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**3Q: Unnecessary Roughness** 

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## **Jefferies**

Price \$22.25

Price target \$28.00

## **Key Takeaway**

3Q results were relatively in-line with our forecasts, but failed to impress higher Street expectations, and the stock took a hit for it (down 7% yday). But given our view that SGNT is well-positioned to benefit from current drug shortages, has excellent momentum on new product approvals/launches, and has a GM% expansion story that remains intact, we're sticking with our Buy and \$28 PT.

Sagent Pharmaceuticals (SGNT)

**3Q results.** Revenue of \$41.3M was a hair below us & cons. of \$42.0M & \$41.8M, but was +94% y/y and +28% q/q. SGNT posted a 16.8% GM% (vs. our 17.0% forecast), a vast improvement from the 8.5% GM% seen last qtr (which caused SGNT's stock to plunge 27%). Mgmt guided that GM% would increase in 4Q, importantly reassuring us that the GM % expansion thesis on SGNT remains intact. Cons. (according to Thomson) was looking for 18.1%, so in that respect, SGNT "missed" on GM%. We note, however, that as Thomson included only 4 of the 6 sell-side estimates for GM%, had the other 2 est's been included, cons. GM% would have been below 18% -- thus, not nearly as big a "miss". Total OpEx of \$10.1M (+45%) was higher than our \$8.5M, but doesn't signal a worrisome trend. See p. 2 for a full 3Q variance analysis. EPS was (\$0.17), vs. (\$0.11)/(\$0.12) for us/cons. We've now tweaked estimates; our new 4Q11/2011 EPS is (\$0.08)/(\$0.97) vs. our prior (\$0.01)/(\$0.79).

Locked and loaded. As highlighted in our note last week, SGNT is well-positioned to take advantage of the current increase in drugs on FDA's critical shortage list (CSL), having already launched two such products (vecuronium, paclitaxel) in 3Q. In addition, two more CSL drugs could launch in 4Q, w/ 11 more on tap for launch in 2012. In a new update, FDA inspection of the Chengdu facilty (from where 8-10 add'l CSL products could come) might now occur by mid-2012 --- ahead of our expectations. While pricing for some of the base business (older, higher volume products, primarily heparin) has been weaker, this should be more than offset with new product approvals/launches. As of 9/30/11, SGNT had 59 ANDAs (32 products) pending approval, 47 more in development (several filed by YE'11), and through the Strides JV, an additional 16 ANDAs approved but not yet launched (many expected during 1H12, some being CSL drugs).

#### Valuation/Risks

Our \$28 PT reflects an 18.1x PE multiple on our 2013 EPS of \$1.55. This is a premium to peers, but one we think is deserved given SGNT's growth profile & scarcity value as a generic injectables pure-play. Risks incl: cont'd FDA delays in approving ANDAs, unforeseen MFG issues, worse than expected pricing pressure, and the loss of key members of management.

Prev.	2010A	Prev.	2011E	Prev.	2012E	Prev.	2013E
	74.1	151.6	150.9		245.9		351.4
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		(0.11)	(0.17)A		0.14		
		(0.01)	(0.08)		0.26		
	NA	(0.79)	(0.97)	0.50	0.45	1.60	1.55
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Financial Summary	
Net Debt (MM):	(\$101.3)
Market Data	
52 Week Range:	\$29.23 - \$13.50
Total Entprs. Value (MM):	\$519.5
Market Cap. (MM):	\$620.8
Insider Ownership:	2.5%
Institutional Ownership:	67.9%
Shares Out. (MM):	27.9
Float (MM):	6.3
Avg. Daily Vol.:	102,693

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#### **Price Performance**



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#### **Incremental 3Q Tidbits**

#### **On Pricing Trends**

- Price erosion of some of Sagent's higher volume products primarily heparin –
  has been greater than Sagent had originally anticipated. While heparin (which
  represented 46% of SGNT's revenue last year in 3Q10) has become a smaller
  contributor, pricing appears to have stabilized.
- In general, we continue to see Sagent's core advantage being on the smaller products that attract less competition. Hence for generics like Taxotere (docetaxel), that went generic earlier this year, we don't see as a major opportunity since Sagent wouldn't be approved for a few years and there are already three generics approved despite it peaking above \$1B in branded sales in the US.
- Sagent's generic Levaquin (levofloxacin) bags currently faces one competitor, and its contribution is expected to be higher in 4Q; new competition is expected in 1Q12; that said, Sagent feels confident that its head start will position it relatively well when the new entrants come to market.
- Pfizer's (PFE, \$20.07, Buy) pricing on generic Zosyn (piperacillin/tazobactam) remains aggressive. Pricing for generic Gemzar (gemcitabine) is also challenging given nine other competitors, but that has been completely in line with expectations.
- While Sagent's pricing on generic Taxol (paclitaxel) is higher than the two other current competitors, pull-through nonetheless has been quite good; current margins are very accretive to Sagent's overall GM% -- a testament to what good service and supply can do for Sagent's reputation.

