

Enanta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (ENTA)

Post-HCV Pipeline Focuses on MRSA

MARKET DATA	
Price	\$32.69
52-Week Range:	\$14.31 - \$38.48
Shares Out. (M):	17.9
Market Cap (\$M):	\$585.2
Average Daily Vol. (000):	176.0
Cash (M):	\$112
LT Debt (M):	\$0
Source: Thomson Reuters and JMP Securities LLC	

FY SEP		2012A	2013A	2014E	
Revenue (\$M)	1Q		\$27.9	\$1.4	
	2Q		\$1.2	\$1.4	
	3Q		\$1.6	\$41.4	
	4Q		\$1.3	\$1.4	
	FY	\$41.7	\$32.1	\$45.6	
EPS	1Q		\$1.53	(\$0.27)	
	2Q		(\$2.28)	(\$0.28)	
	3Q		(\$0.23)	\$1.71	
	4Q		(\$0.25)	(\$0.31)	
	FY	\$1.13	(\$0.67)	\$0.95	
	CY	\$2.38	(\$3.02)		
Source: Company reports and JMP Securities LLC					



MARKET OUTPERFORM | Price: \$32.69 | Target Price: UR

INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Post-HCV pipeline focuses on MRSA; reiterating Market Outperform rating on Enanta Pharmaceuticals with our price target under review. As expected, Enanta announced the initiation of a Phase 1 trial of antibiotic EDP-788, for MRSA (methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus) infections. EDP-788 is a bicyclolide, a new antibiotic class designed to avoid macrolide resistance. This trial is in healthy volunteers and will focus on safety and pharmacokinetic endpoints after a single dose of EDP-788. Due to the early stage of the program and the competitiveness of the MRSA market, we do not currently include EDP-788 in our model, but consider it a free option as development costs are being funded through the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). With our price target under review, we await additional information on other new programs from Enanta, which we expect in the coming months.



Company Description

Enanta is a Watertown, Massachusetts-based biotechnology company focused on anti-infectives. The company has partnered a protease inhibitor program with AbbVie Pharmaceuticals and an NS5a program with Novartis, as well as developing fully owned assets. The lead protease inhibitor, ABT-450, partnered with AbbVie, is in Phase 3 development.

Investment Risks

Clinical risk. Drug development is a risky and capital-intensive endeavor. The vast majority of drugs that enter clinical development fail to reach the market. Enanta's Phase 3 program with AbbVie may experience development setbacks; we point specifically to safety as a source of risk. In addition, Enanta has many early stage assets that may or may not make it to development in humans.

Regulatory risk. Enanta is reliant on its pharmaceutical partners, AbbVie and Novartis, to move its drug candidates through registration with the FDA and EMA and it is dependent on the pace of these regulatory entities to approve new drugs. Enanta's early stage HCV assets are from classes that have been placed on clinical hold, leading to increased scrutiny.

Intellectual Property risk. Enanta's lead clinical assets are covered by approved patents; however, other assets have patents pending. Patent expirations can result in a negative impact to sales. Additionally, generic companies may file abbreviated new drug applications to challenge current products with patent protection.

Commercial risk. Enanta is reliant upon their pharmaceutical partners, AbbVie and Novartis, to successfully commercialize assets. The HCV space is very competitive and Enanta's assets may lose share as new competitors come to market.

Sector risk. Valuation of biopharmaceutical stocks is subject to both investor assessments of the prospects of the underlying companies, as well as investor tolerance for risk and confidence in the prospects of pharmaceutical stocks as a group. Therefore, Enanta's stock price may fall, even while the company meets or exceeds investor expectations.

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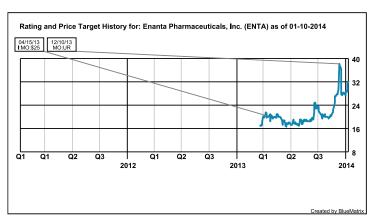
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JMP Rating	Equivalent	Coverage	Total	Equivalent	Coverage	Total	Months	Rating
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MARKET OUTPERFORM	Buy	243	55.86%	Buy	243	55.86%	92	37.86%
MARKET PERFORM	Hold	143	32.87%	Hold	143	32.87%	26	18.18%
MARKET UNDERPERFORM	Sell	6	1.38%	Sell	6	1.38%	0	0%
COVERAGE IN TRANSITION		43	9.89%		43	9.89%	0	0%
TOTAL:		435	100%		435	100%	118	27.13%

Stock Price Chart of Rating and Target Price Changes:

Note: First annotation denotes initiation of coverage or 3 years, whichever is shorter. If no target price is listed, then the target price is N/A. In accordance with NASD Rule 2711, the chart(s) below reflect(s) price range and any changes to the rating or price target as of the end of the most recent calendar quarter. The action reflected in this note is not annotated in the stock price chart. Source: JMP Securities.



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