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NEW THEMES



What's Changed:

Contributions from new launches remain a vital growth driver for pharmaceuticals. Check out the biggest potential pharma product launches in 2023 on page 17.



What's Changed: In addition to new launches, key existing products are also expected to continue supporting pharmaceuticals' topline. For more on this, head to pages 18-19.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our outlook for the Pharmaceuticals industry for the next 12 months is neutral.

Key New Launches - Alzheimer's, RSV in the Spotlight

Contributions from new launches remain a vital growth driver for pharmaceuticals, especially as the sector continues to face patent expiry and generics/biosimilar impact, coupled with the anticipated dwindling Covid-19 related sales going forward. There are several projected product launches in 2023 with drugs for Alzheimer's disease in the spotlight including Eisai & Biogen's lecanemab (under brand name Leqembi, approved by the U.S. FDA in January) and Eli Lilly's donanemab. Another therapy area in focus is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) with GSK and Pfizer, as well as Johnson & Johnson and Moderna being in the race to bring the treatment into the market.

Oncology, Diabetes, and Obesity Among the Biggest New Sales Generators in 2023

In addition to new launches, key existing products are also expected to continue supporting revenue. According to Evaluate, Merck's Keytruda is expected to be not only the biggest new sales generator in 2023, but also the top selling drug in the same year. Diabetes drugs Ozempic and Mounjaro, as well as obesity drug Wegovy, are also projected to be at the top end of the biggest new sales generator list. We note the growth potential for obesity treatment going forward, where IQVIA projected it to register the second fastest growth over 2023-2027 after oncology, as highly effective treatments have become available and are expected to gain wider usage. Besides Wegovy, other obesity drug candidates are Eli Lilly's Tirzepatide and Novo Nordisk's Ozempic (existing GLP-1 drug for diabetes).

First 10 Medicare Part D Drugs Selected for Negotiation to be Released in September 2023

The U.S. Inflation Reduction Act 2022, which, among others, allows the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to negotiate prices for certain high-cost Medicare-covered drugs, was signed into law in August 2022. On March 15, 2023, HHS through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued initial guidance detailing the requirements and procedures for implementing the new negotiation program. By September 1, 2023, CMS will publish the first 10 Medicare Part D drugs selected for initial price applicability from year 2026. The negotiated maximum fair prices for these drugs will be published by September 1, 2024, and prices will be in effect starting January 1, 2026. While it is not clear which drugs would be negotiated, we see those at the top end of the most expensive drug list to be at risk.

Pick-up in M&A Deals, but Watch Out for Greater Scrutiny by Regulators

The industry saw some pick-up in transactions to date in 2023. AstraZeneca announced the acquisition of Cincor Pharma in January while Sanofi announced the deal to acquire Provention Bio in March. Following several acquisitions made in 2022, Pfizer continued its shopping spree to boost its pipeline with the proposed acquisition of Seagen for \$43 billion, making the transaction one of the largest pharma deals in history. These came after Amgen's agreement to buy Horizon Therapeutics for more than \$28 billion in December 2022. The greater scrutiny by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on deal transaction (previously the FTC announced a major review on how it has handled M&A in pharmaceuticals and biotech markets), however, may lead to some delay in deal completion or companies taking a more cautious approach, in our view. For example, Sanofi's deal to acquire Provention Bio faced some hiccups, as the company announced in April 2023 that it had to withdraw and refile its proposal to give the FTC more time to complete its review.

PHARMACEUTICALS

Outlook: Neutral

MARKET CAP BREAKDOWN* **RANK COMPANY MARKET** NO. NAME CAP (\$ billion) Johnson & Johnson 405.1 Novo Nordisk 2 356.2 3 Eli Lilly 309.7 Merck & Co. 270.1 5 Pfizer 230.3 Others† 1,519.9

Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

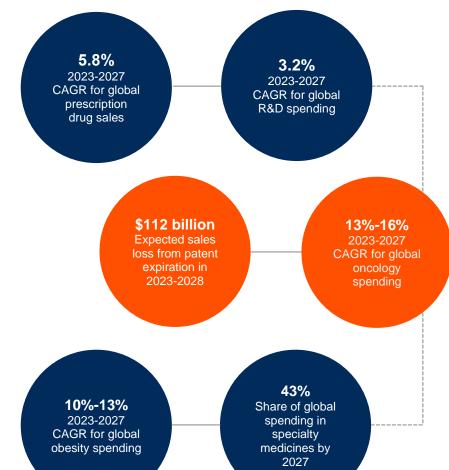
*Data as of March 31, 2023.

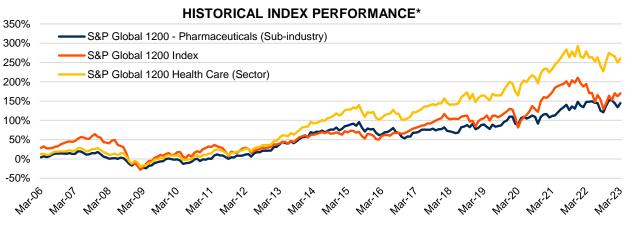
†Refer to the "Comparative Company Analysis" section of this survey for the list of companies.

ETF FOCUS

XLV Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund	AUM (\$M) 38,179.8	Expense Ratio 0.10
VHT Vanguard Health Care	AUM (\$M) 16,388.2	Expense Ratio 0.10
IHE iShares US Pharmaceuticals	AUM (\$M) 373.7	Expense Ratio 0.39
XPH SPDR S&P Pharmaceuticals	AUM (\$M) 192.0	Expense Raio 0.35

BY THE NUMBERS





*Data through March 31, 2023.

Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.

FINANCIAL METRICS

Revenue Growth

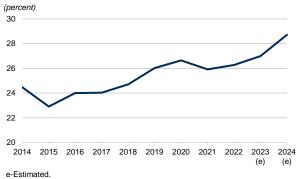


*Refer to the Comparative Company Analysis section for other companies. e-Estimated.

Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

- We expect industry revenue to decline 2% in 2023, largely due to the expectation of lower Covid-19 related sales amid improving health situation.
- We anticipate revenue to return to growth in 2024 as comparison base gets easier. We see growth to be supported by existing key products including the strong growth momentum for type 2 diabetes and obesity treatment, as well as new launches.

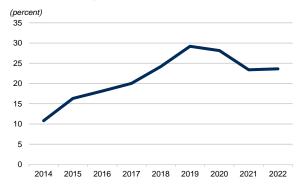
EBIT Margin



Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

- ◆ EBIT margins for the industry, on simple average, improved from 2015 to 2022, largely supported by the implementation of cost-saving initiatives.
- We expect the ongoing cost-saving measures to cushion the continued pricing pressure going forward.

Net Debt/Capitalization

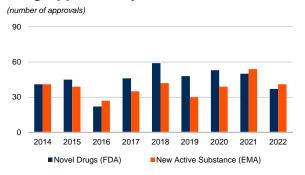


Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

- ◆ The net debt-to-capital for the industry has been moderate for the past several years due to persistent low interest rates.
- Looking forward, we foresee a cutback in debt and equity issuance propelled by weaker economic environment amid recessionary pressure.

KEY INDUSTRY DRIVERS

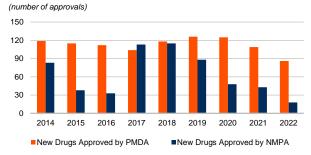
Drug Approvals by FDA & EMA



Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Europe Medicines Agency.

- ◆ The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved 37 novel drugs in 2022 and 50 novel drugs in 2021, which are at a near similar level to the past five-year average.
- ◆ The European Medicines Agency (EMA) recommended 89 medicines for marketing authorization in 2022, of which 41 contained new active substance that have never been authorized in the European Union (EU) before.
- IQVIA projects 50-55 launches on average per year in the U.S. and 40-45 launches on average per year for Europe, over the 2023-2027 period.

Drug Approvals by PMDA & NMPA



- *Source: National Medical Products Administration (NMPA), Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA).
- Over the past few years, Japan's Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) has accelerated drug development and new drug approval to allow for faster access to medicines for patients. In 2022, PMDA recommended 86 new drugs for marketing authorization for the year.
- In 2022, China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) approved 18 new drugs.

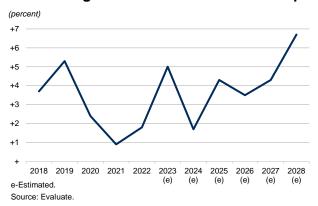
Worldwide Total Prescription Drug Sales



e-Estimated. Source: Evaluate.

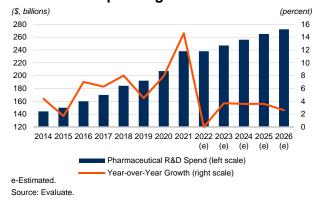
- Worldwide prescription drug sales are forecast to grow at a 6.9% CAGR from 2023 to 2028, hitting \$1.6 trillion in 2028. Evaluate expects Merck & Co. to be the leading prescription drug company in 2028, with sales of \$33.6 billion.
- We think the growing aging population, lengthening of life expectancy, and rising chronic disease prevalence will drive long-term demand for better quality drugs in the years ahead.

Global Drug Sales at Risk from Patent Expiration



- Novel drug makers receive multi-year periods of exclusivity to market their drugs once the formulations are patented and approved by regulators. Down the road, however, loss of exclusivity from patent expirations or successful patent challenges from competitors can cause major sales declines for brand drugs.
- Evaluate expects \$226 billion of sales to be at risk between 2021 and 2026, with 2023 set to see the expiry of key patents for several biologics, including Stelara.
- ♦ In 2025, Pfizer's Xeljanz and Boehringer Ingelheim's Ofev are set to lose exclusivity.

Global R&D Spending



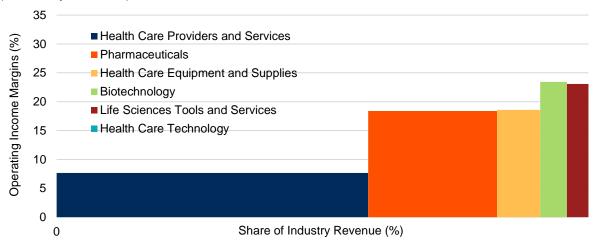
- Research & development (R&D) spending is expected to grow at a 3.2% CAGR between 2023 and 2027, according to Evaluate.
- ◆ The slower growth compared to historical CAGR of 6.5% between 2014 and 2022 could be attributed to the continuous effort in improving R&D processes, in our view. In addition, the historical CAGR was also boosted by Covid-19 related spending (R&D spending jumped 8%-15% year-over-year in 2020 and 2021), which is expected to trend down from the peak amid general health improvement.

INDUSTRY TRENDS

PROFIT POOLS

PROFIT SHARE MAP OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH CARE SECTOR*

(for the full year of 2022)

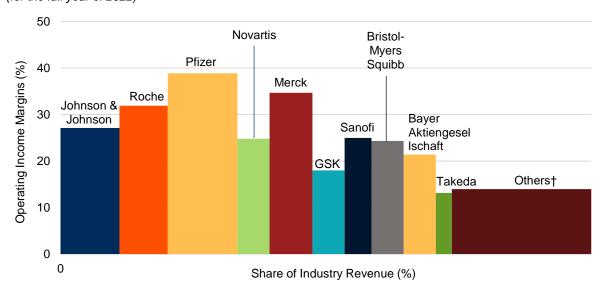


 $^{^{\}star}\text{Companies}$ within the S&P Global 1200 Index as of March 31, 2023.

Source: CFRA, company reports.

The Pharmaceuticals industry is the second-largest industry (in terms of total revenue) in the global Health Care sector and has the fifth-highest EBITDA margin in 2022. Pfizer is the biggest individual revenue contributor to the industry, representing 12.5% of industry revenue and has the highest operating margin (33.3%) during the same period, among the largest pharmaceutical companies globally. (Our profit pool analysis is based on constituents of the S&P Global 1200 index.)

PROFIT SHARE MAP OF THE GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRY* (for the full year of 2022)



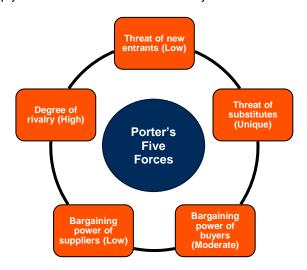
^{*}Companies within the S&P Global 1200 Index as of March 31, 2023.

†Refer to Comparative Company Analysis section of this survey for other companies in the industry. Source: CFRA, company reports.

Competitive Environment

PORTER'S FIVE FORCES

Porter's five forces, which provide a framework for industry analysis, were formulated by Michael E. Porter of Harvard Business School in 1979. Here are the five parameters on which an industry can be analyzed, and how these apply to the Pharmaceuticals industry.



PHARMACEUTICALS INDUSTRY: PORTER'S COMPETITIVE MATRIX

Threat of New Entrants (Low)

The Pharmaceuticals industry has a high barrier to entry mainly due to the significant investments needed for a company to properly establish the R&D, manufacturing, marketing, and distribution units. Given the nature of the business, there is a risk of zero returns if the company fails to produce the required drugs in time, resulting in large losses for investors. Regulatory constraints such as lengthy approval time and process also deter new entrants to the industry.

Threat of Substitutes (Unique)

A new regulator-approved drug that has patent protection has essentially no substitutes. However, once a drug loses its patent and/or exclusivity rights, generic production begins, and the number of substitutes increases rapidly due to the cheaper prices from the absence of high costs associated with R&D.

Bargaining Power of Buyers (Moderate)

Pharmaceutical companies are able to control brand drug prices during the patent protection period (typically 10 to 20 years) but will face intense pricing competition after generic competition enters the market. The rise in the number of producers of a given drug significantly increases customers' bargaining power. Also, large customers such as hospital networks or pharmacy benefit managers negotiating on behalf of large health insurers generally command much greater bargaining power compared with individual customers who have little to no bargaining power.

Bargaining Power of Suppliers (Low)

Drug manufacturers generally require raw materials, manufacturing equipment, and packaging materials from external suppliers, while the remaining expenses are focused on internally managed R&D efforts. Given that the production inputs are readily obtainable from numerous sources, suppliers have limited power to bargain or influence prices.

Degree of Rivalry (High)

The low switching cost and low product differentiation mean significant rivalry within the industry. There are also many participants in the Pharmaceuticals industry ranging from small to large firms whose brand drugs often compete with each other on similar treatment indications, as well as against generic challengers who seek to shorten patent protection periods. The increase in patent expiration has spurred the growth in generics, thus further fueling competition.

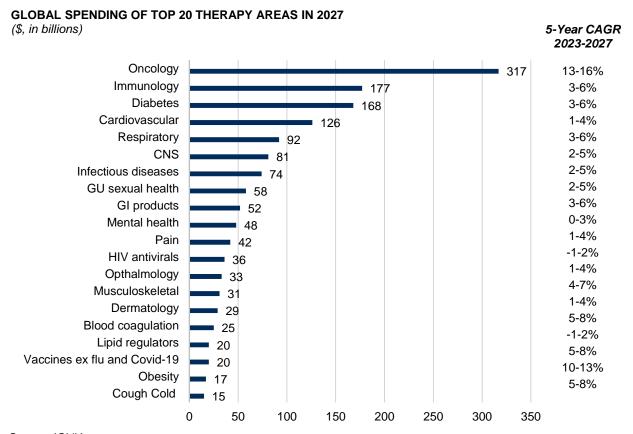
Source: CFRA.

Oncology Continues to Lead in Global Spending

Pharmaceutical companies compete across a diverse range of therapeutic areas. An important aspect of corporate strategy for a drug company is determining which areas to focus its drug development efforts on. Oncology is still expected to remain the largest therapy area going forward, with global spending expecting to grow at a five-year CAGR of 13%-16% between 2023 and 2027, according to IQVIA, to be driven by early diagnoses of patients, continued introduction of new drugs, and wider access to novel cancer drugs in more countries beyond the major developed countries where they often launch first. The current oncology pipeline is projected to add 100 new treatments in the next five years, which includes innovative treatment through cell therapy, RNA therapy, and immuno-oncology treatments. CFRA thinks the oncology market will continue to see significant growth due to the rising number of cancer patients worldwide. According to estimates from the American Cancer Society, there were 1.9 million new cancer cases and almost 609,360 million cancer deaths in the U.S. in 2022. By 2040, the global burden is expected to grow to 28.4 million new cancer cases and 16.3 million cancer deaths simply due to the growth and aging of the population.

After oncology, obesity treatment is projected to register the second fastest growth at a five-year CAGR of 10%-13% as highly effective treatments have become available and are expected to gain wider usage, according to IQVIA. Several new anti-obesity drug candidates are Eli Lilly's Tirzepatide and Novo Nordisk's Wegovy and Ozempic. Ozempic is an existing GLP-1 drug from Novo Nordisk for diabetes treatment. GLP-1 agonists, a class of medications initially developed in diabetes that often generate weight loss for patients, have been developed by several companies as new weight loss treatments. Assuming regulators' approval of the drugs, we think this could be a robust area in the Pharmaceuticals industry going forward.

Elsewhere, many therapy areas, including immunology, are expected to grow slower than historical partly due to the impact of biosimilars.



