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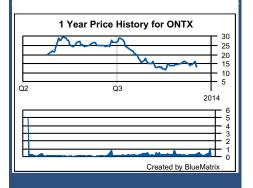
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#### **Biotechnology**

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	<b>Price:</b> Fair Value Esti 52-Week Rang Market Cap (M Shr.O/S-Dilute Average Daily	ge: IM): ed (mm):	\$13.48 \$40.00 \$11.73-\$31.13 \$289 21.4 273,635		
	FYE: Dec EPS: Prior EPS: P/E Ratio:	2011A  NC 	2012A \$(11.50)A NA		
	Quarterly EPS: Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	   	  	\$(1.03)E \$(5.21)E \$(1.34)E \$(1.02)E	
ш	FYE: Dec Revenue (M):		2012A \$46.0A		
-	Quarterly Reve Q1 Q2 Q3 Q4	enue (M):   	  	\$1.1E \$0.6E \$1.1E \$1.1E	



Equity Research Note

### **ONTX: Takeaways From Analyst Day**

#### INVESTMENT CONCLUSION:

ONTX hosted an analyst/investor day where management and a panel of thought leaders highlighted and endorsed the rigosertib program. The speakers focused on rigosertib's mechanism of action, reviewed the datasets in the higher- and lower-risk MDS populations and discussed the lack of therapies in MDS. No new data were presented. Overall, the discussions solidified our view that the bar for rigosertib to demonstrate clinical benefit in the higher-risk population is achievable based on the current dataset and on the lack of adequate treatment options. Management continues to expect data from the ONTIME study in 1Q14. We continue to recommend shares ahead of nearing catalysts and consider ONTX a compelling investment based on a burgeoning pipeline, near-term milestones, strong management team, and compelling valuation. Thus, we reiterate our \$40 fair value estimate, which is based on a DCF analysis of cash flows through 2021.

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- MDS thought leaders and lead investigators view rigosertib as a differentiated drug. Consensus from the physician panel indicated that rigosertib is a well-tolerated, highly differentiated small molecule therapy targeting unmet medical needs. The key differentiating factors for this drug are its lack of myelosuppression, its ability to target numerous different cancer types safely with high selectivity and its unique mechanism of action that allows for improved efficacy and reduced toxicity, all important factors in treating MDS patients.
- Nearing binary event. Risk/reward profile favors owning shares. The next inflection point for the company will be top-line Phase III rigosertib data release in the high-risk population (ONTIME) in 1Q14. Several factors give us increased confidence in a favorable Phase III outcome, namely, the fact that rigosertib demonstrated favorable bone marrow response in Phase II studies in the higher-risk population and that the drug is being compared to best supportive care in which patients only show response rates of 17%-23%.
- A highly undervalued opportunity ahead of major events. We recommend ONTX shares based on rigosertib's compelling profile, meaningful market opportunities, long-term growth prospects, upcoming catalysts, strong management team and favorable valuation.

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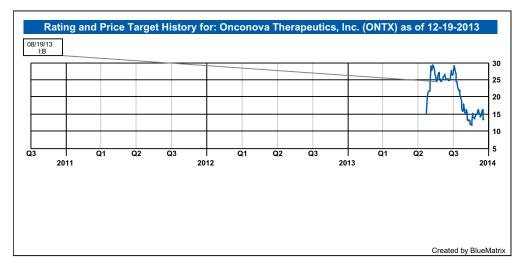
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