#### **On Shortage Products**

- According to Sagent, YTD, there have been 232 drug shortages, and <u>SGNT</u> expects this number to rise to 250 by YE'11 (again highlighting the opportunity).
- Sagent currently supplies 10 shortage products; 24 more are in the pipeline, and of these 24, two are expected to launch during 4Q, and 11 more are to be introduced in 2012.
- Given FDA's focus on addressing shortage products, Sagent believes FDA inspection of the Chengdu (China) manufacturing facility (JV with KSP) could occur during 1H12; one ANDA for a CSL product has already been filed (during 4Q11) from Chengdu, with at least two more ANDAs targeted within the next 90 days; ultimately, the first 8-10 products out of Chengdu could be CSL products.

#### **Other Miscellaneous**

- 3Q11 revenue of \$41.3M was well diversified as no one product accounted for more than 10% of total revenue; 49% of revenue came from anti-infective products, 28% came from oncology products, and 23% came from critical care products (vs. 53%/8%/39%, respectively in 3Q10).
- Sagent expects to launch an incremental new 16 products from the JV with Strides that are already FDA approved but not yet launched; these products are in the midst of being transferred from Strides' older facilities into a newer Strides facility; the majority of which are expected to complete the transfer no later than

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1Q12; these products were described as being on average mid-\$30M brand opportunities.

 Sagent just last week acquired two approved products on the critical shortage list; product launches are expected in 1Q12.

### **Model Adjustments**

Incorporating management guidance and our own model adjustments:

- Revenue: comfort on doubling of 2010 revenue in 2011 (implies \$148.2M in 2011).
- Gross margin (GM%): "mid-teens" for full-year 2011.
- R&D: \$10-\$12M for full-year 2011 remains in-line with initial 2011 guidance.
- SG&A: \$6.3-\$6.8M represents a good run rate going forward slightly higher than we had previously modeled.
- Interest expense: current 2Q/3Q figure (~\$1.2M) represents a good run rate.
- As of September 30, 2011, Sagent had \$37.5M in cash and cash equivalents,
   \$76.8M invested in debt securities; and \$34M in debt (obligations).

We've made some minor model changes, and after lowering revenue by the small 3Q shortfall (just \$0.7M) and adding ~\$1.5M in additional OpEx, our new 4Q11 and 2011 EPS forecasts are (\$0.08) and (\$0.97) compared with our prior (\$0.01) and (\$0.79).

For 2012-2014, we lowered our full year EPS estimates by a nickel and 2015 by a dime as follows:

- 2012: \$0.50 to \$0.45
- 2013: \$1.60 to \$1.55
- 2014: \$2.30 to \$2.25
- 2015: \$2.80 to \$2.70

Importantly, we still see Sagent turning profitable during 1H12 (possibly as early as 1Q12 where we're currently at break-even - \$0.00). We expect Sagent to provide first-time '12 guidance on its 4Q11 call.

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#### **Exhibit 1: 3Q11 Variance Table**

(\$ in millions, except for EPS)

(\$ in millions, Item	Actual	% Chg	Jefferies	% Chg	Variance	Consensus	Comment
Total revenue	\$41.3	94%	\$42.0	97%	(0.7)	\$41.8	Slight revenue miss vs. us and Street consensus, and came in below the \$43.6 tracked by monthly IMS (which demonstrates that IMS is not necessarily a good proxy for reported revenue). Results were buoyed by 6 new product launches during the quarter (including gemcitabine, levofloxacin, paclitaxel, and vecuronium). For full-year 2011, management maintained its comfort with revenue doubling the level seen in 2010 (or \$148.2M). This implies at least \$44.3M in 4Q11; we've left our estimate unchanged at \$47.0M.
COGS	34.3	85%	34.9	88%	(0.5)		COGS was lower than we expected, driven by good product mix - more high-margin, low volume, high value products (in particular, levofloxacin, gemcitabine, topotecan) offsetting higher volume, low margin products (i.e., heparin).
GM%	16.8%	+390 bps	17.0%	+410 bps	(0.2%)	18.1%	Came in 20 bps lower than we expected, but this was a dramatic improvement over 2Q11 GM% of 8.5%. Consensus was, however, looking for more, but we note that consensus only included 4 of the 6 estimates; inclusion of the missing 2 estimates would have brought the consensus estimate down. For full-year 2011, management reiterated comfort on "mid-teens" we're now at 15.4% versus a prior 16.1%.
SG&A	6.7	49%	5.8	29%	0.9		Higher than our forecast, due an increased in headcount and higher costs of being a public company. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A was 16.2%, lower than the 20.1% we saw in 2Q11.
R&D	3.5	37%	2.7	7%	0.8		Also higher than we expected, with the increase due to higher milestone payments for ongoing development activities and ANDA filing fees. Company reaffirmed to us guidance of \$10-\$12M in annual R&D spend we're currently at \$11.2M.
Total OpEx	10.1	45%	8.5	21%	1.6		The higher total OpEx in 3Q11 was driven by increases in both SG&A and R&D. However, given a 94% increase on the top-line, the 45% increase in total OpEx is illustrative of the leverage in Sagent's business model.
Net Income	(4.7)	NM	(3.0)	NM	(1.7)		
EPS	(\$0.17)	NM	(\$0.11)	NM	(\$0.06)	(\$0.12)	A \$0.06 miss relative to our estimate (\$0.07 miss relative to consensus), but since Sagent is still early in its story, we don't think the EPS miss should matter that much. We continue to target EPS profitability during 1H12.