_	TOP 10 SELLING PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS WORLDWIDE BY 2028 (ranked in terms of 2028 product sales, in US\$ billions)								
RANK	PRODUCT	PRODUCT COMPANY		COUNTRY	MARKET STATUS	WORLDWIDE PRODUCT SALES (\$ billion)		2022- 2028 CAGR (%)	
						2022	2028		
1	Keytruda	Merck & Co	Oncology	Switzerland	Marketed	20.9	33.6	8.2	
2	Dupixent	Sanofi	Immuno- modulators	U.K.	Marketed	9.0	18.4	12.7	
3	Darzalex	Johnson & Johnson	Oncology	U.S.	Marketed	8.0	16.5	12.8	
4	Ozempic	Novo Nordisk	Endocrine	U.S.	Marketed	8.7	15.3	9.9	
5	Skyrizi	AbbVie	Dermatology	U.S.	Marketed	5.2	12.7	16.0	
6	Opdivo	Bristol-Myers Squibb	Oncology	U.S.	Marketed	8.2	12.7	7.6	
7	Biktarvy	Gilead Sciences	Systemic Anti- infectives	Switzerland	Marketed	10.4	12.3	2.8	
8	Mounjaro	Eli Lilly	Endocrine	U.S.	Marketed	0.5	10.8	67.8	
9	Gardasil	Merck & Co.	Systemic Anti- infectives	Switzerland	Marketed	6.9	10.6	7.4	
10	Trikafta	Vertex Pharmaceuticals	Respiratory	U.S.	Marketed	7.7	10.5	5.3	
					Total	85.5	153.4	10.2	

Note: Sales represent company reported sales where available, otherwise based on an average of equity analyst estimates. Source: Evaluate.

The Continuous Threat of Generics and Biosimilars

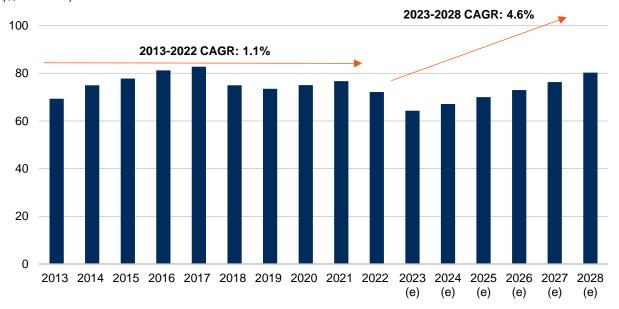
As drugs continue to come off patent, the market is turning toward generic substitution. Generic medicines play an important role in health care across the world, accounting for the majority of total medication dispensed while contributing only a fraction of the cost. In 2022, global spending on unbranded generic medicines reached \$150.2 billion, according to IQVIA.

Key players in the generic drugs market include Viatris, Teva Pharmaceuticals, Sun Pharmaceutical, and Sandoz (Novartis generic arm). In terms of country, India is the largest provider of generic drugs globally, exporting to major markets, including the U.S. (which accounts for roughly 40% of U.S. generic drugs import) and the European Union (EU). CFRA thinks India-based generic makers will continue to take market share from developed nation firms due to lower production costs. On the other hand, we note the primary focus of many companies in China is moving toward innovative drugs, and we expect Chinese pharmaceutical companies to shift some of their resources away from generics and focus on the more lucrative innovative drugs.

According to Evaluate, worldwide generic drug sales are expected to grow by 4.6% CAGR over the 2023-2028 period to \$80 billion.

WORLDWIDE TOTAL GENERIC DRUGS SALES (2013-2028)

(\$, in billions)



Source: Evaluate.

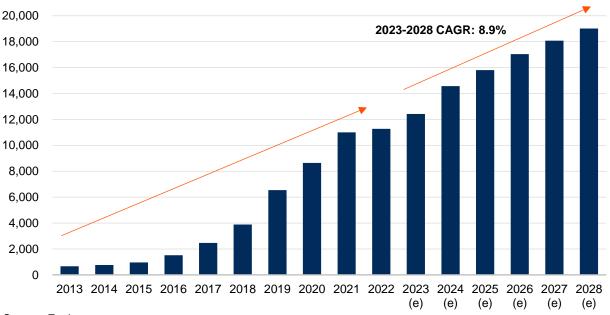
Aside from generics, the biosimilars market is also growing rapidly and accounts for a substantial and increasing portion of health care costs. A biosimilar is a biologically equivalent form of a biologic drug, somewhat analogous to a generic form of a branded drug, although there are differences both in composition and approval processes for biosimilars versus generics. Biologics and biosimilars generally consist of complex organic (sometimes living) compounds, which are often grown in living systems rather than synthetically manufactured as traditional drugs are. After facing challenges in its early years, the biosimilars market has grown significantly, helped by the streamlining of regulatory guidelines as well as increasingly positive clinical data, which led to better perception (of biosimilars) by various health care stakeholders.

The EU pioneered the regulation of biosimilars since the first approval of the growth hormone Somatropin in 2006, while the U.S. FDA gave the first approval for biosimilars in 2015. Since then, the number of biosimilar approvals and, subsequently, biosimilar sales have gradually increased. Evaluate expects biosimilar sales to grow by an 8.9% CAGR over the 2023-2028 period. In our view, the higher projected growth for biosimilars compared to generics can be partly explained by the upcoming loss of exclusivity of several key biologics such as Stelara and Humira.

Biosimilars are typically priced at about a 30% discount, while generic drugs are typically priced at an 80%-85% discount to the originator's compound.

WORLDWIDE BIOSIMILARS MARKET OUTLOOK

(in \$, billions)



Source: Evaluate.

OVERVIEW OF MAJOR PHARMACEUTICAL MARKETS*								
MAJOR PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET	PHARMACEUTICAL SALES (in \$, billions)		R&D SPENDING (in \$, billions)	HEALTH CARE SPENDING AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP (%)		2022-2026 CAGR GLOBAL INVOICE MEDICINES SPENDING (%)		
	2020	2021	2020	2020	2021			
U.S.	533.5	550.0	72.4	18.0	17.8	2.5-5.5%		
Europe								
Germany	56.6	52.5	7.6	12.5	12.8	4.5-7.5%		
France	37.8	39.4	4.3	12.4	12.2	2-5%		
U.K.	28.7	36.6	5.5	12.8	11.9	4-7%		
Italy	33.4	34.3	1.6	9.7	9.5	2-5%		
Spain	26.3	27.7	1.1	10.7	-	1.5-4.5%		
Switzerland	7.3	7.1	7.2	11.8	-	-		
China	93.0	98.5	10.9	-	-	-		
Japan	79.2	72.0	88.9	11.1	-	-2-1%		

^{*}Latest available data as of 2021. R&D spending latest available data as of 2020.

Source: IQVIA, OECD, EFPIA, CSET, JPMA.

United States

The U.S. is the world's largest pharmaceutical market, generating over \$550 billion in sales in 2021 (latest available). Many of the leading global pharmaceutical companies are based in the U.S., including Pfizer, Merck & Co., and Johnson & Johnson. The primary reason most pharmaceutical firms focus heavily on the U.S. market is because they can generally charge more for brand drugs in the country. This is mainly because health care customers in the U.S. are private and fragmented, and drug makers do not have to negotiate pricing with a centralized national health system. However, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 is expected to lower drug prices in the U.S. Among others, the Act allows the government to negotiate prices on the costliest prescription drugs, although this will only be effective from 2026. IQVIA lowered its forecast for U.S. spending growth at net levels to -1% to 2% CAGR (over the next five years) from 0%-3% to reflect the projected effects of the Act.

Europe

♦ Germany

Germany is Europe's largest pharmaceutical market, ranking first in terms of pharmaceutical sales and R&D spending as of 2021 (latest available). Biologics have taken up a considerable share of the pharmaceutical market in Germany, according to Germany Trade & Invest, growing by 11.6% on average annually from 2015 to 2019 (latest available), more than twice the growth of the overall pharmaceutical market. The total revenue of biopharmaceuticals in Germany accounted for more than a quarter of the market for pharmaceuticals.

◆ France

France came in second in Europe in terms of sales as of 2021 (latest available) and ranked fifth largest worldwide. France's health care spending in relation to its GDP reached 12.2% in 2021 from 12.4% in 2020, according to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Although France has strong capabilities in the life sciences area, the country is relatively weak in terms of the number of biotech firms, with only 946 as of April 7, 2023, behind the U.K. and Germany.

◆ United Kingdom

The U.K.'s pharmaceutical market was the third-largest market in Europe in 2021 (latest available) and ranked third in Europe in terms of R&D spending in 2020 (latest available), behind Germany and Switzerland. It is the home of pharmaceutical giants AstraZeneca and GSK. The U.K. spent 11.9% of its GDP on health care in 2021, above the OECD average of 9.6% in 2021.

♦ Italy

Italy is Europe's fourth-largest pharmaceutical market in 2021 (latest available). The country has several major players consisting of small and medium-sized companies, as well as large private family-owned firms. Unlike other European countries such as Germany (Bayer and Merck KGaA) and France (Sanofi), Italy does not play host to any giant pharmaceutical companies. Since 2004, the Italian government has implemented an aggressive program to hold down pharmaceutical costs. Italy has a lower pharmaceutical spending compared to other major European countries, with health care spending accounting for 9.5% of GDP in 2021, 0.1 percentage points below the OECD average of 9.6% in 2021, according to the OECD.

♦ Spain

Spain ranked fifth in Europe in total pharmaceutical sales in 2021 (latest available) but lags in pharmaceutical innovation, with total R&D spending ranking in the 6th spot in Europe in 2020 (latest available). Following the 2009 economic crisis, health care spending remained flat or even decreased in some years but started to rise again from 2014 onward. In 2015, Spain implemented a pharmaceutical budget cap in order to contain expenditure and link it to GDP growth. Spain's health care spending as a percentage of GDP in 2020 (latest available) of 10.7% was higher than the OECD average of 9.7% in the same year.

Switzerland

The Pharmaceuticals industry is one of Switzerland's most important growth drivers and export sectors. The industry has been responsible for more than a third of the country's GDP growth over the last decade. Switzerland also has a large export surplus of pharmaceutical products worldwide, with pharmaceutical exports making up more than 40% of Swiss exports. The country ranked second in Europe in terms of R&D spending in 2020 (latest available) and is the home to pharmaceutical giants Roche and Novartis. Many international pharma and biotech companies have also invested in Switzerland, as the country offers flexible labor laws and a stable economic environment. One of the world's leading biotech hubs, Switzerland provides nearly 50,000 jobs in the Pharmaceuticals industry, and more than 1,000 biotech start-ups work in fields ranging from dermatology to oncology, from neurology to antibodies.

Asia-Pacific

♦ China

China's Pharmaceuticals industry has been growing rapidly over the years, driven by central government reforms to expand insurance access to both rural and urban residents, as well as increasing total health spending. In 2021, China ranked second worldwide in pharmaceutical sales, an impressive growth from the ninth position in 2005.

China's pharmaceutical market has moved from a primary focus on generics manufacturing to the R&D of novel and innovative treatments. Fueled by favorable policies since 2017, new launches of innovative medicines have rapidly increased. China has also become one of the most important regions for global drug development due to its high potential growth. Sensing the immense commercial opportunity, big pharma foreign companies have followed the trend and secured some licensing deals with Chinese companies in recent years to further extend their market access for innovative drugs.

◆ Japan

In Japan, the Pharmaceuticals industry has experienced modest growth in recent years. Previously the second-largest pharmaceutical market after the U.S., Japan now ranked third, with China taking the second spot in recent years. An aging population and rising life expectancy have contributed to a strong demand for drugs and treatments, which would be a major driver of potential trends in the Pharmaceuticals industry in the region. However, based on IQVIA data, spending is expected to be relatively flat through 2027 with innovation offsetting the annual price cuts. The Japanese pharmaceutical market is highly competitive, and many leading global pharmaceutical companies are based in Japan, including Takeda, Chugai, Daiichi Sankyo, and Eisai.

Operating Environment

Key New Launches - Alzheimer's and Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) in the Spotlight

Contributions from new launches remain a vital growth driver for pharmaceuticals, especially as the sector continues to face patent expiry and generics/biosimilar impact. There are several projected product launches in 2023 with drugs for Alzheimer's disease in the spotlight. Eisai & Biogen's lecanemab (under brand name Leqembi) was approved by the U.S. FDA in January 2023 under an accelerated approval process. Eli Lilly's bid for an accelerated approval for its donanemab, however, was rejected by the FDA due to the limited number of patients with at least 12 months of drug exposure data provided in the submission. The company said it will continue to work with the FDA to evaluate the fastest pathway to make this potential treatment option widely available to patients. The topline data read-out for its Phase 3 trial is expected in the second quarter of 2023 and will form the basis of donanemab's application for traditional approval (instead of accelerated approval) shortly thereafter.

Another therapy area in focus is respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) with GSK and Pfizer, as well as Johnson & Johnson and Moderna being in the race to bring the treatment into the market.

BIGGEST POTE	NTIAL PRODUCT LAUNC	HES IN 2023		
PROJECT	DESCRIPTION	COMPANIES	STATUS	2028 ESTIMATED SALES
Lecanemab	Anti-amyloid-beta mAb for Alzheimer's disease	Eisai/Biogen	PDUFA* January 6, 2023 (accelerated approval)	\$3.0 billion
SRP-9001	Gene therapy for Duchenne muscular dystrophy	Sarepta/Roche	PDUFA May 29, 2023 (accelerated approval)	\$2.2 billion
Intravitreal Pegcetacoplan	Complement factor C3 inhibitor for geographic atrophy	Apellis	PDUFA February 26, 2023; EMA filing planned for December 2022	\$2.0 billion
Donanemab	Anti-amyloid-beta MAb for Alzheimer's disease	Eli Lilly	FDA rejected Eli Lilly's application for an accelerated approval	\$1.9 billion
RSVPreF3 OA (GSK3844766A)	Vaccine for older adults against respiratory syncytial virus	GSK	PDUFA May 3, 2023; European approval likely mid-late 2023	\$1.8 billion
Epcoritamab	Anti-CD20 bispecific for lymphomas	Abbvie/Genmab	PDUFA May 21, 2023 (possibly accelerated decision), filed in EU, for diffuse large B cell lymphoma	\$1.7 billion
Zuranolone	Gaba A modulator for major depressive disorder and postpartum depression	Biogen/Sage	NDA for MDD and PPD to be completed by year end 2022 with potential for priority review; analysts assume mid-late 2023 U.S. approval	\$1.5 billion
Mirikizumab	Anti-IL-23 MAb in development for ulcerative colitis and Crohn's	Eli Lilly	PDUFA date May 2023 (ulcerative colitis); MAA filed Q1 2022, decision expected 2023	\$1.2 billion
Etrasimod	S1P 1 modulator for ulcerative colitis	Pfizer	Regulatory filings planned for 2022; analysts assume late 2023 launch	\$1.2 billion
Sotatercept	Activin receptor 2a regulator for pulmonary arterial hypertension	Merck & Co.	Filing expected early 2023; fast track/breakthrough designations in place in U.S. and Europe; analysts assuming late 2023 launch	\$1.0 billion

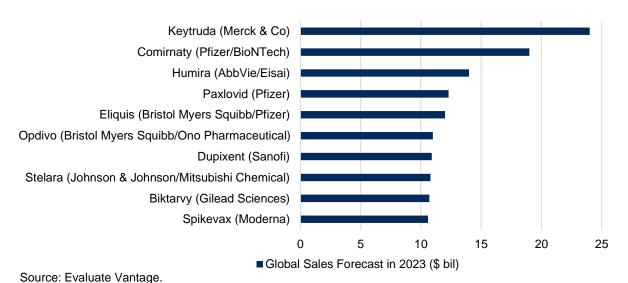
Source: DCAT Value Chain Insights.

Oncology and Diabetes Among the Biggest New Sales Generator in 2023

In addition to new launches, key existing products are also expected to continue supporting pharmaceuticals' topline. According to Evaluate, Merck's Keytruda is expected to be not only the biggest new sales generator in 2023 (adding ~\$3 billion in new sales), but also the top selling drug in the same year. Keytruda is projected to take the top spot from Pfizer & BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine Comirnaty following the anticipated waning demand for Covid-19 related products. Diabetes drugs Ozempic and Mounjaro as well as obesity drug Wegovy are also projected to be at the top end of the biggest new sales generator list on strong demand for type 2 diabetes and obesity agents.

By company, Pfizer is projected to remain at the top of the largest sales list, although the position could be shaky going forward, in our view, given the expected downtrend in Covid-19 related sales. Novo Nordisk and AstraZeneca lead in terms of biggest new sales generator, driven by Ozempic and Wegovy for Novo Nordisk, and by the continued strong growth in oncology for AstraZeneca.

TOP SELLING DRUGS IN 2023

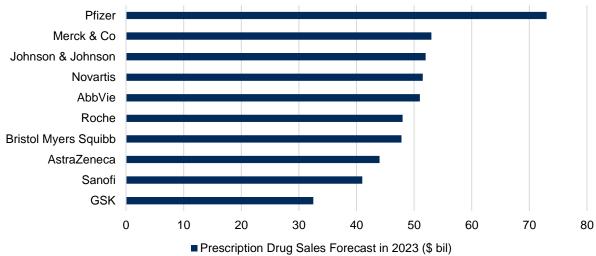


BIGGEST NEW SALES GENERATORS: DRUGS



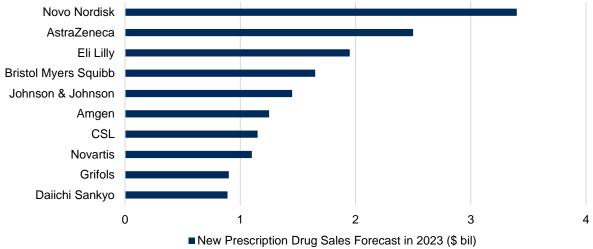
Source: Evaluate Vantage.

BIGGEST COMPANIES IN 2023



Source: Evaluate Vantage.

BIGGEST NEW SALES GENERATORS: COMPANIES



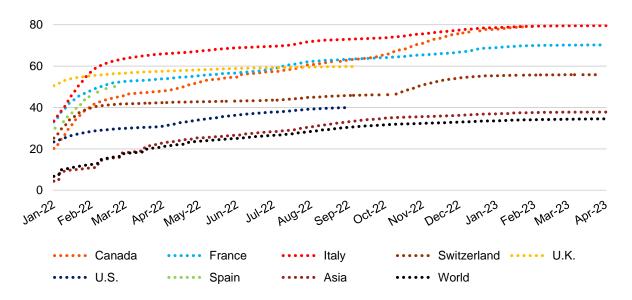
Source: Evaluate Vantage.

