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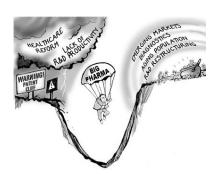
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 Healthcare
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	Companies covered						
	ACTELION		BUY	CHF173			
	Last Price	CHF155,8	Market Cap.	CHF17,781m			
ASTRAZENECA			BUY	5360p			
	Last Price	3959,5p	Market Cap.	GBP50,068m			
	BAYER		NEUTRAL	EUR110			
	Last Price	EUR104,25	Market Cap.	EUR86,209m			
	GLAXOSMITI	HKLINE	BUY	1700p			
	Last Price	1489p	Market Cap.	GBP72,525m			
	IPSEN		BUY	EUR60			
	Last Price	EUR52,87	Market Cap.	EUR4,401m			
	NOVARTIS		NEUTRAL	CHF88			
	Last Price	CHF74,8	Market Cap.	CHF200,239m			
	NOVO NORD	ISK	NEUTRAL	DKK400			
	Last Price	DKK371	Market Cap.	DKK746,661m			
	ROCHE HOLD	DING	BUY	CHF293			
	Last Price	CHF247,3	Market Cap.	CHF173,744m			
	SANOFI		NEUTRAL	EUR87			
	Last Price	EUR76,19	Market Cap.	EUR99,481m			
	UCB		NEUTRAL	EUR80			
	Last Price	EUR67,55	Market Cap.	EUR13,139m			



Novo in line, Sanofi not bad in underlying and AstraZeneca with further focus in oncology

Today reported Q1 numbers for Novo-Nordisk, Sanofi and AstraZeneca should not result in major share price reactions overall. Novo was very much in line. Sanofi, once restated from reclassification and Venezuela was not bad at all and AstraZeneca had soft quarter as expected and is announcing new restructuring to further focus on oncology and de-prioritize inflammation beyond respiratory.

ANALYSIS

• SANOFI (NEUTRAL – FV EUR87) has posted Q1 numbers that we would qualify in summary as not bad at all. Actually, sales may appear a bit soft but this is mostly the reflection of the reclassification of VaxServe (distribution unit in the US) sales in other revenues (EUR83m out from Vaccines sales) whereas DengVaxia was also expected higher than it was (EUR19m vs EUR50m) but ramp-up is tough to estimate and so far sales were limited to Philippines. The rest is very much in line, with maybe the mention of a very negative impact across the board from the Venezuelian business whose sales came down from around EUR200m to EUR3m, which is for instance reflected in CHC, reported down 3.1% but which actually was up 4.1% when growth is restated from Venezuela and divestment. To note is that Venezuela will weigh another EUR200m in Q2 but then will ease significantly in H2. The rest was very much in line, driven by Genzyme (+20.5%) and also a good quarter for Merial (+17.5%). The Diabetes franchise was down 7%.

Earnings-wise, operating costs were well under control both in SG&A and in R&D with modest increases despite increased activities related to product launches and maturing pipeline respectively. As expected, the other operating income line includes a one-off gain of EUR192m that is partly offset by currency loss of EUR102m in Venezuela. Tax rate was also marginally below expectations, at the low-end of the FY guidance of 24-25%. In the end, core EPS comes out slightly above expectations at EUR1.34 vs EUR1.30, up 5.3% which is reasonably good for the first quarter into what has been described as a transition period.

M€	T1-2015		T1-2016		change
		BG	consensus	actual	
Sales	8 810	8 675	8 730	8 543	0,7%
incl. Lantus	1 346	1 1	69	1 167	-14,1%
incl. Genzyme	963	1 1	64	1 169	20,5%
incl. Vaccines	697	78	83	625	8,2%
Business EBIT	2 398	2 296	2 318	2 384	-0,8%
Marge EBIT	27,2%	26,5%	26,6%	27,9%	
Business Net Profit	1 726	1 668	1 678	1 722	-0,2%
Business EPS	1,32	1,29	1,30	1,34	5,3%

ASTRAZENECA (BUY – GBP5,380) came out this morning with Q1 numbers whose components are
very much expected in nature i.e. soft sales (despite surprisingly resilient Crestor ahead of generic
competition in the US) but strong and even higher-than-expected externalisation revenues,
including USD93m from Pfizer on OTC Nexium, resulting into total revenues above estimates. This
is likely to be criticised by some but is anyway in line with group's strategy. To note among new
products is that Tagrisso and Farxiga did well in the quarter, Brilinta was in line, Bydureon was soft
and Lynparza remains small.

Operating costs were significantly up once again, including core R&D expenses, up 15%. SG&A costs were under control. In the end, core operating margin was down 280bp to 28.6%, which is more or less in line with estimates. Core EPS was 0.95, slightly below our estimates. We would also note that AstraZeneca made progress in terms of cash-flow generation with a much better control of working capital and as a result net cash flow from operations grew from a negative Q1 2015 to USD1.2bn in Q1 2016. This is however in line with our annual estimate of USD5.5bn.

Actually the main announcement today is a further focus of strategy towards oncology in terms of resource allocation. AstraZeneca will start a new restructuring plan that will mainly involve manufacturing and commercial activities with inflammation outside respiratory now being deprioritised. The one-time cost is expected to be USD1.5bn and savings USD1.1bn in 2018 onwards.

(M\$)	T1-2015	T1-2016 BG	T1-2016 Consensus	T1-2016 Actual	Change in CER
Sales	5 748	5 542	5 577	5 565	+1
Total revenues	6 057	5 962	5 955	6 115	+5
incl. Crestor	1 167	1 080	1 084	1 156	+2
incl. Brilinta	131	183	182	2 181	+46
incl. Symbicort	845	769	802	? 749	-7
Core EBIT	1 805	1 705	1 604	1 593	-8
Marge EBIT	31,4%	30,8%	28,8%	28,6%	
PBT	1 682	1 540	1 440	1 432	-10
RN	1 368	1 268	1 195	1 199	-7
Core EPS	1,08	1,00	0,94	0,95	-7

NOVO-NORDISK (NEUTRAL – FV DKK400) had Q1 very much in line with expectations. All numbers were very close to expectations and guidance is reiterated with no change except currency impacts. To note is that NordiTropin posted a spectacular 32% growth in Q1, including 60% growth in the US which included a non-recurring adjustment of rebates in the Medicaid patient segment relating to the period 2010-2015. We do not expect major changes following this Q1 release.

Yesterday, SUSTAIN 6 headline results were communicated with non-inferiority vs placebo achieved. Semaglutide hereby confirms best-in-class status in the weekly GLP1 class. Challenge towards reimbursement and pricing remains however.

	Q1-2015		Q1-2016		change
		BG	consensus	actual	
	25 200	27 148	27 334	27 212	9%
ncl Diabetes	19 818	21 733		21 031	7%
incl Victoza	3 957	4 600	4 669	4 591	15%
BioPharma	5 382	5 415		6 181	15%
	13 857	12 049	12 029	12 309	-10%
	55,0%	44,4%	44,0%	45,2%	
	12 485	11 699	11 724	11 953	
	9 876	9 243	9 292	9 455	
	3,79	3,62	3,62	3,71	
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