24th October 2016

Healthcare

Shire PLC

Price 5,053p

Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High Market Cap (GE Avg. 6m daily ve	SHP LN SHP.L 5,323 / 3,480 45,627 2,545			
	1 M	3 M	6 M 3	l/12/15
Absolute perf.	-3.7%	3.2%	17.3%	7.6%
Healthcare	-4.0%	-7.3%	-3.8%	-10.8%
DJ Stoxx 600	0.5%	1.1%	-1.5%	-5.9%
	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
P/E	15.8x	14.6x	12.0x	10.5x
Div yield (%)	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%

One of Gattex's patents is challenged... Limited potential downside on our MT/LT EPS

Fair Value 6900p (+37%)

BUY-Top Picks

ANALYSIS

- On Friday, a final written decision regarding the "patentability" of Gattex' 886 patent was given (*inter partes review*)... and stated that "Petitioner (the coalition for affordable drugs II LLC) has shown by a preponderance of the evidence that claims 46 – 52 and 67 – 75 of the '886 patent are unpatentable".
- Note that the 886 abstract is summarised as follows: "the invention is directed to formulations of GLP-2 peptides and analogs thereof exhibiting superior stability following storage and/or exposure to elevated temperatures. The GLP-2 compositions comprise a GLP-2 peptide or an analog thereof, a phosphate buffer, L-histidine, and mannitol".
- This is obviously bad news... But let's note that this IPR did not cover the two other patents included in the Orange Book. Plus, 1/ Gattex accounts for c.3% of our 2020e sales estimates (vs c.2% in 2016e) and benefits from an orphan drug exclusivity until December 2019, so we should not anticipate any generics entry before that date; 2/ we already anticipate a sharp decline in revenues from 2021, as we cautiously take into account the entrance of Zealand's ZP1848 (a GLP-2 analog with a longer half-life) from 2020e.

VALUATION

BUY reiterated with a FV of GBp6,900.

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- 1st November: Q3 2016 results.
- 10th November: Capital Market Day.

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