From Pandemic to Endemic: Less Contribution From Covid-19 Related Sales Compared to 2021 Peak In 2021, Covid-19 vaccine frontrunners registered higher revenue from the contribution of Covid-19 vaccine sales, reaping the benefit of being the first movers in the Covid-19 vaccine market. AstraZeneca's revenue grew by 41% year-over-year in 2021, but it was no match to the growth shown by Pfizer and Moderna, as AstraZeneca pledged to provide the vaccine at no profit during the pandemic. Pfizer's sales nearly doubled to \$81 billion in 2021, while Moderna's sales shot to more than \$18 billion in 2021 (versus \$803 million in 2020).

Going forward, we expect to see less contribution from Covid-19 related sales amid improving health situation, particularly compared to the peak in 2021. Online data publication Our World in Data reported that more than 13 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses have been administered worldwide as of early April 2023, with 69.9% of the world population having received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, an improvement from 47.6% in October 2021. Many countries, especially the developed nations, started their Covid-19 inoculation drive from December 2020. As of March 2023, most developed countries such as the U.S. and major European countries have more than 70% of their population vaccinated, while only 29.2% of people in low-income countries have received at least one dose (up from 14.5% in March 2022).

Booster shots are being recommended, as protection from the initial Covid-19 vaccine appears to wane after a period, in addition to the concern over new Covid-19 variants. However, the uptake is not as significant as the primary vaccine; therefore, we reiterate our view of lower contribution from Covid-19 related sales going forward amid improving health conditions. This is in line with guidance provided by pharmaceuticals. We note that majority of companies that previously benefited from the surge in Covid-19 related products during the height of the pandemic continued to guide for lower Covid-19 related sales in 2023.

COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS ADMINISTERED PER 100 PEOPLE*



*As of April 1, 2023. Source: Our World in Data.

The Inflation Reduction Act

In August 2022, U.S. President Joe Biden signed into law the Inflation Reduction Act 2022, a package comprising health care, climate change, and taxation policy reforms. For the Pharmaceuticals industry, the Inflation Reduction Act is expected to result in net reduction of manufacturers revenue through price negotiation, inflation penalties, and a shift in cost subsidy responsibility in the Medicare program. The Act allows the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to negotiate prices for certain high-cost Medicare covered drugs (including small molecule drugs and biologics) and to implement the negotiated prices starting in 2026 (starting initially with 10 Part D drugs and ramping up over time to 20 Part D or Part B drugs). HHS will select and publish the list of selected drugs for negotiation at least two years prior to the initial price applicability year – negotiation-eligible drugs will be selected from a list of Part D (retail prescription drugs) and Part B (administered by physicians) having the highest total expenditures. While it is not clear which drugs would be negotiated, we see those at the top end of the most expensive drug list to be at risk. Note that there are also other criteria such as the drugs must have been on the market for at least seven years as of the selection date for Part D (at least nine years for Part B) and the drugs that have generic or biosimilar competitor are excluded from the negotiation.

On March 15, 2023, the HHS through the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued initial guidance detailing the requirements and procedures for implementing the new negotiation program for the first set of negotiations. By September 1, 2023, CMS will publish the first 10 Medicare Part D drugs

selected for initial price applicability from year 2026. The negotiated maximum fair prices for these drugs will be published by September 1, 2024, and prices will be in effect starting January 1, 2026.

TOP 10 MEDICARE PART B SPENDING BY DRUG* (US\$, in billions)							
BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	TOTAL SPENDING 2021					
Keytruda	Pembrolizumab	4.0					
Eylea	Aflibercept	3.4					
Prolia	Denosumab	1.8					
Darzalex Faspro	Daratumumab	1.6					
Lucentis	Ranibizumab	1.0					
Orencia	Abatacept*	1.0					
Rituxan	Rituximab	0.8					
Tecentriq	Atezolizumab	0.7					
Soliris	Eculizumab	0.6					
Ocrevus	Ocrelizumab	0.6					
*Latest available d	*Latest available data as of 2021						

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Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

TOP 10 MEDICARE PART D SPENDING BY DRUG* (US\$, in billions)						
BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME	TOTAL SPENDING 2021				
Eliquis	Apixaban	12.6				
Revlimid	Lenalidomide	5.9				
Xarelto	Rivaroxaban	5.2				
Trulicity	Dulaglutide	4.7				
Januvia	Sitagliptin Phosphate	4.1				
Imbruvica	Ibrutinib	3.2				
Humira(Cf) Pen	Adalimumab	2.9				
Lantus Solostar	Insulin Glargine, Hum.Rec.Anlog	2.8				
Ozempic	Semaglutide	2.6				
Xtandi	Enzalutamide	2.4				

^{*}Latest available data as of 2021.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

DRUG NEGOTIATION TIMELINE



 The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will release information on how it will engage members of the public (including people with Medicare, consumer advocates, prescription drug companies, Medicare Advantage and Part D plans, health care providers and pharmacies, and other interested parties) on key policies, make requests for information, and inform the public on other implementation timelines and milestones.

Winter 2023

 CMS will begin to propose its data collection processes essential to carrying out the first year of the Negotiation Program. These proposals will be available for public input. The first proposal will include a data collection process to gather information necessary to identify which drugs qualify for the small biotech manufacturer exemption in the early years, as provided for under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Spring 2023

- CMS will issue guidance for the negotiation process for 2026 and invite public comment on key elements, such as
 the offer and counteroffer process between Medicare and prescription drug companies, and the methodology for
 applying maximum fair prices.
- In addition, CMS will propose its data collection processes and invite public comments on proposals that will ask
 for input on data and information the federal government must collect for consideration when negotiating the
 maximum fair prices, as well as information to be included in the offer and counteroffer process.

June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023 • The time period for which data on total expenditures under Medicare Part D will be used to determine Medicare Part D negotiation-eligible drugs for 2026 (the first year of negotiation).

Summer 2023 CMS will update its guidance as needed for the negotiation process for 2026 and data collection requests. CMS will seek additional comment on the proposals for data and information collection.

September 1, 2023 CMS will publish a list of 10 Medicare Part D drugs selected for negotiation for 2026.

October 1

 Deadline for companies of drugs selected for the Negotiation Program to sign agreements to participate in the negotiation process for 2026.

October 2, 2023 Deadline for companies of drugs selected for the Negotiation Program to submit manufacturerspecific data to CMS to consider in the negotiation of maximum fair price.

February 1 2024 CMS sends initial offers of a maximum fair price with a justification for a selected drug to each company
participating in the Negotiation Program. The negotiation period begins.

March 2, 2024 Companies have 30 days from receiving offers of a maximum fair price for a drug to accept the offer or propose a counteroffer, if desired.

August 1,

The negotiation period ends.

September 1, 2024 CMS will publish maximum fair prices for drugs selected for negotiation for 2026.

January 1, 2026 Maximum fair prices are effective for selected drugs.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Expected Sales Lost from Patent Expirations of \$112 billion Over 2023 to 2027

Major patent expirations or "patent cliffs" are one of the major issues facing the Pharmaceuticals industry. According to IQVIA, the impact of losses of exclusivity in the U.S. and in the five largest European markets (Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and the U.K.) is expected to increase significantly over the next five years as the industry is expected to face high-profile patent expirations in the coming years such as Stelara, Eliquis, and Humira.

Despite the likely loss of revenue to patent owners, patent expirations would foster a more level playing field and are expected to reduce overall drug spending by about \$141 billion through 2027, according to the "The Global Use of Medicines 2023: Outlook to 2027" report by IQVIA.

MAJOR POTENTIAL PATENT EXPIRATIONS (arranged by patent expiry year)								
PRODUCT	COMPANY	2022 SALES (in \$, millions)	PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASS	MAJOR INDICATION				
2023 Stelara	Johnson & Johnson	9,723	Interleukin inhibitor	Psoriatic arthritis				
2025 Ofev Xeljanz	Boehringer Ingelheim Pfizer	1,488 1,796	Tyrosine kinase inhibitor Janus Kinase (JAK) inhibitor	Idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis Rheumatoid arthritis				
2026		.,	` ,					
Pomalyst	BMS	3,497	Immunomodulatory agent with antineoplastic activity	Multiple myeloma				
Yervoy	BMS	2,131	Cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen 4 (CTLA-4)	Renal cell carcinoma (RCC)				
Eliquis	Pfizer	6,480	Factor Xa inhibitor	Deep venous thrombosis (DVT)				
2034								
Humira	AbbVie	18,619	TNF inhibitor	Psoriatic arthritis				

Note: Patent expiration years are approximate for main indications in major markets (excluding line extensions and some already lost exclusivity), and are subject to change, depending on the success of generic entries.

Source: Company reports.

Research & Development Environment

Patent expirations are usually followed by significant generic competition, which prompted large-cap branded pharmaceutical companies to spend on R&D in order to expedite pipeline cycle management of their existing blockbusters to be used in combination with new compounds. R&D spending by companies and the industry as a whole, as well as the number of new molecular entities (NMEs) or new active substance introduced (which have not been approved previously and frequently provide new therapies for patients), can be used as an important metric to show the level of R&D and competitive advantage of the industry.

In February 2023, Pfizer announced its intention to develop creative investment and partnership models among biotech companies to address the unique challenges of biomedical innovations. With this program, Pfizer aims to leverage significant resources, scale, and expertise to support particularly young and emerging biotech companies in accelerating their creations from preclinical R&D through the development lifecycle. Ultimately, the objective of Pfizer Ignite is to establish foundational, long-lasting relationships with prospective biotech partners to help enhance the value of their programs and expedite the development of breakthrough therapies to the patients that need them.

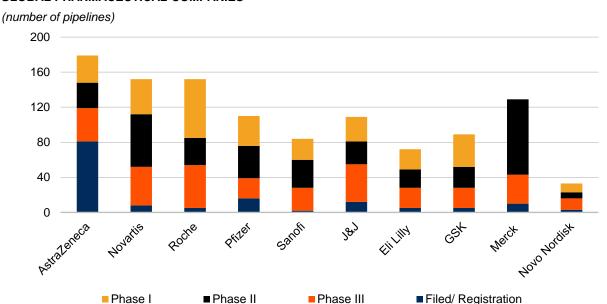
According to Evaluate, global pharmaceutical R&D spending is expected to rise to \$285 billion in 2028, growing at an annualized rate of 2.6% between 2022 and 2028, lower than the historical CAGR of 7.3% between 2014 and 2021. The slower growth rate could be attributed to biopharma companies' shift of focus on cash conservation in the near future, owing to the tightening of the financing climate, in our view.

As shown in the table below, Evaluate expects Roche will overtake Merck & Co. and Johnson & Johnson to be the biggest spender on pharmaceutical R&D (as a percentage of prescription drug sales) in 2028. Global spending on cancer (oncology) drugs is expected to continue as the primary driver of pharmaceutical spending growth.

	PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (R&D) SPENDING								
(ranked I	in terms of 2028 R&D ex	R&D SPENDING		R&D AS A % OF PRESCRIPTION SALES					
				2022	2028	2022	2028		
1	Roche	Switzerland	Pharmaceuticals (oncology, immunology, ophthalmology)	12.7	15.3	26.5	23.9		
2	Merck & Co.	U.S.	Pharmaceuticals (oncology), animal health	11.8	13.3	23.8	19.2		
3	Johnson & Johnson	U.S.	Consumer products, medical devices	11.3	13.1	22.5	22.1		
4	Pfizer	U.S.	Pharmaceuticals (diabetes, hemophilia)	12.4	13.0	13.6	22.3		
5	AstraZeneca	U.K.	Pharmaceuticals (cardiovascular, oncology, respiratory)	9.5	12.2	22.1	22.3		
6	Eli Lilly	U.S.	Pharmaceuticals (diabetes, oncology)	7.2	11.1	28.3	24.2		
7	Novartis	Switzerland	Pharmaceuticals (oncology), generics	6.3	9.8	12.6	18.4		
8	Bristol-Myers Squibb	U.S.	Pharmaceuticals (oncology, immunology)	9.2	9.1	20.3	20.2		
9	AbbVie	U.S.	Pharmaceuticals (oncology, immunology, neuroscience)	6.4	7.9	11.4	12.5		
10	GSK	U.K.	Pharmaceuticals (respiratory, HIV), vaccines	6.3	7.7	16.5	18.3		
Source:	Evaluate, company repo	rts.							

The graph on the next page shows the R&D pipeline for the top 10 global pharmaceutical companies. As of February 2023, we note that AstraZeneca has the highest filed/registration pipeline of 179, followed by Novartis and Roche, both at 152. In our view, having a large R&D pipeline, particularly the late-stage pipeline (Phase III and filed/registration), is vital to support future revenues and could help pharmaceutical companies offset some patent losses.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE BY PHASE I, II, III, AND FILED/REGISTRATION FOR TOP 10 GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES*



*Data as of February 2023 for Roche, Sanofi, Eli Lilly, and Merck, and as of January 2023 for Pfizer and J&J. Data as of full year 2022 for AstraZeneca, Novartis, GSK and Novo Nordisk. Source: CFRA, company filings.

Cell, Gene, and RNA Therapies Offer Potential, but Not Without Uncertainty

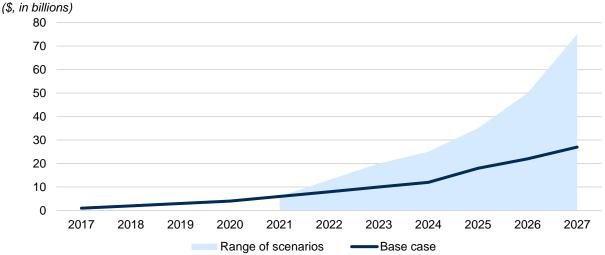
After several setbacks over the last couple of decades, cell, gene, and RNA-based therapies are starting to make significant progress, with new therapies being developed across various therapeutic areas. According to IQVIA, 30 cell, gene, or RNA-based therapies have launched globally as of November 2022, with additional 55-65 therapies anticipated to be launched by 2027. Among the cell, gene, and RNA-based therapies that have been approved include Spark Therapeutics' Luxturna for the treatment of any heritable retinal dystrophy caused by the mutated RPE65 gene; Novartis' Zolgensma, a one-time infusion to treat infants with spinal muscular atrophy; and Kymriah, a chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy for the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

Many biopharma companies are building out their portfolio of candidates targeting blood cancers, with an estimated market of more than \$70 billion in revenues by 2028 (versus under \$40 billion in 2021). One common path for these drug candidates is to pursue CAR-T therapy, but the space is getting crowded, especially for prospects still at Phase 1 or Phase 2 in the development process. We think biopharmas that had an earlier start in CAR-T therapy may have an advantage, such as Gilead and Novartis, but we are less optimistic for Bristol-Myers Squibb (which may be squandering an early-mover advantage) and for later-to-the-market CRISPR and Johnson & Johnson.

The total global spending as of November 2022 reached \$8 billion and is estimated to increase to \$27 billion by 2027, although with significant uncertain clinical and commercial successes. IQVIA expects the estimated spending to be dominated by cell and RNA therapies and will be slightly less contributed by gene therapy. This marks a substantial growth compared to the first therapies that were launched in 2010, which had less than \$1 billion total spending until 2018. Nevertheless, these new therapies are expected to encounter some challenges in the industry such as market access limitations across geographies, with spending and usage mostly limited to major developed markets. More limited reimbursement could potentially lead to lower uptake, resulting in lower levels or delayed usage and spending across these areas. Several other uncertainties include potential improved performance of already marketed therapies and ambiguous outcomes on ongoing research. Concern over safety, even

for those that have been approved, could also be a risk in our view. For example, in August 2022, Novartis recorded two deaths after treatment with its spinal muscular atrophy gene therapy, Zolgensma. Two children died of acute liver failure, a known side effect of Zolgensma, about five to six weeks after receiving the therapy. While severe liver injury is a notable risk of Zolgensma, the two deaths are the first reports of fatal cases.





Source: IQVIA.

Demographics Shape Pharmaceutical Consumption

The worldwide demographic trends that bode well for long-term pharmaceutical consumption are the aging of the population in the largest markets, the lengthening of the average life expectancy, and a rising incidence of chronic diseases. In many countries, the elderly population – a group with disproportionately greater use of prescription drugs – is growing faster than the general population.

The share of world population aged 65 years or over increased to 10% in 2022 and is projected to increase further to 16% by 2050, according to "World Population Prospects 2022" by the United Nations. In the U.S., the Census Department projected that the 65-and-older segment of the population will grow to 94.7 million in 2060 from more than just over 55.6 million in 2020 (latest available). In Europe, the European Commission projected the number of elderly persons (65 and older) to increase to 129.8 million in 2050 from 90.5 million at the start of 2019 (latest available). In Japan, the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research estimated that the old-age population will increase to 39 million in 2042, from 36.2 million in 2020 (latest available). China's elderly population is anticipated to double over the next two decades, which will put increasing pressure on the country's health care system, in our view.

Companion Animal Health Trend in the U.S.

New pet ownership has remained high in the U.S. since the Covid-19 pandemic. As people have been spending more time at home, pet ownership in the U.S. increased to 70% (about 90.5 million families) of households vs. 56% earlier in 1988, according to Forbes Advisor. Total U.S. pet expenditure grew 19.3%, reaching \$123.6 billion in 2021 (latest available) compared to the previous year despite the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic in the U.S. in March 2020.

