

# Harmony Biosciences

# Downgrade to Underperform on lack of catalysts + limited valuation upside

Rating Change: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 30.00 USD | Price: 32.30 USD

# Downgrade to Underperform: lack of catalysts & valuation

We downgrade our Harmony rating to Underperform from Neutral but maintain our price objective of \$30/share given a lack of high-impact catalysts and a challenging path to addressing a 2029 Wakix LOE. Harmony is a single-product biotech company selling Wakix for the treatment of narcolepsy. The company is currently profitable and likely to achieve >\$580m in 2023 revenue, but we believe that regulatory exclusivities will only extend another 5 years (to 2029 versus 2030 best case). We believe that out-year cash flows will be discounted as patent litigation approaches.

# Limited portfolio diversification + competitive threats

At this juncture, we would have preferred to see Harmony be more active on the BD front, bolstering its mid-/late-stage pipeline versus a loosely defined Wakix life cycle management strategy and share buybacks. With a recently failed Ph3 Wakix IH study, we see modest consensus risk in the near term (2024-25), while we are more meaningfully below the Street for 2026-29E; we see potential for additional Wakix consensus downside from pipeline competitors, notably Axsome's AXS-12 (depending on strength of 1Q24 data).

# We model 2029 Wakix LOE; assign no value to polymorph

Wakix is subject to Paragraph 4 patent challenges initiated in August 2023, with 30month litigation stays (block generic entry) ending mid-February 2026. Our model is highly sensitive to the LOE assumption, assuming that Wakix can exceed \$1bn in 2029+ revenue; thus, extending the LOE to a bull case (1H'2030) could add to valuation. On the flip side, we do not believe that it is prudent for investors to assign credit to the Wakix terminal 2030 patent, which covers a polymorph of API (susceptible to non-infringing alternative polymorphs). We model continued patient growth on Wakix, albeit at a slowing pace through 2029, and adjust our COGS estimates based on tiered royalty.

# Fragile X study: low POS study, in our view

The biggest risk to our thesis is if HRMY generates positive Ph3 data for Zygel for Fragile X Syndrome (FXS). In August 2023, Harmony acquired Zynerba's Ph3 Zygel (CBD topical), which is being studied as a treatment for FXS. In 2020, a Ph2 study evaluating Zygel (CBD topical) failed to beat placebo in a 14-week Ph2 trial measuring the impact on developmental disabilities. Nonetheless, Zygel was advanced to Ph3, looking to replicate post-hoc analysis in patients with full gene methylation. A \$30m milestone is payable if the Ph3 Zygel study achieves positive readout by year-end 2024. Given limited data for Zygel, we exclude the drug from our model (estimated 80k addressable US pts).

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	2.07	3.00	3.09	3.94	4.86
GAAPEPS	0.58	2.97	2.16	3.14	4.05
EPS Change (YoY)	885.7%	44.9%	3.0%	27.5%	23.4%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.59	3.60	4.48
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	16.1x	11.1x	10.8x	8.5x	6.9x
GAAP P/E	57.5x	11.2x	15.4x	10.6x	8.2x
EV/EBITDA*	22.9x	14.8x	8.2x	6.8x	5.5x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	5.0%	7.4%	8.2%	11.2%	14.0%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 5.					

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## Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Inv. Opinion	C-2-9	C-3-9
Inv. Rating	NEUTRAL	UNDERPERFORM
2023E Rev (m)	580.2	586.0
2024E Rev (m)	745.7	701.3
2025E Rev (m)	912.1	816.6
2023E EPS	3.04	3.09
2024E EPS	4.24	3.94
2025E EPS	5.43	4.86
2023E EBITDA (m)	220.4	224.8
2024E EBITDA (m)	294.8	271.6
2025E EBITDA (m)	380.5	335.5

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32 30 USD Price Objective 30.00 USD Date Established 2-Jan-2024

# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Harmony Biosciences

Qmethod <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Return on Capital Employed	27.7%	27.1%	28.9%	29.2%	26.99
Return on Equity	86.4%	62.3%	43.0%	41.1%	35.79
Operating Margin	33.9%	33.6%	42.5%	42.2%	44.19
Free Cash Flow	98	144	160	219	27.
Qmethod <sup>™</sup> – Quality of Earnings*					
US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash Realization Ratio	0.8x	0.8x	0.9x	1.0x	1.0
Asset Replacement Ratio	Ox	0x	0.1x	0.2x	0.2
Tax Rate	NM	NM	27.0%	24.0%	24.09
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-22.7%	-12.9%	-25.6%	-46.2%	-60.69
Interest Cover	NA	9.4x	19.2x	32.7x	NN
ncome Statement Data (Dec)					
US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Sales	305	438	586	701	81
% Change	91.2%	43.4%	33.8%	19.7%	16.49
Gross Profit	250	354	470	554	63
% Change	89.3%	41.8%	32.7%	17.8%	15.0°
EBITDA	80	124	225	272	33
% Change	NM	54.2%	81.8%	20.8%	23.5°
Net Interest & Other Income	19	(40)	7	12	1
Net Income (Adjusted)	122	184	187	234	28
% Change	NM	49.8%	1.9%	24.9%	23.29
US\$ Millions)  Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	<b>2021A</b> 122	<b>2022A</b> 184	<b>2023E</b> 187	<b>2024E</b> 234	<b>2025</b>
Depreciation & Amortization	19	23	23	234	20
Change in Working Capital	1	(4)	(21)	(17)	(16
Deferred Taxation Charge	0	(86)	0	0	(10
Other Adjustments, Net	(43)	28	(27)	(17)	(17
Capital Expenditure	0	0	(3)	(4)	(4
Free Cash Flow	98	144	160	219	27
% Change	NM	46.9%	10.7%	37.2%	24.59
Share / Issue Repurchase	30	0	0	0	
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	
Change in Debt	(23)	(2)	(102)	(20)	(20
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
• •	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
US\$ Millions)  Cash & Equivalents	202 TA 234	2022A 244	311	<b>2024E</b> 519	78
Trade Receivables	35	244 55	73	88	10
Other Current Assets	15	102	106	109	11
Property, Plant & Equipment	13	102	3	4	11
Other Non-Current Assets	148	273	246	241	23
Total Assets	433	674	739	961	1,23
Short-Term Debt	2	2	2	20	2
Other Current Liabilities	52	77	78	80	8
Long-Term Debt	190	190	190	190	19
Other Non-Current Liabilities	3	3	3	3	
Total Liabilities	247	271	2 <b>72</b>	<b>292</b>	29
Total Equity	187	403	467	669	94
	107	703	407	303	54.
Total Equity & Liabilities	433	674	739	961	1,23

# **Company Sector**

Pharmaceuticals

## **Company Description**

Harmony Biosciences is a mid-cap commercial-stage biotech that sells Wakix for treatment of EDS (excessive daytime sleepiness) and/or cataplexy in adult patients with narcolepsy. The company is conducting Wakix label expansion studies for EDS associated with (1) idiopathic hypersomnia, (2) Prader-Willi Syndrome, and (3) myotonic dystrophy type 1.

## **Investment Rationale**

We rate HRMY Underperform on lack of high-impact catalysts and a challenging path to addressing a '29 Wakix LOE on balanced risk-reward. At this juncture we would have preferred to see the company more active on BD to diversify its product portfolio. Our model is highly sensitive to LOE assumption, assuming Wakix can exceed \$1bn in '29+ revenue, though we do not believe it is prudent for investors to assign value to terminal polymorph patent (susceptible to non-infringing alternative polymorphs)

Stock Data	
Average Daily Volume	570,913

## **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2022	2023
Q1	0.51A	0.66A
Q2	0.57A	0.76A
Q3	0.95A	0.97A
04	0.97A	0.71E

# Acronyms and abbreviations

BD: business development

CBD: cannabinoid

FMR1: gene

FXS: Fragile X Syndrome

k: thousand

LOE: loss of exclusivity IH: idiopathic hypersomnia

Ph: Phase

PO: price objective

POS: probability of success

pts: patients



# Price objective basis & risk

## Harmony Biosciences (HRMY)

Our \$30 price objective is based on a sum-of-the-parts (SOTP) analysis. Key assumptions are that we forecast cash flow for each commercial and near-term pipeline asset through 2032E and a discount rate of 9%.

Downside risks are (1) slower-than-expected commercial uptake of Wakix and (2) IP litigation or settlement with generic Wakix manufacturers ahead of LOE.

Upside risks are (1) stronger-than-expected commercial update of Wakix and (2) FDA decision that we expect could maintain status quo on Wakix marketability in response to a recent Citizen's Petition.

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	Harmony Biosciences	HRMY	HRMY US	Jason M. Gerberry
	Organon	OGN	OGN US	Jason M. Gerberry
	Viatris Inc.	VTRS	VTRS US	Jason M. Gerberry
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# **Q**method <sup>34</sup> Measures Definitions

Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 - Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
		Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt +	Sales
Enterprise value / Sales	2. Carrette Share Fried Carrette Shares - Willionly Equity - Net Debt -	Sales

EV/EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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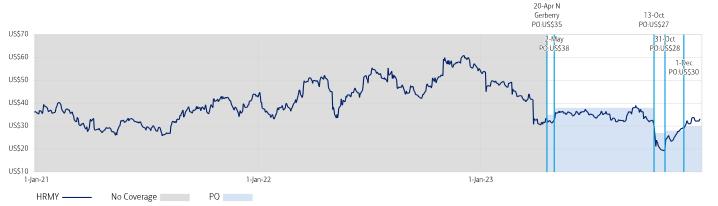
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Sell	71	18 35%	Sell	25	35.21%

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Underperform

≥ 20%

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