### **Sector View**

### **Pharmaceuticals**

ACE910's Phase III results are positive as expected, but more detail needed

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/15
Healthcare	3.3%	-4.4%	-1.9%	-11.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	6.0%	5.3%	6.0%	-1.4%
*Stoxx Sector Indices				

Companies co	vered		
ACTELION		BUY	CHF194
Last Price	CHF215	Market Cap.	CHF23,169m
ASTRAZENEC	4	BUY	5100p
Last Price	4312.5p	Market Cap.	GBP54,555m
BAYER		NEUTRAL	EUR98
Last Price	EUR98.7	Market Cap.	EUR81,620m
GLAXOSMITHKLINE		BUY	1930p
Last Price	1528p	Market Cap.	GBP75,025m
GRIFOLS		NEUTRAL	EUR21
Last Price	EUR18.46	Market Cap.	EUR11,789m
IPSEN		BUY	EUR72
Last Price	EUR68.17	Market Cap.	EUR5,684m
NOVARTIS		NEUTRAL	CHF81
Last Price	CHF73.7	Market Cap.	CHF193,618m
NOVO NORDISK		NEUTRAL	DKK270
Last Price	DKK253.5	Market Cap.	DKK510,185m
ROCHE HOLD	ING	BUY	CHF285
Last Price	CHF233.2	Market Cap.	CHF163,838m
SANOFI		NEUTRAL	EUR83
Last Price	EUR75.2	Market Cap.	EUR97,072m
SHIRE PLC		BUY	6800p
Last Price	4558p	Market Cap.	GBP41,205m
SOBI		SELL	SEK90
Last Price	SEK104.8	Market Cap.	SEK28,337m
UCB		NEUTRAL	EUR80
Last Price	EUR60.15	Market Cap.	EUR11,700m



As expected, ROG's Phase III evaluating ACE910 as a prophylaxis in haemophilia A with inhibitors met its primary endpoint (reduction in the number of bleeds over time); and so far, no additional thromboembolic events or thrombotic microangiopathies (TMA) have been reported... Having said that, we lack detailed data and especially when it comes to the reasons behind these TMAs. Consequently, we make no changes to our ratings/fair values on ROG, SHP, GFS, NOVO and SOBI.

### **ANALYSIS**

- ROG's ACE910: successful first Phase III. As we expected, ROG's Phase III study evaluating
  ACE910/Emicizumab in Haemophilia A with inhibitors met its primary endpoint (statistically
  significant reduction in the number of bleeds over time in people treated with ACE910 prophylaxis
  compared to those receiving no prophylactic treatment) along with different key secondary ones.
  Safety-wise, the compound was generally well-tolerated and no additional thromboembolic events
  or thrombotic microangiopathies (TMA) have been reported.
- But more detail needed to fully appreciate its potential. Unfortunately, we lack details about 1/ the exact reduction in the number of bleeding events (knowing that the Phase I showed an impressive decrease in median ABR compared to baseline, irrespectively of the inhibitor status see Fig. below for further details); 2/ the mechanistic reasons behind the two TMA. The latter point is of essence in our view (is it related to the monoclonal antibody nature of the compound and a complement hyperactivation, for example?); 3/ the eventual incidence of neutralizing/non-neutralizing antibodies against ACE910.

ACE910's Efficacy profile in a small Phase I - Haemophilia A with and without inhibitors

Treatment Arm	Bleeding events	Median ABR	Median ABR Median ABR	
		Baseline	12 week follow-up	LT follow-up
0.3 mg/kg emicizumab (n=6)	All bleeds	32.5	4.4	1.4
	Joint bleeds	27.4	4.3	1.1
1 mg/kg emicizumab (n=6)	All bleeds	18.3	0	0.2
	Joint bleeds	15.2	0	0.2
3 mg/kg emicizumab (n=6)	All bleeds	15.2	0	0
	Joint bleeds	9.1	0	0

We do not expect substantial stock reactions this morning. This is obviously good news for ROG
as ACE910 is one of these key growth drivers/lines of defence against biosimilars' advent in the
next few years... but the stock is very unlikely to strongly outperform before the readout of
APPHINITY. On the other hand, we lack materials to draw form conclusions regarding its potential
impact on the different companies exposed to the inhibitor segment (and especially on SHP).

### VALUATION

- We stick to our respective ratings/fair values on ROG, SHP, NOVO, GFS and SOBI pending more details from this Phase III.
- As a reminder, 1/ we see a peak sales of c.USD1.5Bn for ACE910 in the inhibitor segment (vs USD0.6Bn when it comes to the non-inhibitor one, given our uncertainties on its LT safety profile); 2/ we expect a steep decline in both SHP's Feiba and NOVO's NovoSeven sales from 2018.

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