In our view, Zoetis, which is the global leader in Animal Health, and Merck, which generates 4% of its revenue from Animal Health (\$8.1 billion in sales in 2022), are well-positioned to absorb the growing demand in Animal Health thanks to their diverse portfolio of animal medicines, vaccines, and vitamins. In 2022, Zoetis' Companion Animal revenue grew by 4% year-over-year. Although Animal Health makes up

only 9.4% of Merck's total business, it was one of the company's most resilient segments in 2022. Companion Animal made up 41% of Merck's Animal Health revenues in 2022, generating \$2.3 billion in revenue.

Litigation Risk: Zantac's First Bellwether Trial Expected in July

In August 2022, share prices of several pharmaceutical companies including Sanofi and GSK were impacted by the concern over Zantac's (heartburn drug) litigation risk (claims alleging the drug causes cancer). Class actions and personal injury lawsuits were filed after the U.S. FDA raised safety concerns in 2019. Zantac was originally developed by GSK and was launched back in 1983. Sanofi acquired the overthe-counter (OTC) rights to Zantac in 2017. Before that, there were other companies that marketed prescription and/or branded OTC Zantac over time including Pfizer and Boehringer Ingelheim – which are also named as defendants in these actions. Given Zantac's rights were held by different companies at various times, potential liability may also be split among these players, in our view.

The December 2022 court ruling in the Zantac federal multi-district litigation (MDL) in the U.S. provided some relief as the ruling could remove some portion of potential liability related to the Zantac litigation. Judge Rosenberg granted all of the defendants' Daubert motions on general causation (motions to exclude expert witness) and the court has dismissed all MDL cases alleging the five cancers in the MDL (liver, bladder, pancreatic, esophageal, and stomach).

That said, the companies involved are still facing personal injury cases filed in state courts. It was the opposite case in California where in March 2023, Judge Grillo largely denied GSK's motion to exclude the plaintiff's expert testimony (Sargon motion) in the first bellwether trial in California (expected to start in July 2023), which means general and specific causation experts will be able to testify to all of their opinions. Note that in mid-December 2022, Sanofi reached an agreement to resolve Goetz's claims against it (California court case). With this settlement, Sanofi is not a defendant in any of the other California cases set for trial in 2023.



TOP 10 LARGEST SETTLEMENTS BY PHARMA COMPANIES						
COMPANIES	DESCRIPTION	SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	STATUS			
Purdue Pharma	Deceptive marketing campaign that minimized health risks of opioids and claimed that prescription drugs were rarely the cause of abuse, addiction, or death	\$6 billion	Ongoing			
Johnson & Johnson	Allegation that its talcum powder caused users to develop ovarian cancer, through use for feminine hygiene, or mesothelioma, a cancer that strikes the lungs and other organs	\$8.9 billion	Ongoing			
Merck & Co.	Arthritis pain drug Vioxx was pulled from the market over safety concerns and several product liability trials	\$4.85 billion	Completed in 2007			
American Home Products Corp. (now Wyeth)	Weight-loss combination known as "fen-phen" was pulled from the market due to serious, potentially fatal heart valve problems	\$3.75 billion	Completed in 2000			
GSK	Promoted drugs such as antidepressants, Paxil and Wellbutrin, for unapproved uses, failure to provide safety data for Avandia diabetes drug, and for paying kickback to doctors	\$3 billion	Completed in 2012			
Pfizer	Improper marketing for 13 drugs for unapproved uses	\$2.3 billion	Completed in 2009			
Takeda	Type 2 diabetes drug Actos caused bladder cancer	\$2.3 billion	Completed in 2015			
Johnson & Johnson	Promoted antipsychotic drugs Risperdal and Invega for unapproved uses and for paying kickback to pharmacists	\$2.2 billion	Completed in 2013			
Abbott Laboratories	Promoted anti-seizure drug Depakote for unapproved uses	\$1.6 billion	Completed in 2012			
Eli Lilly	Promoted top-selling schizophrenia drug Zyprexa for unapproved uses	\$1.42 billion	Completed in 2009			
Reckitt Benckiser	Carried out illegal scheme to boost sales of an opioid addiction treatment	\$1.4 billion	Completed in 2019			
Source: Fierce Pharma,	Reuters, DoJ.					

Regulatory Updates

OECD Deal Imposes Global Minimum Taxation

On October 8, 2021, the OECD unveiled its October 8 Landmark Agreement to promote fairer international tax arrangements and was backed by 136 countries + Mauritania. The two-pillar solution agreement consists of Pillar One and Pillar Two.

Pillar One outlines taxing rights of over 25% of the residual profit of the largest multinational enterprises (MNEs), and the most profitable MNEs (more than \$125 billion) are expected to be reallocated to market jurisdictions every year. Pillar Two introduces a global minimum taxation of at least 15% on multinationals with more than \$835 million in annual revenue and estimated additional global annual tax revenue of \$150 billion.

The new taxation is scheduled to take effect in 2023, and we foresee that this would potentially hurt the bottom-line profitability of large multinational pharmaceuticals that generate more than 50% of their sales internationally.

UNITED STATES

Potential Negative Impact of Increased Taxation on U.S. Pharmaceuticals

President Biden plans to double the current tax rate of foreign profits of U.S. firms, aiming to bring higher tax revenues to the U.S. President Biden also aims to end tax breaks given to U.S. firms investing abroad.

EUROPEAN UNION

Clinical Trials Regulation

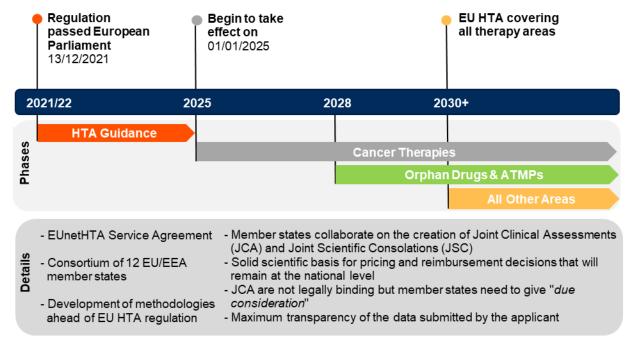
Clinical Trials Regulation (CTR), which aims to harmonize the process for assessment and supervision of clinical trials throughout the EU, entered into application on January 31, 2022. CTR repealed the previous Clinical Trials Directive (CTD). CTR enables sponsors to submit one online application via a single online platform known as the Clinical Trials Information System (CTIS) for approval to run a clinical trial in several European countries, making it more efficient to carry out such multinational trials. This also makes it more efficient for the EU Member States to evaluate and authorize such applications together via CTIS. Prior to CTR, clinical trial sponsors had to submit clinical trial applications separately to national competent authorities and ethics committees in each country to gain regulatory approval to run a clinical trial. Under CTR, national regulators in the EU Member States and European Economic Area (EEA) countries have started using CTIS from January 31, 2022, while clinical trial sponsors have a three-year transition period: (i) until January 31, 2023, clinical trial sponsors may use CTIS to apply to run clinical trials under CTR or may choose to apply to run trials under CTD; (ii) from January 31, 2023, clinical trial sponsors will need to use CTIS to apply to start a new clinical trial in the EU and EEA; (iii) from January 31, 2025, any trials approved under CTD that continue running will need to comply with the CTR and their sponsors must have recorded information on them in CTIS.

Regulation on Health Technology Assessment

The Regulation on Health Technology Assessment (HTA), billed as a key deliverable of the European Pharmaceutical Strategy, was adopted in December 2021 in the EU. The Regulation will apply from January 2025, but the implementation work starts now, including the setting up of the necessary governance structure and preparatory documents to ensure effective application from this date. The Regulation supersedes the current system of EU-funded project-based cooperation between Member States on HTA by introducing a permanent framework for joint work that will also cover joint scientific consultations, the identification of emerging health technologies, and voluntary cooperation, as well as work on joint clinical assessments.

EU PROPOSES HARMONIZED REGULATION ON HTA IN PHASED APPROACH, STARTING WITH CANCER THERAPIES IN 2025

Aim to improve medicine availability, ensure efficient resource usage and strengthen HTA quality



Source: IQVIA.

CHINA

Key Tasks for Deepening the Reform of Medical and Health System

In May 2022, China's General Office of the State Council issued the "Key Tasks for Deepening the Reform of Medical Health System in 2022", which clearly defined the road map for the reform. Through a series of measures, such as expanding the scope of Volume-Based Procurement (VBP) of pharmaceuticals and consumables, reforming the prices of medical services, reforming the payment methods of medical insurance, and strengthening comprehensive supervision, China's government aims to deepen the integrated reform of medical care, medical insurance, and medicine, so as to continuously promote the prices of pharmaceuticals and consumables to return to a reasonable level, to reform pharmaceutical distribution supply chain, and to accelerate the expansion and balanced distribution of high-quality medical resources.

China's 2022 National Reimbursement Drug List

On January 18, 2023, the National Healthcare Security Administration (NHSA), the current payer of China's public health security system, published the 2022 National Reimbursement Drug List (NRDL). The finalized 2022 NRDL, which came into effect in January 2023, includes a large number of new inclusions, with 121 of 147 shortlisted drugs included in the latest NRDL, resulting in the highest success rate of 82% since 2019. Some therapeutic areas in the new inclusion were dominated by oncology, infectious diseases, and neurology. On average, pharmaceutical companies agreed to cut drug prices by 60% to gain access to the list, on par with the 62% price fall in 2021. China has updated the NRDL annually since 2017, with the price negotiation mechanism regularly resulting in substantial price cuts to marketed drugs. As a comparison, the average drug price reduction was 51% in 2020, 61% in 2019, 57% in 2018, and 44% in 2017. Drugs developed by foreign pharmaceutical companies also have an equal chance to participate in the price negotiation process in order to launch their products in the Chinese market. Some key foreign pharma companies that made it to the 2022 NRDL list include Pfizer, MSD (Merck's name outside of the U.S.), and Takeda.

JAPAN

Measures to Control Increasing Drug Prices

As spending on pharmaceutical products continues to accelerate in Japan, the government has started to implement and explore ways to control the surging costs of drugs for maintaining the health of its aging population. Japan conducts regular price revision every two years in April, with the latest price revision conducted in April 2023. In December 2016, the Japanese government decided to conduct additional price revisions in between the regular biennial price revisions ("off-cycle" price revisions). The targets of these "off-cycle" price revisions are products with large price discrepancies (*i.e.*, gaps between the listed price and market price). The first "off-cycle" price revision was conducted in April 2021.

M&A Environment

Pick-up in Deals, Companies Continue to Focus on Core Businesses

The industry saw some pick-up in transactions to date in 2023 with deal announcements made by the likes of AstraZeneca, Chiesi, Pfizer, Sanofi, and GSK. These came after Amgen's agreement to buy Horizon Therapeutics for more than \$28 billion in December 2022, the largest pharmaceutical deal announced for two years at the time. AstraZeneca announced the acquisition of CinCor Pharma in January, which will see the company building up the cardiorenal pipeline, while Sanofi announced the deal to buy Provention Bio for \$2.9 billion in March. Following the acquisitions of Global Blood Therapeutics and Biohaven Pharmaceuticals in 2022, Pfizer continued its shopping spree to boost its pipeline with the proposed acquisition of Seagen, a biotech firm focused on oncology for \$43 billion, making the transaction one of the largest pharma deals in history. The latest to join the M&A activity was GSK, with the proposed acquisition of a Canadian biotech, Bellus Health for \$2 billion.

We also note the continuous trend in companies' efforts to focus on core businesses, with several announcements of spinning off or strategic review of non-core segments over the years. In June 2021, Merck spun off its women's health, legacy brands, and biosimilars businesses into a new company, Organon, while GSK successfully completed the demerger of its Consumer Healthcare business in July 2022. The "new GSK" now consists of Pharmaceuticals and Vaccines businesses. Novartis also announced its intention to separate its generic arm Sandoz into a new publicly traded standalone company, by way of a 100% spin-off. Sandoz has been a drag on the company's overall performance over the years, as the unit continues to be impacted by pricing pressure. The spin-off is expected to be completed in the second half of 2023, subject to shareholders' approval as well as the general market condition.

Cash and balance sheet profile offer opportunity for M&A activity in 2023, in our view, although the greater scrutiny by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) on deal transaction (previously the FTC announced a major review on how it has handled M&A in pharmaceuticals and biotech markets) may lead to companies taking a cautious approach. For example, Sanofi's deal to acquire Provention Bio faced some hiccups, as the company announced in April 2023 that it had to withdraw and refile its proposal to give the FTC more time to complete its review. Meanwhile, we also expect large pharmaceutical companies to continue to divest non-core assets to focus on high-growth businesses.

GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL M&A ACTIVITY IN 2021-2023

(deals of at least \$1 billion, as of March 31, 2023)

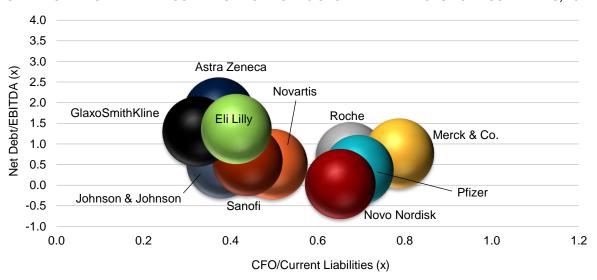
DATE ANNOUNCED	BUYER	COUNTRY OF BUYER	IARGEI	COUNTRY OF TARGET	TRANSACTION VALUE (\$, billions)	TRANSACTION STATUS	DATE CLOSED
01/09/2023	AstraZeneca Finance and Holdings	U.S.	CinCor Pharma	U.S.	1.7	Closed	02/23/2023
04/18/2022	Perfect Day	U.S.	Sterling Biotech Limited	India	1.1	Closed	11/30/2022
08/22/2022	Alcon Research	U.S.	Aerie Pharmaceuticals	U.S.	1.1	Closed	11/21/2022
08/04/2022	Amgen	U.S.	ChemoCentryx	U.S.	4.0	Closed	10/20/2022
09/01/2022	Novo Nordisk	Denmark	Forma Therapeutics	U.S.	1.1	Closed	10/14/2022
08/08/2022	Pfizer	U.S.	Global Blood Therapeutics	U.S.	5.6	Closed	10/05/2022
05/10/2022	Pfizer	U.S.	Biohaven Pharmaceutical	U.S.	12.2	Closed	10/03/2022
05/31/2022	GSK	U.K.	Affinivax	U.S.	3.3	Closed	08/16/2022
06/03/2022	Bristol-Myers Squibb	U.S.	Turning Point Therapeutics	U.S.	4.0	Closed	08/15/2022
08/04/2022	Amgen	U.S.	ChemoCentryx	U.S.	4.0	Closed	10/20/2022
7/5/2022	AstraZeneca	U.S.	TeneoTwo	U.K.	1.3	Closed	8/11/2022
4/13/2022	Antares Pharma, Inc.	U.S.	Halozyme Therapeutics	U.S.	1.0	Closed	5/23/2022
1/19/2022	UCB	Belgium	Zogenix	U.S.	1.9	Closed	3/4/2022
12/14/2021	CSL	Australia	Vifor Pharma AG	Switzerland	12.8	Closed	8/9/2022
9/8/2021	Perrigo Company	Ireland	HRA Pharma, SA	France	2.1	Closed	4/29/2022
7/9/2021	PMI Global Services	U.S.	Vectura Group	U.K.	1.4	Closed	10/19/2021
5/10/2021	Trulieve Cannabis	U.S.	Harvest Health & Recreation	U.S.	2.3	Closed	10/1/2021

Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

A Solid Balance Sheet Is Key to Support Any Inorganic Expansion

Below, we illustrate the net debt to EBITDA ratio and cash flow from operation to current liabilities ratio (CFO to current liabilities) for the top 10 global pharmaceutical companies. Based on our analysis, Novo Nordisk, Merck & Co., and Roche have better balance sheet positions relative to others (higher CFO to current liabilities and lower net debt to EBITDA ratio), which could indicate their better capability to support M&A activity.

GEARING RATIO AND DEBT COVERAGE FOR TOP 10 GLOBAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES, 2022



Source: CFRA, S&P Global Market Intelligence.

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HOW THE INDUSTRY OPERATES

High Risk, High Rewards

Drug manufacturing is a high-risk business: for every 5,000 compounds discovered, only one reaches the pharmacist's shelf. The odds against making a profit are steep as well: fewer than a third of marketed drugs achieve enough commercial success to recoup their R&D investments. However, when a drug maker launches a new compound that is widely accepted in the marketplace, the economic rewards can be immense. This is the primary reason for the industry's hefty profit margins.

Predictable Life Cycles of Drugs

Drugs have widely different development processes, but the product life cycle nearly always follows a stable, long-term pattern, which begins with drug discovery and includes development, testing, approval, production, as well as post-marketing survey. The cycle for discovery, development, testing, and approval could take up to 10 years or more on average.

Drugs often require several years of sales build-up to reach their full commercial potential. Physicians have to become comfortable with the product and its approved application, while companies often continue conducting clinical trials that will enable them to receive regulatory approval for additional indications.

In some cases, companies benefit as doctors start to use their drugs for off-label (or unapproved) indications; these sometimes represent a hefty proportion of a drug's total revenues. Eventually, rival drugs similar in action may enter the market, or major customers may opt to replace the drug with less expensive compounds in the same therapeutic class. The latter tactic, referred to as "therapeutic substitution", is especially popular with managed care companies.



Source: Happiest Minds Technologies.

How New Drugs Enter the Market

Regulators require that pharmaceutical manufacturers perform extensive testing to prove that their products are safe and effective before the regulators will sanction commercial sale. All animal and human tests, which often last for years and cost many millions of dollars, are conducted by manufacturers, often in conjunction with colleges or universities, the National Institutes of Health, or similar research institutions.