Note: in millions of \$, except for EPS

Source: Jefferies estimates, company data, Thomson One Analytics for consensus

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#### Exhibit 2: Summary P&L

(In millions of \$, except per share amount)

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Year End: December 31	2009	2010	1Q11	2Q11	3Q11	4Q11E	2011E	2012E	2013E	2014E	2015E
Total Revenue	\$29.2	\$74.1	\$30.3	\$32.3	\$41.3	\$47.0	\$150.9	\$245.9	\$351.4	\$439.3	\$505.2
COGS	\$28.8	\$65.0	\$25.8	\$29.5	\$34.3	\$38.1	\$127.7	\$185.4	\$237.9	\$288.2	\$328.4
Gross Profit	\$0.4	\$9.0	\$4.6	\$2.7	\$6.9	\$8.9	\$23.2	\$60.5	\$113.5	\$151.1	\$176.8
Gross Margin	1.5%	12.2%	15.1%	8.5%	16.8%	19.0%	15.4%	24.6%	32.3%	34.4%	35.0%
SG&A	\$16.7	\$18.9	\$5.0	\$6.5	\$6.7	\$6.6	\$24.7	\$28.0	\$30.2	\$32.1	\$33.7
R&D	12.4	11.2	2.4	2.4	3.5	3.0	11.2	12.6	13.9	15.0	15.7
Operating Margin	(104.5%)	(33.1%)	(14.4%)	(25.4%)	(11.5%)	(4.7%)	(12.9%)	5.4%	19.1%	23.5%	25.2%
Tax Rate	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	(1.7%)	29.6%	31.8%	32.6%
Net Income	(30.5)	(24.5)	(4.4)	(8.2)	(4.7)	(2.2)	(19.5)	13.6	47.3	70.3	85.9
Net Margin	(104.5%)	(33.1%)	(14%)	(25%)	(11%)	(5%)	(12.9%)	5.5%	13.5%	16.0%	17.0%
Adjusted EPS	NA	NA	(\$2.09)	(\$0.37)	(\$0.17)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.97)	\$0.45	\$1.55	\$2.25	\$2.70
Shares Out. (MM)	0.0	0.0	2.1	22.2	27.9	28.0	20.0	30.0	30.6	31.2	31.8
Year-over Year Growth											
Total Revenue	143%	153%	251%	205%	94%	40%	104%	63%	43%	25%	15%
COGS	141%	126%	208%	177%	85%	39%	96%	45%	28%	21%	14%
SG&A	11%	14%	19%	49%	49%	11%	31%	13%	8%	6%	5%
R&D	(17%)	(10%)	(16%)	(27%)	37%	14%	(0%)	13%	10%	8%	5%
Net Income	0%	(20%)	(40%)	(6%)	(3%)	(38%)	(20%)	(170%)	248%	49%	22%
Adjusted EPS	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	(147%)	241%	46%	20%

Note: in millions of \$, except for EPS Source: Jefferies estimates, company data

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Sagent Pharmaceuticals is a specialty pharmaceuticals company focused primarily on hospital-based, generic injectable drugs sold in the US. Founded in 2006, Sagent has sourcing, development, manufacturing, and sales and marketing capabilities, and has amassed an extensive, global network of partnerships and collaborations that provide for a low cost business model and a deep pipeline of ANDA opportunities.

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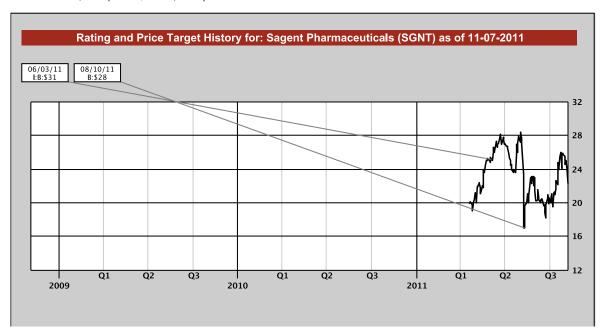
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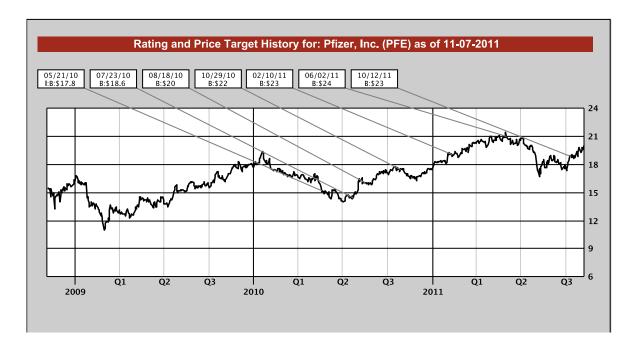
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