

**Pharmaceuticals** 

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# Zoetis, Inc.

ZTS – NYSE – Neutral – 2

# Pfizer Plans Split-Off of Zoetis Ownership

- Pfizer plans to distribute its holdings in Zoetis in an exchange termed a split-off. PFE conducted an IPO of a portion of its Zoetis holdings in February. PFE currently owns 400,985,000 shares, or about 80% of Zoetis, formerly PFE's animal health business.
- In a split-off, shares of Pfizer would be exchanged for stock in Zoetis. PFE shareholders would have the option of voluntarily exchanging some or all of their PFE shares for ZTS stock. In this way, PFE can accomplish a large share repurchase using ZTS stock as the transaction currency. At this time, it appears the exchange would be a tax free distribution to PFE shareholders.
- Pfizer is offering to exchange shares for Zoetis stock at a discount. PFE plans to offer shareholders of ZTS stock at a 7% discount, subject to an upper limit of 0.9898 shares of ZTS per share of PFE common stock. The exchange is subject to a minimum number of ZTS shares distributed, or at least 160,394,000 ZTS shares.
- The exchange ratio will be based on the prices of Pfizer and Zoetis stock. The final exchange ratio will be determined by an arithmetic average of the daily volume-weighted average price of PFE and ZTS stock on the NYSE for the three trading days up to and including the planned expiration date of the exchange offer on June 19, 2013. This assumes the exchange offer is not extended or terminated. If the exchange offer is oversubscribed, the number of PFE shares exchanged will be prorated.
- We have no recommendation on the exchange at this time. At current prices, the discounted ZTS price appears attractive. We will continue to monitor the pricing of PFE and ZTS stock and provide additional information as it becomes available.
- We are maintaining our Neutral rating. ZTS is the first major participant in the global animal health business available to those interested in investing in the sector. ZTS is trading at nearly 24 times our 2013 EPS estimate, an appropriate valuation, in our view.

COMPANY UPDATE (May 22, 2013)

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	\$33.04
	NA
\$35.4	2 - \$30.42
	512.9
	\$16,946
	1,611,720
	NA
	77.7%
	51.0%
	\$8.18
	4.04x
\$0.26	0.8%
	24.4%

#### **EPS FY 12/31**

	Р	Pro-forma			Curr.
	2011		2012E	2013E	2013E
1Q					\$0.36A
2Q					
3Q 4Q					
4Q					
Year	\$0.90		\$1.06	\$1.40	\$1.40
P/E	36.7x		31.2x	23.6x	23.6x

Note: Figures exclude non-recurring items

#### Revenue (\$mm)

			Prior	Curr.
	2011	2012	2013E	2013E
1Q		 		\$1,090A
2Q		 		
3Q		 		
4Q		 		
Year	\$4,233	\$4,336	\$4,500	\$4,500

Company Description: Zoetis operates the world's largest animal health business. Zoetis is involved in the development, production, and marketing of vaccines, medicines, and diagnostic tests to prevent and treat disease in livestock and companion animals. The company sells products worldwide with strong market positions in the U.S., Europe, Africa and the Middle East, Canada, Latin America, and Asia/Pacific.

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Prices of stocks mentioned: Pfizer (PFE - \$28.78).

Additional information is available upon request.

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Buy - We believe the stock has significant total return potential in the coming 12 months.

**Long-term Buy** - We believe the stock is an above average holding in its sector, and expect solid returns to be realized over a longer time frame than our Buy rated issues.

**Neutral** - We believe the stock is an average holding in its sector, is currently fully valued, and may be used as a source of funds if better opportunities arise.

**Underperform** - We believe the stock is vulnerable to a price set back in the next 12 months.

#### **Suitability Ratings**

- 1 A large cap, core holding with a solid history
- 2 A historically secure company which could be cyclical, has a shorter history than a "1" or is subject to event driven setbacks
- 3 An above average risk/reward ratio could be due to small size, lack of product diversity, sporadic earnings or high leverage
- 4 Speculative, due to small size, inconsistent profitability, erratic revenue, volatility, low trading volume or a narrow customer or product base

	Hilliard Lyons Recommended Issues		Investment Banking Provided in Past 12 Mo.	
	# of	% of		
Rating	Stocks Covered	Stocks Covered	<b>Banking</b>	No Banking
Buy	48	35%	13%	88%
Hold/Neutral	84	60%	13%	87%
Sell	6	4%	0%	100%
Restricted	1	1%	100%	0%

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