncertainty (15-18 months?) would open that is not good for the drug, for the companies, their investment cases and the stock prices.

VALUATION

- In anticipation of this jury verdict, we said on 7th March that a 20% royalty rate paid to Amgen would have a negative impact on our FV for Sanofi of EUR1.2. We have made no changes to our estimates as yet but will do so after the decision on the permanent injunction is made and based on comments from the various parties involved in the case about their intentions.
- Besides this case, note that Zealand yesterday confirmed that LixiLan would face an AdCom in May. New diabetes drugs are used to having AdComs. It will be interesting to hear where exactly specialists consider a LixiLan-like proposition to be in the treatment paradigm of diabetes.

NEXT CATALYSTS

- 24th March 2016: decision on the permanent injunction request in the PCSK9 patent case

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BG's Wake Up Call

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