Identifying and Testing Candidate Drugs

A drug lifecycle begins with drug discovery. Drug makers usually spend large sums on R&D in order to produce a steady stream of successful products. Research for innovative products is especially challenging in the Pharmaceuticals industry, because products come from highly complex fields, such as molecular biology and biochemistry, and involve the intricate workings of the human body. The quest for new pharmaceuticals must combine an understanding of complex human chemistry and physiology with knowledge of all life sciences.

Working from a set of hypotheses on how certain compounds might interact in the body, researchers synthesize new compounds to combat particular diseases. Proteins, segments of proteins, genes

(isolated by molecular biologists), or new chemicals (discovered by analytical chemists) are often the basis of new drugs.

Once candidate molecules are identified, they are studied in test tubes and in animals to determine their side effects, efficacy, and properties (such as how long the body takes to absorb them). Animal tests (usually on mice and rats) are conducted to determine any possible side effects and efficacy. Most new drug candidates are eliminated at this stage because they have unacceptable side effects or do not function as expected. Often, hundreds of compounds are tested before researchers find one promising enough to advance to human clinical trials. Clinical trials happen in several phases during which different questions are asked. Each phase builds on the results of previous phases.

Below are the examples of the clinical trial phases:

- ◆ Phase I. In this phase, a small number of healthy people get moderate doses of the drug to test the drug's safety, safe dosing range, and mechanism of action. If this initial test is successful, the subjects' dosage is slowly increased to determine its safety at higher levels.
- ♦ Phase II. During Phase II, a larger group of subjects with the disease or condition that the drug is intended to treat is tested in placebo-controlled clinical trials. Phase II researchers look for efficacy and continue to study safety and optimal dosing.
- ♦ Phase III. Drugs that pass the first two hurdles then undergo Phase III trials. At this level, the most complex and rigorous tests are performed on still larger groups of ill patients to ascertain the drug's safety, effectiveness, and optimum dosage regimens. Usually, Phase III procedures employ randomized, double-blind studies with placebo control. This means that one group of patients is given the drug while another group receives an inert substance. Neither the patients nor their doctors are aware of which patients are actually receiving the drug being tested.
- ◆ Phase IV. In this phase, which is also known as "post marketing trial", the drug is tested after drug approval or when it is launched in the market. Trials are carried out after a country approves the drug for commercial purposes and studied to evaluate the need for further testing in a wide population over a longer time frame. Investigators use this phase to get more information about the drug's long-term safety, effectiveness, and any other benefits.

Approvals and Production

When the clinical research on a drug is complete, the manufacturer submits application to the respective regulatory bodies for drug approval. For example, in the U.S., a drug manufacturer will submit Marketing Authorization Approval (MAA)/New Drug Application (NDA) to the FDA in order to manufacture and sell the drug in the country. The application compiles the research completed during the three trial phases and includes full details of the product's formula, production, labeling, and intended use.

After a drug is approved, manufacturers often submit supplemental NDAs containing additional clinical trial results, in order to obtain approval for additional indications. The FDA determines the label content, which must include a detailed description of the drug and its chemical composition, indications, contraindications, and side effects.

The Pharmaceuticals industry is global; thus, a company that seeks to maximize a drug's potential files for its approval in many countries. Companies can apply to the National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) for approval in China and to the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) for approval in Japan. Companies filing for regulatory approval in the European Union (EU) can either apply through a centralized EU procedure that enables them to sell their approved products in all EU countries, or file on an individual country basis. The Amsterdam-based European Medicines Agency (EMA) reviews all applications submitted under the centralized process and recommends them to the European Commission, which grants final marketing authorization. The alternative, known as the "mutual recognition" procedure, allows drug makers with a medicinal product already approved in one EU country

to petition other countries to accept the product. Should an EU country refuse to recognize the original country's authorization, the matter is submitted to an EMA scientific committee for arbitration.

Production of a drug can be started once the drug is authorized for marketing. Manufacturers procure the quality raw material/substance with defined ingredients and quality equipment meeting regulatory requirements required to manufacture the drug. Good manufacturing practice (GMP, a system for ensuring that products are consistently produced and controlled according to quality standards) should be followed throughout the drug manufacturing phase. Post-production, the marketing of the drug is an essential part of the lifecycle. The labeling should clearly give instructions about storage and transportation, and the distribution should be made region-wise with compliance of the local governing authorities.

Patents and Exclusivity Rights

A patent is a temporary monopoly granted to an inventor by law, which prevents others from exploiting the invention (*i.e.*, manufacturing, selling, or importing the invention). Inventors are required to disclose the patent specification of their invention in order to seek the legal scope of the monopoly through the claims of the patent specification. The term of the monopoly is usually 15 to 20 years, depending on the country. To be patentable, an invention should be novel, inventive (not obvious), and capable of industrial application. U.S. patent law permits the granting of a patent on a composition of matter, such as a novel type of concrete or new molecule, and new and useful improvement of the molecule.

In most of the countries where patent law exists, the degree to which these conditions are applied varies. The patent application is published 18 months from the priority date of the invention. Because a patent protects an invention only in the country where granted, inventors must file a patent application in all countries where patent protection is required. The initial application establishes the priority date (the date from which the invention is considered novel). Inventors have 12 months to file corresponding patent applications based on the original priority date in the member countries of the Paris convention, which allows patent families the equivalent invention in different countries.

Patents in all countries that honor the WTO agreements remain in effect 20 years from the filing date. In the Pharmaceuticals industry, however, patents are filed as soon as a target is identified, so that by the time a drug gets to the market, it may have only 10 or so years of protection left. Because the patent is granted when the new entity is discovered, every day spent in clinical testing and regulatory approval means one less day the drug will enjoy patent protection once it hits the market. To remedy this, innovative drugs may apply for patent extensions for up to five years after patent expiration. Additional safeguards are also put in place by mandating a period of data protection, which prohibits regulators from referring to clinical trial data generated by one drug company when they are evaluating another company's product.

Being the first to enter the market with a drug to treat a particular indication or disease could significantly benefit a drug company and establish that company as a clear market leader. Often, the first-to-market drug maintains a leading market share for many years. A first-to-market drug holds, on average, a 6% market share advantage 10 years after the drug is launched, according to a study by McKinsey & Co. A big reason first-to-market drugs often achieve a leading market share for so long is their exclusivity rights. Below is a list of the different types of exclusivity rights offered by the FDA.

- Five-year new chemical entity. This exclusivity applies to a brand-name drug that contains a new chemical entity (NCE), which is a drug substance that contains an active ingredient or moiety(ies) never previously approved by the FDA. This exclusivity generally blocks the submission of any abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) that contains the same active moiety for five years.
- Three-year new clinical studies. This exclusivity attaches to a brand-name drug approved for a new
 use for a previously approved drug product. Applications for such new uses must be supported by
 information from new clinical investigations essential to approval of the new use, and conducted or

sponsored by the applicant. Such new uses could include changes in strength, dosage form, route of administration, or indication.

- Orphan drug. Certain drugs designated for the treatment of a rare disease or condition (e.g., one
 affecting fewer than 200,000 people in the U.S. each year) are eligible for orphan-drug exclusivity
 upon approval. This exclusivity prevents approval of any other application (brand-name or generic) for
 the same drug for the same orphan-protected use during a seven-year period.
- Pediatric. This type of exclusivity is granted to a brand-name drug for which pediatric clinical studies
 have been conducted in response to a written request for such studies from the agency. Generally,
 pediatric exclusivity attaches to existing patents or exclusivities associated with the product line for
 the brand-name drug for six months.
- GAIN. The "Generating Antibiotic Incentives Now" (GAIN) exclusivity generally provides for an additional five years of exclusivity added to certain other exclusivity periods for a drug product that has been granted a "Qualified Infectious Disease Product" designation by the FDA.
- 180-day. This type of exclusivity may be granted to the first generic applicant(s) to submit a substantially complete ANDA that contains a challenge to a patent listed in the Orange Book, which is issued by the U.S. FDA (see Glossary). The generic drug applicant found to be eligible for this exclusivity has an exclusive right to market the generic drug for 180 days. Only ANDAs are eligible for this exclusivity.

After Patent Expiration Comes the Generic/Biosimilar Stage

Generic drug companies do not have the same high costs of R&D, tough regulatory approval, and sales and marketing as the companies developing new branded drugs, so generic drug companies can afford to discount their products. Generic drug manufacturers set prices depending on the kind of molecule they are making, how easy it is to manufacture, and, most importantly, how many generic competitors they expect to face.

When some easy-to-manufacture blockbuster drugs go off patent, half a dozen or more generic competitors may enter the market simultaneously at prices that are 80% or more below brand pricing. In less competitive situations, involving drugs that maintain some barrier to entry (such as special manufacturing skills or biological aspects) or those that have exclusivity for a limited time post-launch, fewer competitors come into the market at the same time, and pricing, at least initially, is more stable. As more competitors enter the field, prices drop even further.

Health Technology Assessment

Rapid advances in medical technology, which is expensive, necessitate that users are well informed about the cost-effectiveness of drugs, therapies, and medical devices. The Health Technology Assessment (HTA) analyzes cost-effectiveness and produces scientific comparative assessments of the benefits or detriments of medical outcomes for these variables, which are then used by national health care authorities to make pricing and reimbursement decisions. The HTA focuses on economic effectiveness for different technologies, whereas regulatory approval systems examine the safety and efficacy aspects. The HTA, as a discipline, examines new, expensive technologies and pharmaceuticals thoroughly to gauge cost-effectiveness. However, patients are more concerned about reimbursement than costs.

Most countries use one form or another of the HTA to help bridge the gap between research cost and pricing decision-making. For example, in the U.K., the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), whose opinion is considered for the pricing and reimbursement decisions, evaluates the economic benefits of new technologies using HTA reports. Meanwhile, the EU, in order to enhance coordination at the EU level, adopted the Regulation on HTA in December 2021. In Japan, following a

three-year pilot program, the Japanese government launched the cost-effectiveness assessment (CEA) in April 2019. CEA has been devised as a tool to supplement the current drug pricing system.

Regulatory Environment

U.S.

The FDA is responsible for regulatory oversight of the pharmaceuticals and medical technologies industries in the U.S. The Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA), a program initiated in 1992 that charges drug makers a fee for filing New Drug Applications (NDAs), has been credited with significantly reducing new drug approval times as the funds are used to hire new FDA personnel. Since its inception in 1997, PDUFA has allowed seriously ill patients easier access to experimental compounds and provided new incentives for the development of pediatric medicines. It also expanded drug companies' ability to disseminate information on off-label uses of new and existing drugs.

The U.S. does not have universal health care coverage. Most citizens are covered by a combination of private and public sources such as Medicare (federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain young people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease) and Medicaid.

U.K.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) formulates policies at the national level and issues directives to the National Health Services (NHS), which in turn manages health care in the U.K. The NHS introduced clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), which can commission any provider that meets NHS standards on price, quality, and safety.

Based on the NHS constitution, U.K. citizens have the right to drugs and treatments recommended by the NICE, if determined clinically appropriate. NICE, which conducts risk-benefit analysis in order to help the government determine reimbursement rates and strategies, plays an increasingly visible and controversial role in determining which drugs get reimbursed in the U.K.

Drug prices in the U.K. are subject to control through the voluntary scheme for branded medicines pricing and access (the Voluntary Scheme) or the Statutory Scheme established under the Branded Health Service Medicines Regulations 2018. The Voluntary Scheme is subject to renegotiation every five years. The current five-year scheme began on January 1, 2019 and will run until the end of 2023. The scheme limits pharmaceutical companies' return on capital and requires that excess profits be returned to the NHS, effectively capping profits and encouraging companies to set lower drug prices. On the other hand, pharmaceutical companies that choose not to join the Voluntary Scheme are automatically subject to the Statutory Scheme. However, the scope of the scheme only extends to prescription-only medicines.

Europe

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) is responsible for the scientific evaluation of centralized marketing authorization applications (MAA). Based on the recommendation of the EMA, the European Commission approves the marketing of drugs in the EU. Once granted by the European Commission, the centralized marketing authorization is valid in all EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein.

Despite the establishment of the EMA, differences still exist within EU Member States. Even after a drug is approved, the time it takes to enter the respective markets varies from country to country and is dependent on the time it takes for the respective regulatory authorities to negotiate reimbursement prices with pharmaceutical companies. As negotiated prices vary between states, price differentials exist (sometimes within different regions of a state), giving rise to a parallel trade that involves importing medicines from another state where the drug is sold for less.

Below are examples of regulatory environments in major European countries.

♦ Germany

In Germany, there is universal coverage for legal residents – about 90% of the population is covered by statutory social health insurance (SHI) or gesetzliche Krankenversicherung (GKV), while the remainder is covered by substitutive private health insurance (PHI), according to GKV-Spitzenverband's website.

Over the past couple of decades, the German health care system has undergone several reforms. The first health care reform in 2007 required employers to pay a certain percentage of salary to the health fund, which would in turn disburse money to the respective insurance plans. The reform allowed SHI to determine the maximum reimbursement price for patented drugs based on the cost benefit assessment performed by the Institute for Quality and Efficiency (IQWiG), thereby increasing competition among insurance players and, subsequently, pharmaceutical companies.

Prior to 2016, employers and employees were required to share the health fund contribution rate of 14.6% of gross salary equally. Employees were also required to contribute an additional 0.9% plus supplementary per capita premiums set by sickness funds. The two requirements were subsequently abolished in 2016 and replaced with a supplementary income-dependent contribution rate determined individually at an average of 1.1%. Such contributions are centrally pooled and redistributed to individual sickness funds determined through a risk-adjusted capitalization formula.

In Germany, drug pricing is fixed, where retail prices for prescription drugs are determined by adding a margin of 3% to the wholesale price, plus a fixed pharmacy service compensation fee of €8.35 and the value-added tax.

♦ France

France's health care system is executed by both national and regional authorities, with the budget for health care expenditure approved by Parliament. The Ministry of Health performs several functions, including allocation of funds to regions and setting prices for reimbursable drugs. At the regional level, there are hospital agencies that allocate funds to public hospitals. Since 2004, the Ministry of Health and statutory health insurers have shared responsibility for defining the benefit package, as well as setting price and cost-sharing levels in the health care system.

The French health care system covers nearly all its population and is financed via a combination of tax revenue and mandatory contributions from employers and employees based on percentage of income. Health care is provided by hospitals, which may be public or private. Benefits covered under the statutory insurance plan include access to outpatient care, diagnostic services, drugs, devices, and preventive care facilities. Patients are initially required to pay for services and later are reimbursed by the public insurance funds. Patients are required to make co-payments to cover expenses that are not covered by the statutory insurance plan. In practice, people purchase private insurance to cover these co-payment charges.

The Agence Nationale de Sécurité du Médicament et des produits de santé (ANSM) approves market authorization of new drugs for use in France as a formality with the EMA. The ANSM regulates medicine manufacturing, marketing, and other health product safety issues.

◆ Italy

Italy adopts a tax-funded universal health care system called the National Health Service (Servizio Sanitario Nazionale or SSN) that closely models the British system. Under this system, SSN coverage is automatic and universal for legal residents. Since coverage is mandatory, substitutive insurance does not exist; however, complementary and supplementary private health insurance are available.

The system is highly decentralized and has three levels. At the national level, the Ministry of Health formulates a health care plan (Piano Sanitario Nazionale or PSN) that determines health care policies every three years. At the regional level, the 19 regions and two autonomous provinces implement the PSN with their own resources and adjust according to region-specific needs. Hence, differences exist in

terms of health care access or level of co-payment. At the local level, local health units (Azienda Sanitaria Locale, or ASLs) provide health care services, including primary medical services and coordination of all non-emergency admissions to public hospitals.

At the national level, the Italian Medicines Agency (AIFA) evaluates pricing and reimbursement dossiers with support from the Pricing and Reimbursement Committee (CPR) and the Technical Scientific Committee (CTS). At the regional level, a therapeutic commission decides on formulary inclusion/exclusion, while at the local level, ASLs distribute funding to hospitals through formularies, or hospital pharmacists purchase drugs based on formularies by regional health authorities.

General conditions of the reimbursement system are established at the national level and are implemented at the regional level by governmental bodies. If a manufacturer seeks reimbursement in Italy, the price for the product will be set through negotiations between the manufacturer and the CPR. Unlike the U.S., German, and French health care systems, there are no mandatory rebates in Italy, which implements a more transparent pricing system.

When marketing authorization is granted by either the EMA or the AIFA, the company may apply for reimbursement on the National Pharmaceutical Formulary (PFN). A product can be assigned to Class A (products for chronic diseases, fully reimbursed), Class H (fully reimbursed only in hospitals), or Class C (not reimbursed).

♦ Spain

The Spanish national health system, called the Sistema Nacional de Salud (SNS), offers universal coverage and a wide variety of services with a network of hospitals and primary-care centers. Spain does not allow users to opt out; hence, 99% of Spain's population uses universal coverage supplemented by PHI for faster and higher-quality treatment. The Ministry of Health is Spain's government agency for coordination of national health issues, legislation on medicines, broader health issues, and international health relations and agreements. The Spanish health care system is highly decentralized and is administered by 17 autonomous communities. However, the degree and speed of decentralization vary across regions.

Spanish drug prices, which are among the lowest in Europe, have fallen due to continuing mandatory price cuts. Industry margins were squeezed as a result of the government's strategy to promote the use of generics, impose reference prices on off-patent drugs, and limit price premiums to innovative drugs. Under the SNS, reimbursement rates are divided into three categories: 100% for hospital care medicines; 90% for management of chronic diseases (*e.g.*, diabetes, asthma, and epilepsy); and 60% for most prescription-only medicines. The pricing of a drug is determined upon reimbursement approval. If reimbursement is not approved, pharmaceutical companies are free to set prices as sale of non-reimbursable drugs are limited unless they are innovative, novel treatments.

