Sector View

Companies covered

GLAXOSMITHKLINE

ACTELION

Last Price

Last Price

Last Price

Last Price

Last Price

NOVARTIS

Last Price

Last Price

Last Price

Last Price

SHIRE PLC

Last Price

Last Price

UCB

SANOFI

NOVO NORDISK

ROCHE HOLDING

IPSFN

BAYER

ASTRAZENECA

Pharmaceuticals

Express Scripts and CVS Caremark give a first idea about some drug coverage changes

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Healthcare	1.1%	7.3%	3.8%	-3.9%
DJ Stoxx 600	1.0%	-1.7%	0.3%	-8.3%
*Stovy Sector Indices				

NEUTRAL

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5002p

1690p

5045p

CHF166,8 Market Cap. CHF19,037m

EUR94,2 Market Cap. EUR77,899m

EUR59,07 Market Cap. EUR4,923m

CHF79,65 Market Cap. CHF209,250m

DKK370,5 Market Cap. DKK745,655m

CHF245,4 Market Cap. CHF172,409m

EUR73.91 Market Cap. EUR95.263m

EUR69,05 Market Cap. EUR13,431m

Market Cap. GBP45,415m

Market Cap. GBP63,265m

Market Cap. GBP82,384m

Two of the largest US PBMs have issued their first preferred drug lists for 2017. They are still hunting for savings through higher rebates and cheaper alternatives. Basaglar looks like one solution.

ANALYSIS

CHF180

5400p

U.R.

1810p

EUR66

CHF87

DKK400

CHF293

EUR83

EUR80

6900p vs 6750p

- Two out of the three largest and best ranked US PBMs, namely Express Scripts and CVS Caremark, issued their first Preferred Drug Lists for 2017 and there are significant differences in their respective strategies towards big drug classes for the coming year.
- Before we compare, it is fair to say that maybe ES was already more restrictive than CVS in covering some drugs, hence the relatively limited number of changes implemented for 2017 when comparing with 2016.
- Actually, in the diabetes field, where both Victoza and Jardiance may have been expected to enter
 ES's preferred drug list in 2017 following positive data in outcome trials, it is not the case and
 comes as a disappointment for Novo-Nordisk and Lilly respectively. Novo's diabetes products, in
 the GLP1 class as well as in the insulin field, are still excluded medications from ES list.
- At first glance, Sanofi is not directly impacted by a change in the list as Lantus was already not a preferred brand but a short note nevertheless mentions that "the basal insulins category may be reassessed later this year to reflect anticipated product launches", which clearly reflects the upcoming launch of Basaglar (Lilly) in December. This will not affect Lantus but is an illustration that payers are willing to use this opportunity to use a cheaper drug in a popular category. On this same topic, CVS Caremark makes it clearer and says it wants to embrace the future with biosimilars and follow-on biologics, which includes Zarxio (replacing Neupogen) and Basaglar (replacing Lantus). As such, in this specific case, Sanofi is set to incur a material loss, even more so because Toujeo is removed too. This could illustrate a much more severe shift towards Basaglar than the one seen in Europe and the one that is so far expected by consensus. We have assumed a 30% decline for Lantus in the US for each of the coming two years but this could be conservative if the switches directed by payers are so massive. This puts even more pressure on LixiLan to be approved by the FDA in late August as the rescue product for Sanofi Diabetes without which it may prove difficult to be in the -4 to -8% guidance for 2017.
- It is also interesting to read in CVS Caremark's release that the company intends to save about USD9bn for its customers through a more rigorous approach to formularies which includes an indication-based strategy in some cases including categories like psoriasis.
- Lastly, still with CVS Caremark that has decided to exclude 35 drugs from January 2017, we note
 beyond drugs that now have generics, the presence of Tasigna (that goes alongside Gleevec now
 generic), Opsumit (to favour Letairis or in anticipation of Tracleer going generic) and Xtandi.
- At ES, we see no major new exclusion but noticeable inclusions for our European companies with Actemra in RA (however subject to reassessment when sarilumab will be launched) and Arnuity and Flovent in the field of asthma, both from GSK that is likely that have agreed some extra rebates.

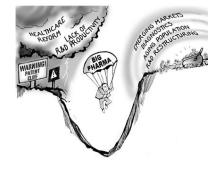
VALUATION

 We are making no change to our numbers based on these new assumptions for 2017 PBM plans but Sanofi's Diabetes franchise clearly needs to be carefully watched for next year.

NEXT CATALYSTS

- 5th August 2016: Novo-Nordisk half-year results
- Late August: PDUFA date iGlarLixi (Sanofi/Zealand)

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