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T2 Biosystems Inc FDA Approval De-Risks the Commercial Ramp

FDA approval comes a bit early; no change to our model. While TTOO could launch before the end of '14, contracting cycles and holiday timelines likely make the late September FDA approval of the Candida assay a nominal positive relative to our expectation for approval in November and keep full commercialization in 1Q15 the more likely outcome. We maintain our '15 revenue forecast of \$4mn. T2 continues to target system placements in at least 30 centers in '15 out of the target market of 450 hospitals.

Clinical data validated. While we anticipated FDA approval of the T2 Candida assay before the end of '14 considering the strength of the pivotal trial data, FDA processes are invariably difficult to handicap. We see today's approval and the relatively rapid 4 month turnaround since the company's May filing as a sign of both the robustness of the data and the FDA's interest in the technology. While the T2 data were solid, the approval process was novel for the FDA given T2 is the first company to apply T2MR for pathogen identification. Recall T2's technology was validated in conjunction with its T2Candida assay in a 1,500 patient prospective study and a 300 sample contrived study, demonstrating over 90% sensitivity and over 99% specificity across a range of species of fungal infections and validating the system's analytical process takes only three hours from sample to answer.

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T2 Biosystems Inc (TTOO.O , TTOO US)

Life Science Tools & Diagnostics / United States of America

Stock Rating	Equal-weight
Industry View	In-Line
Shr price, close (Sep 22, 2014)	\$16.93
Mkt cap, curr (mm)	\$339
52-Week Range	\$24.50-13.40

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Not-Rated/Hold	108	3%	21	2%	19%
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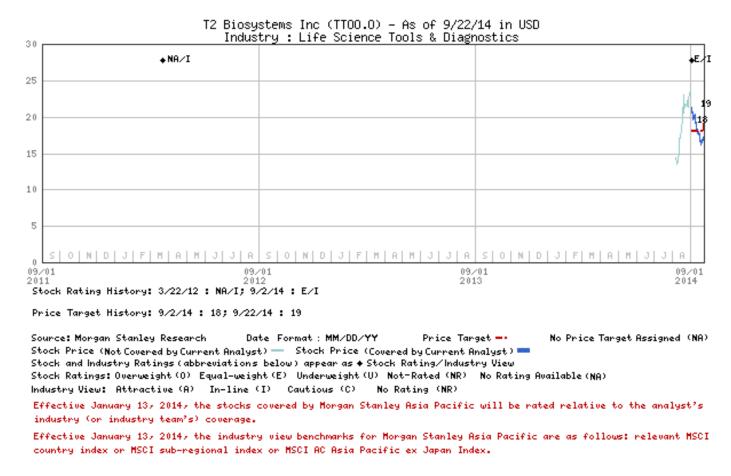
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Agilent Technologies, Inc. (AN) Illumina Inc. (ILMN.O) PerkinElmer Inc. (PKI.N) Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. (TMO.N) Waters Corp. (WAT.N)	E (09/08/2014) E (09/08/2014) O (09/08/2014) O (09/08/2014) U (09/08/2014)	\$57.55 \$170.47 \$44.24 \$121.81 \$101.53	

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