Prices of drugs approved for reimbursements are set based on a mandatory price application document, which includes cost per day compared with equivalent products in Spain, the price of the product in other EU countries, a sales forecast, and the overall cost of R&D and production costs. Spain's constitution provides freedom to all regions to set their own price caps or cost-containment targets for drugs approved for reimbursements.

Switzerland

Switzerland's Federal Health Insurance Act of 1994 regulates the health care system and made health insurance compulsory for all Swiss residents. Switzerland has one of the most market-oriented universal health care systems, with the idea of managed competition that leaves health insurance in private hands, while creating a highly regulated market as a framework. Compulsory insurance (or basic package) is supplemented by private insurance providers and does not include dental care or access to higher-quality services.

Switzerland traditionally follows a decentralized structure where the 26 cantons or regions have a high degree of autonomy. With less government control, the Swiss health care system has been able to reduce waiting time for treatment and to encourage new technology and medicines. The federal government has taken specific measures to rein in health care costs through generic substitution, which has been in progress since 2001.

The cost of drugs in Switzerland is generally higher than in other countries with similar economies, according to the OECD. In September 2018, the federal government set the maximum allowable public price for drugs in a move to reduce rising drug costs in the country. Drug prices depend on several factors such as their therapeutic value, availability of alternative treatments, and comparative prices of the same class of medicines in other European countries. Authorities and manufacturers negotiate maximum prices of drugs reimbursable by basic health insurance.

The Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) regulates both the inclusion on the positive list and the pricing of drugs reimbursed by the basic package. It sets maximum prices across the board, including those for branded drugs, off-patent drugs, and generics. The FOPH also regulates manufacturer prices as well as distribution margins and payments for services by pharmacists. Lastly, the FOPH also reevaluates pricing and reimbursement of drugs every three years to reduce drug prices, according to Interpharma.

China

The National Medical Products Administration (NMPA), formerly the China Food and Drug Administration (CFDA), is the Chinese agency for regulating drugs and medical devices. The agency was initially founded in 1998 and was renamed on September 1, 2018. The NMPA is responsible not only for medical devices, but also for medicinal products, biological products, food, and cosmetics. The restructuring of the CFDA represents China's approach to upgrading its clinical research regulations. This is also aimed to improve the quality of health care available to the nationwide Chinese citizens and to try to facilitate easier engagement with foreign companies to encourage investment and joint ventures. The National Health Commission is responsible for the overall guidance of health care reforms, administering China's Essential Drug List (EDL), as well as managing the drug procurement policies.

China's health insurance is publicly provided and mostly financed by the government. Its health insurance system has been gradually expanded to provide basic coverage for nearly 95% of the population. China's public health insurance can be broken down into three sub-categories: 1) basic coverage for urban enterprise employees, 2) basic coverage for other urban residents, and 3) rural cooperative medical insurance for the farming population.

To combat rising drug prices, public hospitals are required by mandate to impose a "zero mark-up" policy on drug sales. Under the previous practice, public hospitals were allowed to mark-up drugs by around 15% above procurement prices. With the new drug pricing policy, the drug prices that public hospitals charge to the patients would be the same as those paid to the drug suppliers.

On December 26, 2016, China launched a "two-invoice" system for drug distribution. The new system aimed to streamline the pharmaceutical procurement process, where the manufacturers of pharmaceutical products would directly perform delivery or commission a qualified distributor with modern logistics capacity to deliver the pharmaceutical products, followed by distributors to the end consumer (e.g., hospital), eliminating multi-tiered distribution.

China launched its centralized procurement program as a pilot in 2018 and has since gone nationwide. The program is to control drug prices and improve patient accessibility to high-quality medicines. Under the system, public hospitals are supplied with medicines purchased by a special working group through a bidding system. The working group decides beforehand the quantities of drugs to be procured to create lower prices and specifies the quantity on the bidding announcement. China's fifth batch of the centralized drug procurement concluded in June 2021, which saw an average price cut of 56% across 61 drugs.

Volume-based procurement (VBP) is the national tendering for off-patent drugs in China. VBP was first introduced in 2018, which kicked off national tendering on off-patent drug in China. There have been five rounds national-wide, while this mechanism would become normalized and institutionalized. Led by the National Healthcare Security Administration (NHSA), VBP bid winners will have sales guarantee for the committed volume (~70% of total hospital market) at the negotiated price with a two-year contract, while the remaining non-committed market (~30% of total hospital market) is still free-selection based. Offpatent drugs with more or equal to two generics that are approved in China and passed the Generics Quality Equivalence Test (GCQE) are exposed to VBP risk. There are six rounds of national-wide VBP organized by the NHSA with direct impact on off-patent originators since 2019 with an average price cut level of >50%, with the highest at 99%. Over 200 molecules are involved, contributing beyond 20% of China's total market. VBP price cut levels vary across molecules because of competitiveness and cost of goods sold. Chemical drugs face strong price cut, while competition is milder in biologics - i.e., all insulins won the bidding with an average price cut at 41%. The VBP mechanisms are: (1) VBP bidding rules originator and GQCE Gx in same competition group; lowest tender price will be set as bid ceiling price; lowest price to win the bid. (2) Impact on winners - multiple winners to ensure national supply and share the 70% committed market volume by splitting provinces. (3) Impact on non-winners - the remaining 30% non-committed market is still free-selection; around 30% price cut enforced on originators after VBP becomes effective. VBP is regarded as China's version of patent cliff, as the originator will still experience enforced price cut (~30%) even on lost bid. Early planning on patent and launch strategy in China is crucial to prolong the product lifecycle.

Japan

Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare (MHLW) is responsible for medical care, pensions, labor, and childcare of Japanese citizens. The MHLW is also in charge of pharmaceutical regulatory affairs in Japan. The Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency (PMDA) was established in April 2004 to handle a wide range of activities from clinical studies to approval reviews, post-marketing review, and ensuring the efficacy and safety of clinical trials.

Japan adopts a national health insurance system called the "Universal Health Insurance Coverage System." Under this insurance system, all citizens are covered by public medical insurance. The Japanese health insurance market is the second-largest in Asia and the third-largest in the world. The most crucial issue the Japanese currently face is the rising cost of medical expenditures due to the increasing population of elderly people. Under the insurance system, the citizens will be able to obtain high-quality medical services at a low cost.

HOW TO ANALYZE A COMPANY IN THIS INDUSTRY

In evaluating a company in the Pharmaceuticals industry, the most important factors to consider are the company's products, markets, and financial health.

Researching the Business

A thorough examination of the company's products and markets is the first step in the analysis. A pharmaceutical firm's approved drug portfolio is the main ingredient of near-term success, while its development pipeline will determine its long-term prospects. Once the drugs are approved, the company needs to effectively get the drugs to market, too. A few important questions regarding a drug company's product portfolio and strategy are shown below:

Product Portfolio and Pipeline

- ♦ Are sales comprised of prescription or non-prescription products? Prices and profit margins of prescription drugs are significantly higher than non-prescription or over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. Non-prescription drugs are essentially mass-marketed consumer products. Patent protection is an important consideration for prescription drugs, whereas success of non-prescription drugs is more closely linked to brand-name recognition and promotional spending levels, in our view.
- ♦ What therapeutic areas does the company focus on? Most major prescription drug makers tend to focus on a few specific therapeutic markets. An important part of the analysis is understanding the competing companies and drugs in these different therapeutic areas, as well as the patient population that are captured by them. This can help assess the riskiness and growth prospects for the respective drug maker.
- ♦ When do the patents on the company's most important drugs expire? If the expiration dates are within the next few years, is the company adequately preparing to make up for the revenues lost to generic competition? If a company loses its marketing exclusivity on key drugs without earning adequate profits from new products, it can find itself in difficult economic straits. Many of the leading drug makers are currently contending with fierce generics competition and ongoing patent expiration.
- ♦ Have R&D efforts been productive? In terms of R&D, the larger, well-funded firms typically have the advantage of being able to hire top scientists and to conduct more clinical trials, which are necessary to develop new drugs. Most leading drug makers spend between 14% and 18% of their revenues on R&D. However, their success rates in terms of lucrative new drugs differ markedly. In addition, R&D productivity can be cyclical.

Overall, companies with new drugs for novel treatment hold the keys to success. New products that provide essentially similar results as existing drugs are less likely to gain commercial success. For those companies that do not see their drug portfolios being reinvented, management often looks for cost savings through substantial M&A activity, and diversification of the product base with the intent of capturing growth opportunities in emerging markets.

Determined by the market opportunity and sales prospects – including levels of unmet medical need, competitiveness, and scientific challenge – R&D activity in disease areas such as hypertension and peptic ulcers has become less desirable, while R&D activity in oncology continues to show strong growth.

Company Attributes and Strategies

♦ How large is the company? For prescription and non-prescription drug makers alike, company size and market share are important considerations. Pharmaceutical firms must have the critical mass to support R&D, as new product development is crucial to future success. In addition, these companies

need to maintain a large sales force to market drugs in key domestic and foreign markets. Smaller drug companies, and even larger ones that depend heavily on one or two products, are more vulnerable to eventual patent expirations and competition from rival drugs.

With respect to market share, does the company dominate any key market? Key markets are typically those with a large population, whose chronic condition requires a daily regimen of maintenance therapy, thus offering the greatest sales opportunity. Medications for high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol levels, depression, ulcers, diabetes, and arthritis are examples. Oncology, once a niche therapeutic segment, is now exceedingly desirable given technological advances, growth rates, and profitability.

- ♦ What is the company's acquisition strategy? If a prescription drug maker is diversified or acquisitive, is this a plus or a minus? In our view, M&A activity including divestitures should be carefully analyzed to determine whether initial objectives such as strategic fit and synergies are being met and/or whether they are accretive or dilutive in terms of earnings, notably earnings per share (EPS) and operating margin. In general, large pharmaceutical companies regularly tap into smaller, more entrepreneurial companies as sources of innovation. Business development the process of scouting for attractive deals and negotiating terms is an integral part of a company's operating expertise and core strategy.
- ◆ Has the company formed any promising alliances? Large firms often benefit from alliances with smaller biotechnology and biopharmaceutical firms working on potentially lucrative new drugs. Conversely, a smaller company may find it necessary to team up with a larger partner to fund the clinical trials and commercialization of its discoveries.

Many companies also maintain relationships with scientists at leading medical colleges or other organizations, such as the U.S. government's National Institutes of Health, which can funnel experimental products to drug makers.

Business ventures with foreign companies can be a source of new products. For example, many drugs popular in the U.S. today were discovered by European and Japanese firms, but they are marketed by U.S. drug makers under royalty arrangements.

- ♦ What is the company's international business profile? The U.S. remains the most important market for U.S. drug makers, as well as for many international drug companies, because of its size and lack of government-imposed price constraints. That said, there have been continuous discussions on the effort to lower the drug price in the U.S. as both political parties aim for more affordable drug prices for Americans, although no major pricing reform have been implemented to date. Nonetheless, pharmaceutical markets elsewhere represent an attractive source of growth. Indeed, pharmaceutical sales in developing nations are expanding much faster than are those in the U.S.
- ♦ How effective is the company in working with regulators? Because all drugs sold in the major markets must first be cleared by the health care authorities like the FDA and the EMA, a firm must be able to work with these agencies and understand their criteria. Here again, size and experience can help. Most large, well-established drug companies are adept at working with the agencies, while many smaller or newer firms are less proficient and often encounter major snags in obtaining approval for their products.
- ♦ How effective is the company at working with third-party government and private payers? Reimbursement is crucial for the commercial success of a product. Private and public payers are taking an increasingly hard line in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of recently approved drugs. In Europe and Asia, several governments have established organizations to make recommendations on whether a new drug should be reimbursed and in some controversial cases, they have argued against coverage. The U.S. has not taken this approach, although it is considering the establishment of a reimbursement evaluation organization. U.S. payers increasingly differentiate drugs within the same therapeutic class and placing them in separate tiers, with varying contributions from patients, aimed at incentivizing patients

to use certain drugs. The ability to negotiate fair deals over reimbursement for prescription drugs is also likely to be increasingly important to drug companies.

Nonprescription Drug Makers

While the prescription drug market depends on research-intensive innovation to differentiate among products and bolster sales, the nonprescription, or OTC, segment depends much more on consumer-directed marketing. The main factors that must be considered in evaluating an OTC drug company include the relative strength of its product offerings, its ability to develop new products, competitive pressures in each market segment, and the manufacturer's ability to support product sales through effective advertising and promotional campaigns.

Analyzing Financial Statements

When looking at a pharmaceutical company's financial statements, it is important to examine income statement trends such as sales growth, profit margins, R&D, and selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses, as well as balance sheet items such as asset and debt levels. Equally important is evaluating how income statement items interact with the balance sheet in metrics such as return on invested capital.

◆ Sales trends. Examine the company's recent and historical sales performance. Has sales growth been consistent or volatile? How has growth been achieved: through volume, pricing, acquisitions, or through a combination of these?



Watch Out! Pharmaceutical companies provide certain discounts and rebates to customers. They also allow returns and negotiate different prices with different final consumers of the product. Therefore, management must make a variety of estimates in calculating provisions for appropriate allowances at the time of sale. These provisions (and the corresponding level of allowances) have a direct impact on reported revenues. Because these are management's estimates, we caution that in robust periods management may provision very high levels and in leaner times may use these excess reserves to boost sales and income.

◆ Operating margins. Higher operating margins can reflect valuable competitive advantages that a drug maker may possess, such as premium pricing on high-demand drugs with limited competition, efficient production facilities, or low raw material costs. SG&A expense margins that are lower than industry-average are also an indication of a well-managed company.



Watch Out! It is common for pharmaceutical companies to monetize certain intangible assets by selling the rights to a product to another entity. In instances where these sales are recognized as revenue, gross margins are likely boosted due to the lack of related cost of goods sold. Additionally, CFRA raises concern related to the one-time nature of such revenues and believes that these sales essentially pull forward all revenues related to that asset into one reporting period.

- ♦ R&D expenses. R&D is an important aspect of pharmaceutical operations for ensuring long-term sustainability, particularly to replace successful drugs once they lose exclusivity. The R&D expense margin should be monitored to ensure a company isn't cutting R&D to boost short-term profits. The whole dollar amount of R&D should be evaluated as well, as a drop in sales can mask a large cut in the R&D budget that wouldn't be revealed by a large drop in R&D margin.
- ◆ Pre-tax earnings. While operating earnings reflect a company's performance in making and selling its products, it doesn't capture the cost of debt capital that may have been used to acquire some of the operating assets. It is important to measure a firm's earnings growth through pre-tax earnings, as well as operating earnings, to assess the impact that interest expense has on net profits.



Watch Out! Pharmaceutical companies can have high insurance costs related to product liability, workers' compensation, and health care benefit costs, and some portion of these insurance costs may be self-insured. Companies that provide self-insurance are required to estimate and accrue costs related to the above noted items. To the extent that these accruals are subject to management discretion, they may be manipulated to achieve a financial performance target. We would normally expect accruals related to workers' compensation and employee health benefits to grow or decline at a rate similar to that of the business. Any deviation could be a sign of earnings management.

◆ Adjusted EPS. Among the most important financial metrics for investors in the Pharmaceuticals industry, EPS performance is widely monitored because it combines several important factors, including a company's ability to increase revenues, control operating expenses, and manage capitalization, as interest expense on debt and equity share count also factor into EPS. "Adjusted" refers to management's discretionary removal of certain non-operating items from the earnings calculation. These often include one-time legal expenses or non-cash amortization expenses resulting from acquisitions.



Watch Out! Significant and/or recurring use of special charges is a red flag that a company may be using these charges to flatter non-GAAP results. We caution that companies may boost non-GAAP earnings in the current period by bundling normal, recurring costs into the special charges.

- ◆ Return on invested capital. In measuring the long-term performance of a company, pre-tax return on invested capital/ROIC [EBIT/(debt + equity)] is a good metric to use in addition to long-term EPS growth, as it analyzes how much capital management required to produce the earnings growth. If invested capital is growing faster than earnings for a prolonged period, it may be the case that management is not putting incremental capital to its highest and best use, and this would be indicated by declining ROIC.
- ◆ Cash flow statement. Another useful analysis involves looking at operating cash flow (essentially, net earnings plus depreciation and other noncash charges) and investing activities on the cash flow statement. This provides a useful gauge of a company's ability to generate true cash earnings and its capacity to finance capital projects. Firms investing heavily in acquisitions and capital projects are preparing to expand their business. Those paying out more in dividends and share repurchases may have fewer opportunities for future growth.

Using the Balance Sheet to Assess Financial Health

The balance sheet is a snapshot of a company's financial condition at a specific moment in time, so it should be examined to determine a company's financial health.

♦ Operating assets. Generating sales requires maintaining invested capital in several large asset accounts. This capital takes the form of either debt or equity and is used to fund such items as accounts receivables, inventories, manufacturing plants, R&D facilities, and office buildings. These accounts tend to grow as companies expand, requiring greater capital investment.



Watch Out! R&D costs should be expensed as incurred until the related product has reached commercial feasibility, which, in this industry, normally occurs when a product is approved by the FDA. A material increase in capitalized R&D costs not explained by the timing of FDA approval may indicate over capitalization of R&D, which could pressure future earnings growth.

- ◆ Cash. Investors look at a company's level of cash and marketable securities to assess short-term liquidity. The proper level of cash and cash equivalents varies from company to company. Subtracting outstanding debt from cash balances provides a more stringent measure of a company's actual financial strength.
- ◆ Current ratio. Another reliable measure of liquidity is the ratio of current assets to current liabilities. The current ratio measures a company's ability to pay its bills. A higher-than-average current ratio

indicates financial strength, since current assets are readily available to be converted into cash. Any meaningful degradation in the current ratio from previous reporting periods may signal a liquidity problem.

