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Changes	Annual EPS	Annual Revenue	Rating/Target
	2011E (\$2.48) from (\$2.39)	2011E \$20.1M from \$16.1M	No change
	2012E (\$1.95) from (\$2.33)	2012E \$41.7M from \$17.7M	

## AVEO Pharmaceuticals

AVEO : NASDAQ : US\$13.88

**BUY****Target: US\$23.00**

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### COMPANY STATISTICS:

Market Cap (M): 470.7  
 52-week Range: 6.01 - 17.93  
 Avg. Daily Vol. (000s): 93.0

### EARNINGS SUMMARY:

FYE Dec	2010E	2011E	2012E
Revenue (M):	44.7	20.1	41.7
EPS:	(2.30)	(2.48)	(1.95)

Revenue (M):	Q1	10.9A	5.0	-
	Q2	15.6A	5.0	-
	Q3	6.2A	5.0	-
	Q4	12.0	5.0	-
Total		44.7	20.1	41.7
EPS:	Q1	(2.27)A	(0.51)	-
	Q2	(0.50)A	(0.55)	-
	Q3	(0.60)A	(0.64)	-
	Q4	(0.30)	(0.78)	-
Total		(2.30)	(2.48)	(1.95)

### SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE:



### COMPANY DESCRIPTION:

AVEO Pharmaceuticals is a biotechnology company devoted to the discovery and clinical development of oncologic therapeutics.

All amounts in US\$ unless otherwise noted.

### Life Sciences -- Biotechnology

## RICH TIVO DEAL VALIDATES COMMERCIAL POTENTIAL

**Investment recommendation.** We are aggressive buyers of AVEO shares on the announcement of what we view as a highly attractive deal with Astellas centered on worldwide (ex-Asia) development of lead oncology drug candidate, tivozanib.

### Investment highlights

- Astellas' attraction to tivozanib potential confirms our view that other VEGFR inhibitors, besides entrenched Sutent and Nexavar, have a place in treating both validated indications (e.g., renal cell carcinoma) and other solid tumor types. While knocking Sutent from front-line establishment remains an attractive possibility, we believe the relative tolerability and proven combinability of tivozanib – at full dose – for treatment of other larger market indications is probably what really grabbed Astellas' attention. Sutent, in particular, cannot be combined safely with other cancer therapies. Deal terms include a 50/50 U.S. profit split, tiered royalties on ex-U.S. sales, and share of development costs. In return, AVEO will receive \$125M in cash upfront (\$96M net of fees), \$1.3B in potential milestones, and access to Astellas' commercial infrastructure.
- Management believes top-line TIVO-1 data could be available mid-year, which we regard as a major catalyst for the stock. With year-end cash guidance of at least \$125M, we estimate sufficient cash into 2013 with runway extension on attainment of tivozanib regulatory milestones.

### Valuation and risks

Our \$23 target is based on a DCF. Risks include failure of clinical trials and regulatory setbacks.

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**Figure 1: AVEO investment synopsis**

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<b>Key investment driver(s):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential of tivozanib in renal cell carcinoma (RCC).</li><li>• Potential of AV-299 in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC).</li></ul>
<b>Investment themes.</b> We rate shares BUY based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Excellent Phase II data and rapid trial enrollment support high likelihood of success for Phase III TIVO-1 trial of tivozanib in RCC.</li><li>• High tivozanib potency yields potential in other indications including metastatic breast cancer.</li><li>• Potential for wholly-owned AV-299 validated by data from other c-met inhibitors.</li></ul>
<b>CG differentiation from the Street:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Concerns about TIVO-1 design using Nexavar rather than standard-of-care Sutent as comparator can be discounted, as physician focus lies on absolute magnitude of responses.</li><li>• Company valuation, considering holding of two wholly owned assets, is attractive relative to comparable peers.</li></ul>
<b>Critical financial metrics.</b> 2011 year-end cash of \$127.9M, which we model as sufficient to fund operations through 2013. Updates to our model from Astellas deal will be communicated shortly.
<b>Risks to BUY thesis:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Potential failure of tivozanib clinical trial</li><li>• Competitive products in development could appear similar or better than tivozanib</li><li>• Challenging market conditions could complicate future financing needs</li></ul>

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Source: Canaccord Genuity

**Figure 2: AVEO upcoming expected events**

Drug (Target)	Indication	Details	Event Timeline (Estimated)			
			Q1/11	Q2/11	Q3/11	Q4/11
Phase III						
tivozanib (VEGFR)	Renal Cell Carcinoma, front-line	TIVO-1 trial; single-agent vs. Nexavar		Top-line data, mid-2011		
Phase II						
AV-299 (HGF)	Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer, front-line	combo +Iressa			Interim data, H2/11	
tivozanib (VEGFR)	Renal Cell Carcinoma	single-arm biomarker study	Initiated			
Phase I						
tivozanib (VEGFR)	Metastatic Breast Cancer	combo +paclitaxel	Ongoing			
tivozanib (VEGFR)	Colorectal Cancer	combo +FOLFOX6	Ongoing			

Source: Company data and Canaccord Genuity estimates

**Investment risks**

1. TIVO-1 could fail to hit its primary endpoint
2. Competitive products in development could appear similar or better than tivozanib
3. Deteriorating market conditions could complicate future financing needs

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(as of 2 February 2011)

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