◆ Long-term debt-to-capital ratio. This ratio is calculated by dividing long-term debt by total capital (the sum of long-term debt and stockholders' equity). A relatively low percentage indicates that the company may be less burdened than its peers in terms of debt service. An appropriate debt load depends largely on a company's product lines and projected new product streams. Any sudden change in the company's attitude toward taking on debt should be thoroughly investigated.

Valuation Measures

Investors typically use various valuation metrics to help them determine a stock's value and compare it to the current price. Common measurements usually include multiples of key income statement entries such as sales, earnings, and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA), often in ratios combined with past or future growth rates. Valuations can also encompass a number of balance sheet metrics, such as return on assets (ROA), return on equity (ROE), and return on invested capital (ROIC). With any valuation metric, the challenge is often forecasting future operating performance.

- ◆ P/E ratio. The price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is widely used to compare a company's valuation against peers. Of particular interest to most investors is the P/E ratio using a next-12-month estimate of EPS for the denominator. This metric tells an investor how much they are paying today for each dollar of earnings expected to be delivered to shareholders in the next year. If a company's earnings are expected to grow rapidly over the next several years, investors are usually willing to pay a higher P/E, and vice versa, as they expect the high price today will be justified by higher earnings down the road.
- ◆ PEG ratio. Taking the P/E metric a step further, dividing the P/E ratio by a company's expected long-term EPS growth rate yields a P/E-to-earnings growth (PEG) ratio. The PEG puts the P/E ratio in the context of a company's longer-term growth prospects rather than just on the basis of one year of earnings. A company that looks very expensive on a P/E basis may actually be reasonably priced on a PEG basis after considering its excellent long-term growth prospects. A higher growth rate will bring the PEG ratio down, relative to a slower EPS growth rate.
- ♦ Discounted cash flow (DCF) analysis. Another key valuation metric applied widely with pharmaceutical stocks is a DCF analysis. This tool projects a company's future cash flows out several years, then discounts the amounts by an investor-specific cost of capital to arrive at a per share present value for the firm. If the calculated per share DCF value is higher than the current stock price, the stock may be an undervalued investment opportunity.

GLOSSARY

180-day exclusivity—The first generic drug company to file a completed abbreviated new drug application (ANDA) challenging the patent of a brand-name drug gets 180 days of exclusivity; only that company can market the generic drug for six months following the expiration of the branded drug's patent. Two generic drug companies can share exclusivity if they filed patent challenges for different doses. The maker of the brand-name drug also has the right to market an "authorized generic" following patent expiration.

Abbreviated new drug application (ANDA)—The application filed for approval of generic drugs by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). ANDAs require substantially less information than new drug applications (NDAs) for prescription drugs, because applicants have to prove only that their products are identical (bioequivalent) to the brand products. (See *Bioequivalence*.)

Active moieties—In organic chemistry, a moiety is part of a molecule or ion. Active moieties are the smaller chemical pharmacophoric elements or three-dimensional structure that are responsible for the physiological or pharmacological action of the drug substance.

Authorized generic—A generic version of a branded drug, made by the manufacturer or by a company that has been approved by the manufacturer. It is identical to the branded drug but has a different label. Innovator manufacturers use authorized generics to take some of the profits that are gained by generics companies from 180-day exclusivities.

Bioequivalence—Drugs that have the same rate and extent of absorption into the body when administered at the same dose and under similar conditions are described as bioequivalent. Such products can be substituted for each other without a dosage adjustment to obtain the same therapeutic effect.

Biological—A medicine (e.g., vaccine, antigen, serum, or plasma) made of large protein molecules that are derived from living organisms or their byproducts, not from chemicals; also called a biologic.

Biotechnology—Any technological application that uses biological systems, living organisms, or derivatives to make or modify products and processes. The approach differs from traditional drug development, which relies on synthetic chemistry and results in small-molecule, easy-to-administer treatments that come in pills and tablets. Biotech products consist of larger molecules that are harder for the body to absorb and thus often have special administration requirements, such as injections.

Clinical trials—Tests through which experimental drugs are administered to humans to determine their safety and efficacy. Trials occur in three phases. Phase I tests for safety. Phase II concerns efficacy. Phase III involves tests on larger numbers of subjects, usually several hundred to several thousand people. Phase III trials are usually randomized and double blinded and often last several years. Successful completion of Phase III allows a company to file with regulatory agencies for marketing approval.

Exclusivity period—See 180-day exclusivity.

Formulary—A continually updated list of prescription drugs approved for reimbursement by a private insurer or government-sponsored health care program.

Gene—The basic determinant of heredity, genes are chromosomal segments that direct the syntheses of proteins and conduct other molecular regulatory functions.

Generic drug—A compound that contains the same active ingredients as a branded drug. A company cannot market a generic version of a rival's branded product until its patent expires.

Genomics—The study of genes and their functions, including mapping genes within the genome, identifying their nucleic acid structures, and investigating their functions.

Good manufacturing practice (GMP)—A code of standards concerning the manufacturing, processing, packing, release, and holding of a medicine.

Investigational new drug (IND)—An experimental new compound that has successfully completed animal studies and has been approved by the FDA to proceed to human trials.

Managed care—A supervised system of financing and providing health care services for a defined population group.

Medicare Part B—A medical insurance coverage that helps to pay for services from doctors and other health care providers, outpatient care, home health care, durable medical equipment, and some preventive services.

Medicare Part D—A Medicare prescription drug coverage that helps to cover the cost of prescription drugs.

New drug application (NDA)—The formal filing that drug makers submit to the FDA for approval to market new drugs. The document must contain clinical evidence of the compound's safety and efficacy.

New molecular entity (NME)—A new chemical entity (NCE) or biological product, intended for use in prescription medicine, that has not received government approval for use in humans.

Novel drugs—Drugs that are categorized by the U.S. FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER) as innovative medicines that help advance clinical care to another level.

Orange Book—The publication Approved Drug Products with Therapeutic Equivalence Evaluations (commonly known as the Orange Book) identifies drug products approved on the basis of safety and effectiveness by the FDA under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and related patent and exclusivity information.

Orphan drug—A drug designed to treat rare diseases afflicting a relatively small patient population. The U.S. government gives drug makers special incentives to encourage the development of such drugs.

Over-the-counter (OTC) drugs—Compounds sold in pharmacies and other outlets without need of a prescription; also known as proprietary medications.

Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA)—An Act created by Congress in 1992 that authorizes the FDA to collect user fees from persons that submit certain human drug applications for review or that are named in approved applications as the sponsor of certain prescription drug products.

Prior authorization—A requirement that a physician obtain approval from the patient's health insurer before prescribing a specific medication.

Therapeutic substitution—A policy that some managed care organizations employ to substitute less expensive drugs for more expensive ones in the same therapeutic class, although drugs use different modes of action.

Treatment IND—An FDA program that allows experimental drugs (INDs) that treat life-threatening diseases to be made commercially available to very sick patients before the drugs obtain formal FDA approval.

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ft.com

One of the world's leading news organizations, recognized internationally for its authority, integrity, and accuracy.

Generics and Biosimilars Initiative

gabionline.net

An authoritative resource for global news on recent developments in the field of generics and biosimilars, a repository of worldwide guidelines, and an archive of related scientific information.

Pharma Manufacturing

pharmamanufacturing.com

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Focuses on the latest news on pharmaceutical markets from biotechnology to therapeutics, vaccines, and more.

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An online newsletter that covers trade in, and regulation of, pharmaceuticals and biotechnology.

Reuters

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Covers breaking news in markets, politics, and technology.

The American Journal of Managed Care

ajmc.com

An independent, peer-reviewed medical journal dedicated to disseminating clinical information to managed care physicians, clinical decision makers, and other health care professionals.

The New York Times

nytimes.com

An American news organization based in New York City with worldwide influence and readership.

BOOKS

Merck Manuals

merckmanuals.com

Provides detailed information for physicians on various diseases and medical conditions, and on therapeutics for treating them.

Physicians' Desk Reference

pdr.net

An annual compendium listing commercial prescription drugs and their FDA-approved prescribing information.

TRADE ASSOCIATIONS

American Cancer Society

cancer.org

A nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer.

American Pet Products Association

american pet products.org

A leading trade association serving the interests of the pet products industry; provides market research on the pet product industry.

Association for Accessible Medicines

accessiblemeds.org

A trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of generic drugs in legislative, regulatory, and related matters.

Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry abpi.org.uk

A trade association representing 120 prescription drug makers from the U.K. that invest in the discovery of new medicines for the future.

Biotechnology Innovation Organization

bio.org

A trade association representing the world's leading biotechnology companies in business, legislative, and regulatory affairs.

Consumer Healthcare Products Association

chpa.org

A trade association representing manufacturers and distributors of OTC medicines and dietary supplements; promotes industry interests in legislative and regulatory arenas; and publishes information on the OTC drug industry.

European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations

efpia.eu

A coalition of national pharmaceutical organizations of a number of European countries, along with various major pharmaceutical companies from all over the world.

Pharmaceutical Care Management Association pcmanet.org

A national association representing America's pharmacy benefit managers, which administer prescription drug plans for more than 266 million Americans.

Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America

A trade association representing the country's leading research-based pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies in legislative and regulatory affairs.

RESEARCH FIRMS

Center for Security and Emerging Technology

cset.georgetown.edu

A policy research organization that produces data-driven research at the intersection of security and technology.

Decision Resources Group

decisionresourcesgroup.com

A market research and publishing firm focusing on the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Deloitte

deloitte.com

A research firm that provides audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax, and related services.

EvaluatePharma

evaluate.com

Provides consensus forecasts from leading industry analysts, and analysis of the health care sector.

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fitchsolutions.com

Provides macroeconomic, industry, and market analysis.

igvia.com

A market research firm specializing in pharmaceuticals.

National Institute for Health Care Management Foundation

nihcm.org

A non-profit, nonpartisan group that conducts research on health care issues.

The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation

A private non-profit foundation focused on U.S. health care issues; publishes studies on a variety of health care topics.

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

cms.gov

A division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; administers Medicare and Medicaid programs and sets rates at which program providers are compensated.

Department of Justice

justice.gov

A federal executive department of the U.S. government tasked with the enforcement of federal law and administration of justice.

European Medicines Agency

ema.europa.eu

A pharmaceutical regulatory body for the EU; oversees marketing approvals for the EU.

Germany Invest & Trade

gtai.edu

An economic development agency of the Federal Republic of Germany.

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan

mhlw.go.jp

A cabinet level ministry of the Japanese government that provides regulations concerning food and drugs.

National Center for Health Statistics

cdc.gov

A division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; provides U.S. data on diseases, pregnancies, births, mortality, and other categories.

National Institutes of Health

nih.gov

A government agency that provides major R&D funding in the life sciences in the U.S.

National Medical Product Administration

nmpa.gov.cn

A Chinese agency that regulates drugs and medical devices; responsible for drafting laws and regulations for drugs, medical devices, and cosmetics.

Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

oecd.org

An international forum with 30 member countries that seeks to foster economic development and free trade.

Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Agency

pmda.go.jp

A Japanese agency to ensure safety, efficacy, and quality of pharmaceuticals and medical devices in Japan.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration

fda.gov

A U.S. government agency charged with overseeing the food and pharmaceutical industries; controls and supervises the approval and sale of new drugs.

World Health Organization

who.int

Directs international health initiatives within the United Nations' system and leads partners in global health responses.

World Trade Organization

wto.org

A global trade organization that regulates international trade between members by resolving disputes and establishing rules for such issues as intellectual property protection and fair competition.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Biotechgate

biotechgate.com

A global business development database containing over 50,000 company profiles and providing information on available biotech and pharma assets, financing rounds, key management, technology platforms, and more.

Our World in Data

ourworldindata org

A non-profit organization based in the U.K. providing scientific online publication that focuses on global problems.

COMPARATIVE COMPANY ANALYSIS

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4503	ASTELLAS PHARMA INC.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	10,673.8	11,297.8	12,089.4	11,789.1	12,243.5	11,763.8	2.9	-0.2	3.7	0	91	96	103	100	104
AZN	ASTRAZENECA PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	44,351.0	37,417.0	26,617.0	24,384.0	22,090.0	22,465.0	23,002.0	4.7	14.6	18.5	193	163	116	106	96	98
BHC	BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC.	Canada		DEC	8,124.0	8,434.0	8,027.0	8,601.0	8,380.0	8,724.0	9,674.0	8.8	-1.4	-3.7	84	87	83	89	87	90
BAYN	BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	Germany		DEC	54,225.7	50,131.9	50,642.2	48,866.6	42,067.8	42,044.9	36,886.9	2.5	7.7	15.1	147	136	137	132	114	114
BMY	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY	United States		DEC	46,159.0	46,385.0	42,518.0	26,145.0	22,561.0	20,776.0	19,427.0	10.1	17.3	-0.5	238	239	219	135	116	107
WEED CTLT 4519 4568 4523	CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION CATALENT, INC. CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED EISAI CO., LTD.	Canada United States Japan Japan Japan	# # #	MAR JUN DEC MAR MAR	0.0 4,828.0 9,554.2 0.0 0.0	416.8 3,998.0 8,683.1 8,604.6 6,227.5	434.6 3,094.0 7,624.9 8,702.8 5,840.4	281.3 2,518.0 6,314.0 9,124.3 6,464.8	169.3 2,463.4 5,284.5 8,390.2 5,801.2	60.4 2,075.4 4,742.7 9,041.0 5,650.0	29.9 1,848.1 4,212.2 8,566.1 4,835.0	NA 11.0 12.4 1.1 1.6	67.1 18.4 18.7 1.8 7.0	-4.8 20.8 26.0 8.6 17.1	0 261 227 0	1392 216 206 100 129	1452 167 181 102 121	940 136 150 107 134	566 133 125 98 120	202 112 113 106 117
LLY	ELILILLY AND COMPANY	United States	#	DEC	28,541.4	28,318.4	24,539.8	22,319.5	21,493.3	19,973.8	21,222.1	2.4	7.4	0.8	134	133	116	105	101	94
GSK	GSK PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	35,332.2	33,439.9	33,250.5	44,704.3	39,281.9	40,800.2	34,434.3	1.0	-0.6	18.7	103	97	97	130	114	118
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	United States		JAN	0.0	94,943.0	93,775.0	82,059.0	81,581.0	76,450.0	76,450.0	3.5	4.4	1.2	0	124	123	107	107	100
MRK	MERCK & CO., INC.	United States		DEC	59,283.0	48,704.0	41,518.0	39,121.0	42,294.0	40,122.0	39,807.0	2.3	8.1	21.7	149	122	104	98	106	101
MRK	MERCK KGAA	Germany		DEC	23,759.8	22,389.4	21,448.3	18,125.9	16,986.5	17,431.6	15,859.8	7.1	8.9	12.9	150	141	135	114	107	110
VTRS	VIATRIS INC.	United States	#	DEC	16,262.7	17,886.3	11,946.0	11,500.5	11,433.9	11,907.7	11,076.9	9.1	6.4	-9.1	147	161	108	104	103	108
NOVN	NOVARTIS AG	Switzerland		DEC	51,828.0	52,877.0	49,898.0	48,677.0	46,099.0	43,404.0	49,386.0	0.0	3.6	-2.0	105	107	101	99	93	88
NOVO E	3 NOVO NORDISK A/S	Denmark		DEC	25,424.5	21,536.3	20,862.5	18,325.1	17,152.4	18,013.7	15,871.3	8.5	9.6	25.7	160	136	131	115	108	113
4528	ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan		MAR	0.0	2,975.8	2,796.4	2,717.6	2,604.8	2,465.4	2,195.5	9.5	8.1	16.8	0	136	127	124	119	112
4578	OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	Japan		DEC	13,179.3	13,012.9	13,786.1	12,847.6	11,775.8	11,008.6	10,240.2	4.2	7.0	16.0	129	127	135	125	115	108
PRGO	PERRIGO COMPANY PLC	Ireland	#	DEC	4,451.6	4,138.7	4,088.2	3,869.9	4,731.7	4,946.2	5,280.6	3.4	-2.1	7.6	84	78	77	73	90	94
PFE	PFIZER INC.	United States		DEC	100,330.0	81,288.0	41,651.0	40,905.0	40,825.0	52,546.0	52,824.0	6.3	13.8	23.4	190	154	79	77	77	99
RO	ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland		DEC	71,837.5	72,234.8	68,203.4	65,825.2	60,466.9	57,201.2	51,818.3	3.4	3.6	0.9	139	139	132	127	117	110
SAN	SANOFI	France		DEC	48,508.1	44,552.5	45,711.3	42,229.8	40,848.4	43,493.0	36,626.2	2.4	4.6	15.9	132	122	125	115	112	119
4507	SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Japan		MAR	0.0	2,759.8	2,687.0	3,098.2	3,282.4	3,245.3	3,039.4	2.3	-0.2	12.8	0	91	88	102	108	107
4502	TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPAN	I\Japan	#	MAR	0.0	29,390.5	28,913.6	30,586.7	18,926.3	16,670.9	15,534.1	9.0	15.6	11.6	0	189	186	197	122	107
UCB	UCB SA	Belgium		DEC	5,821.3	6,570.0	6,540.7	5,513.4	5,303.4	5,372.2	4,377.7	4.6	4.0	-5.7	133	150	149	126	121	123
ZTS	ZOETIS INC.	United States		DEC	8,080.0	7,776.0	6,675.0	6,260.0	5,825.0	5,307.0	4,888.0	6.4	8.8	3.9	165	159	137	128	119	109

Note: Data as originally reported. CAGR-Compound annual growth rate. #Of the following calendar year. Companies are based on the constituents of the S&P Global 1200 Index.

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Net Income

				-			Million \$				C	AGR (%	6)		Inde	x Basis	(2012=1	100)	
Ticker	Company	Country	Yr. E	d 202	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	10-Yr.	5-Yr.	1-Yr.	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PHARM	MACEUTICALS																		
4503	ASTELLAS PHARMA INC.	Japan	# M.	.R 0.	1,021.8	1,090.3	1,816.1	2,005.8	1,550.6	1,961.4	4.7	-10.7	2.9	0	52	56	93	102	79
AZN	ASTRAZENECA PLC	United Kingdom	D	C 3,288.	112.0	3,196.0	1,335.0	2,155.0	3,001.0	3,499.0	-6.2	1.8	2,835.7	94	3	91	38	62	86
BHC	BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC.	Canada	D	C -225.	-948.0	-560.0	-1,788.0	-4,148.0	2,404.0	-2,409.0	6.8	NM	-76.3	9	39	23	74	172	-100
BAYN	BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	Germany	D	C 4,435.	1,137.3	-12,837.9	4,591.0	1,940.7	8,808.8	4,783.1	5.6	-10.8	315.0	93	24	-268	96	41	184
BMY	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY	United States	D	C 6,327.	6,994.0	-9,015.0	3,439.0	4,920.0	1,007.0	4,457.0	12.4	44.4	-9.5	142	157	-202	77	110	23
WEED	CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION	Canada	# M.	R 0.	-242.0	-1,387.2	-932.2	-550.9	-52.2	-5.6	NA	109.3	-82.7	0	4289	24580	16517	9761	924
CTLT	CATALENT, INC.	United States		IN 519.		221.0	137.0	83.6	109.8	111.5	NA	36.4	-11.3	465	525	198	123	75	98
4519	CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan	D			2,080.6	1,449.8	843.0	645.6	459.0	22.8	38.8	23.6	619	573	453	316	184	141
4568	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED	Japan	# M.			686.8	1,199.6	843.0	567.6	479.5	20.5	4.6	-11.8	0	115	143	250	176	118
4523	EISAI CO., LTD.	Japan	# M.	.R 0.	394.9	380.8	1,131.6	572.0	488.2	353.0	-2.0	4.0	13.9	0	112	108	321	162	138
LLY	ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	United States	D			6,193.7	8,318.4	3,232.0	-204.1	2,737.6	4.3	NM	11.9	228	204	226	304	118	-7
GSK	GSK PLC	United Kingdom	D		5,937.6	7,849.1	6,151.9	4,617.6	2,070.7	1,126.0	12.8	57.7	241.1	1600	527	697	546	410	184
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	United States		.N 0.	,	20,878.0	15,119.0	15,297.0	1,300.0	1,300.0	5.2	69.0	-14.1	0	1380	1606	1163	1177	100
MRK	MERCK & CO., INC.	United States	D			7,067.0	9,843.0	6,220.0	2,394.0	3,920.0	8.9	43.4	11.3	370	333	180	251	159	61
MRK	MERCK KGAA	Germany	D	C 3,554.	3,474.4	2,430.6	1,481.3	3,863.1	3,128.0	1,719.6	19.4	5.0	8.9	207	202	141	86	225	182
VTRS	VIATRIS INC.	United States	D			-669.9	16.8	352.5	696.0	480.0	12.5	24.5	NM	433	-264	-140	4	73	145
NOVN	NOVARTIS AG	Switzerland	D			8,072.0	11,732.0	12,611.0	7,703.0	6,712.0	-2.8	-2.0	-71.0	104	358	120	175	188	115
NOVO		Denmark	D		7,304.7	6,925.0	5,849.7	5,924.7	6,149.4	5,384.8	10.0	7.8	16.3	148	136	129	109	110	114
4528	ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan	# M.			682.0	554.9	465.1	473.5	500.4	12.7	7.6	6.8	0	133	136	111	93	95
4578	OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	Japan	D	C 1,016.	1,089.7	1,435.3	1,170.0	751.9	998.7	792.8	3.8	3.6	6.8	128	137	181	148	95	126
PRGO	PERRIGO COMPANY PLC	Ireland	D			-162.6	146.1	131.0	119.6	-4,012.8	NA	NM	104.1	4	2	4	-4	-3	-3
PFE	PFIZER INC.	United States	D			9,159.0	16,026.0	11,153.0	21,308.0	7,215.0	8.0	8.0	42.7	435	305	127	222	155	295
RO	ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland	D			16,157.1	13,936.1	10,671.2	8,858.4	9,427.2	2.8	7.5	-10.8	142	162	171	148	113	94
SAN	SANOFI	France	D		, -	15,038.5	3,090.6	4,930.2	10,105.7	4,971.0	5.5	-0.1	34.5	180	142	303	62	99	203
4507	SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Japan	# M.	.R 0.	940.3	1,011.4	1,135.6	1,198.1	1,025.1	752.3	15.5	6.4	2.1	0	125	134	151	159	136
4502	TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED	Japan	# M.	R 0.	1,894.5	3,399.7	411.2	1,220.0	1,759.7	1,030.9	6.4	14.9	-38.8	0	184	330	40	118	171
UCB	UCB SA	Belgium	D	C 446.	1,203.2	895.4	888.8	916.0	904.2	548.9	5.3	-11.1	-60.5	81	219	163	162	167	165
ZTS	ZOETIS INC.	United States	D	C 2,114.	2,037.0	1,638.0	1,500.0	1,428.0	864.0	821.0	17.1	19.6	3.8	257	248	200	183	174	105

					Returr	n on R	evenu	ıes (%)		Retu	ırn on	Asset	s (%)			Retu	rn on	Equity	(%)	
Ticker	Company	Country	Yr. End	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
PHARM	ACEUTICALS																				
4503	ASTELLAS PHARMA INC.	Japan #	MAR	0.0	9.6	9.7	15.0	17.0	12.7	NA	5.3	5.3	8.4	11.7	8.9	0.0	8.7	9.0	15.3	17.6	13.0
AZN	ASTRAZENECA PLC	United Kingdom	DEC	7.4	0.3	12.0	5.5	9.8	13.4	3.4	0.1	4.8	2.2	3.6	4.7	8.6	0.4	20.8	8.6	13.4	17.2
BHC	BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC.	Canada	DEC	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	27.6	NN			NM	NM	6.4	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	52.2
BAYN	BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	Germany	DEC		2.3	NM	9.4	4.6	21.0	3.3			3.2	1.3	9.8	11.6	3.2	NM	5.2	3.3	9.4
BMY	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY	United States	DEC	13.7	15.1	NM	13.2	21.8	4.8	6.5	6.4	NM	2.6	14.1	3.0	18.9	19.0	NM	10.5	38.1	6.9
WEED	CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION	Canada #	MAR	0.0	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NA	. NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	0.0	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
CTLT	CATALENT, INC.	United States	JUN	10.7	14.6	7.1	5.4	3.4	5.3	4.9	6.4	2.8	2.2	1.8	3.2	11.4	15.0	7.6	8.1	9.2	16.2
4519	CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan	DEC		30.3	27.3	23.0	16.0	13.6	20.0			14.9	10.1	8.5	28.7	28.0	23.4	19.6	12.8	11.0
4568	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED	Japan #	MAR		6.4	7.9	13.1	10.0	6.3	NA				4.5	3.2	0.0	5.1	5.9	10.1	7.8	5.2
4523	EISAI CO., LTD.	Japan #	MAR	0.0	6.3	6.5	17.5	9.9	8.6	NA	3.9	3.9	11.5	5.9	4.9	0.0	6.1	5.9	18.1	10.5	8.9
LLY	ELILILLY AND COMPANY	United States	DEC	21.9	19.7	25.2	37.3	15.0	NM	12.6	11.4	13.3	21.2	7.4	NM	62.7	74.5	145.3	68.2	27.9	NM
GSK	GSK PLC	United Kingdom	DEC	51.0	17.8	23.6	13.8	11.8	5.1	24.9	5.5	7.1	5.8	6.2	2.7	31.3	16.7	26.1	47.8	113.0	51.3
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	United States #	0, •		18.9	22.3	17.8	18.4	18.8	NA	9.6		8.4	9.6	10.0	0.0	23.8	30.4	24.0	25.4	25.5
MRK	MERCK & CO., INC.	United States	DEC		26.8	17.0	25.2	14.7	6.0	13.3			11.7	7.5	2.7	34.5	38.8	17.6	21.2	20.2	6.5
MRK	MERCK KGAA	Germany	DEC	15.0	15.5	11.3	8.2	22.7	17.9	6.9	6.7	4.8	3.0	9.1	7.3	14.1	15.9	11.4	7.4	7.0	18.2
VTRS	VIATRIS INC.	United States	DEC	12.8	NM	NM	0.1	3.1	5.8	4.2	NM		0.1	1.1	1.9	10.0	NM	NM	0.1	2.8	5.7
NOVN	NOVARTIS AG	Switzerland	DEC		45.4	16.2	24.1	27.4	17.7	5.9	18.2		9.9	8.7	5.8	10.9	38.6	14.4	10.6	16.7	10.1
NOVO E	NOVO NORDISK A/S	Denmark	DEC	31.4	33.9	33.2	31.9	34.5	34.1	23.0	24.6	29.1	31.0	34.9	37.3	72.0	71.2	69.7	71.2	76.0	80.2
4528	ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan #	MAR		22.3	24.4	20.4	17.9	19.2	NA			8.9	7.9	8.3	0.0	12.4	12.5	10.6	9.5	9.6
4578	OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	Japan	DEC	7.7	8.4	10.4	9.1	6.4	9.1	4.3	4.4	5.6	4.9	3.3	4.5	6.4	6.6	8.2	7.4	4.8	6.4
PRGO	PERRIGO COMPANY PLC	Ireland	DEC		NM	NM	3.8	2.8	2.4	NN	NM	NM	1.3	1.2	1.0	NM	NM	8.0	2.8	2.2	2.0
PFE	PFIZER INC.	United States	DEC		27.0	22.0	39.2	27.3	40.6	15.9		5.9	9.6	7.0	12.4	36.2	31.9	10.5	16.9	5.7	32.5
RO	ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland	DEC		21.2	23.7	21.2		15.5	14.1				13.4	11.3	44.8	43.9	39.8	42.6	36.6	31.9
SAN	SANOFI	France	DEC		15.9	32.9	7.3	12.1	23.2	6.6			2.4	3.9	8.4	11.8	9.5	20.1	4.9	7.5	6.7
4507	SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Japan #	MAR	0.0	34.1	37.6	36.7	36.5	31.6	NA	9.9	11.2	14.0	17.0	15.1	0.0	12.2	13.8	17.0	20.9	19.2
4502	TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED	Japan #			6.4	11.8	1.3	6.4	10.6	NA			0.3	1.0	4.6	0.0	4.2	7.6	0.9	3.8	9.4
UCB	UCB SA	Belgium	DEC	7.7	18.3	13.7	16.1	17.3	16.8	2.6			7.1	7.6	7.6	4.8	13.5	10.7	12.3	13.6	13.7
ZTS	ZOETIS INC.	United States	DEC	26.2	26.2	24.5	24.0	24.5	16.3	14.2	14.7	12.0	13.0	13.3	10.1	47.2	48.9	50.5	61.3	71.7	52.5

			C	Curren	t Ratio	0			Debt/	Capita	ıl Rati	o (%)		Debt as a % of Net Working Capital									
Ticker	Company	Country		Yr. End	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	
PHARM	IACEUTICALS																						
4503	ASTELLAS PHARMA INC.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	1.3	1.5	1.1	1.7	2.0	NA	6.2	13.7	25.5	0.1	0.3	NA	38.4	71.5	478.4	0.4	0.8	
AZN	ASTRAZENECA PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	0.9	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0	8.0	47.9	43.7	57.7	55.8	60.0	53.6	NM	825.4	NM	NM	NM	NM	
BHC	BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC.	Canada		DEC	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	98.7	100.2	97.5	95.6	89.5	80.9	6,645.1	5,538.9	5,576.9	3,420.4	6,420.5	5,279.3	
BAYN	BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	Germany		DEC	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.3	2.2	45.8	51.7	51.3	43.1	44.7	25.0	1,227.2	1,119.7	NM	389.9	470.6	74.5	
BMY	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY	United States		DEC	1.2	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.6	53.6	52.6	56.5	46.2	30.9	42.3	660.0	349.2	438.1	397.9	86.6	150.5	
WEED	CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION		#	MAR	0.0	8.2	10.0	6.1	11.9	5.2	NA	29.1	30.3	8.0	10.6	0.5	NA	97.8	61.6	20.9	18.7	1.8	
CTLT	CATALENT, INC.	United States		JUN	2.7	2.4	2.6	2.1	2.1	2.3	45.2	41.0	44.4	54.3	70.9	74.0	214.4	172.6	200.2	374.5	399.4	347.9	
4519	CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan		DEC	3.2	3.2	3.5	3.9	4.4	4.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
4568	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	3.4	3.6	3.9	3.6	3.4	NA	9.6	11.4	13.7	15.0	18.7	NA	15.1	17.9	19.8	21.9	30.7	
4523	EISAI CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.2	NA	11.0	6.4	7.3	13.3	21.8	NA	29.0	19.0	20.4	35.8	57.1	
LLY	ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	United States		DEC	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.7	1.3	58.9	62.7	74.2	92.7	48.3	58.6	1,723.3	452.6	337.0	792.9	112.5	271.6	
GSK	GSK PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	0.9	8.0	0.9	8.0	8.0	0.6	67.3	49.8	54.4	67.3	103.1	84.6	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	Ornioa Otatoo	#	JAN	0.0	1.0	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.5	NA	36.8	30.4	34.9	30.9	31.8	NA	NM	200.7	382.7	285.7	188.1	
MRK	MERCK & CO., INC.	United States		DEC	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.3	38.0	44.7	58.1	50.2	53.9	38.3	247.2	481.7	6,748.5	464.5	686.7	348.9	
MRK	MERCK KGAA	Germany		DEC	1.3	1.1	1.0	8.0	1.1	0.9	26.1	30.1	39.6	35.2	31.9	43.6	338.3	1,604.4	21,377.6	NM	1,059.2	NM	
VTRS	VIATRIS INC.	United States		DEC	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.1	46.1	52.7	51.8	48.6	52.0	49.3	463.2	2,082.5	1,021.0	943.8	739.5	1,559.4	
NOVN	NOVARTIS AG	Switzerland		DEC	1.3	1.5	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.2	30.0	29.2	40.5	33.2	28.5	28.7	289.3	170.9	NM	2,032.0	483.7	582.3	
NOVO E		Denmark		DEC	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.3	20.4	28.0	10.6	1.1	1.0	3.4	NM	NM	NM	19.0	10.5	13.0	
4528	ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	4.3	2.6	2.5	2.3	3.1	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	
4578	OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	Japan		DEC	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.6	4.6	5.2	6.2	7.1	8.8	10.0	16.7	19.2	21.2	24.9	32.5	31.9	
PRGO	PERRIGO COMPANY PLC	Ireland		DEC	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.0	1.9	2.0	45.6	36.0	38.3	36.6	35.0	34.6	252.3	127.5	200.3	239.8	223.6	236.4	
PFE	PFIZER INC.	United States		DEC	1.2	1.4	1.4	0.9	1.6	1.4	26.0	32.4	37.6	51.0	38.5	38.1	368.3	216.2	413.6	NM	206.7	374.4	
RO	ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland		DEC	1.2	0.9	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	43.3	37.3	23.6	29.0	35.9	37.0	351.9	NM	156.4	197.3	180.8	176.5	
SAN	SANOFI	France		DEC	1.4	1.4	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.7	16.7	20.1	24.1	25.8	27.5	20.0	148.2	185.0	138.1	239.1	306.1	133.1	
4507	SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	5.3	5.6	6.4	5.2	5.4	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	
4502	TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.5	NA	42.2	47.1	48.9	52.9	32.8	NA	924.7	490.9	1,537.0	1,196.9	288.8	
UCB	UCB SA	Belgium		DEC	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	22.3	19.2	23.9	11.6	17.4	21.4	1,347.4	224.8	296.1	102.0	164.4	213.9	
ZTS	ZOETIS INC.	United States		DEC	2.4	3.9	3.0	2.6	3.6	3.9	60.0	59.2	63.7	68.7	74.8	73.5	151.9	128.5	149.0	202.2	203.1	158.6	

				Price/Earnings Ratio (High-Low)								Dividend Payout Ratio (%)							Dividend Yield (High-Low, %)									
Ticker Company	Country	Yr. End	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	202	I	2020	201	9 :	2018	2017	2016						
PHARMACEUTICALS 4503 ASTELLAS PHARMA INC. AZN ASTRAZENECA PLC BHC BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC. BAYN BAYER AKTENOESELLSCHAFT BMY BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY WEED CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION	Japan United Kingdom Canada Germany United States Canada	# MAR DEC DEC DEC DEC	33 - 27 67 - 50 NM - NM 16 - 10 27 - 21	31 - 23 1625 - 1199 NM - NM 60 - 43 22 - 17	19 - 13 48 - 31 NM - NM NM - NM	17 - 12 99 - 68 NM - NM 18 - 13 32 - 21	20 - 16 48 - 38 NM - NM 65 - 33 23 - 16	19 - 14 29 - 22 3 - 1 14 - 10 107 - 76	68.7 3442.9 0.0 199.3 62.9	111.8 0.0 NM NM	269.1 0.0 63.8	161.7 0.0 141.7	0.0		2.6 - 0.0 - 4.5 - 3.7 -	1.9 3.0 0.0 0.0 3.0 6.0 2.7 3.	0 - 2.2 0 - 0.0 0 - 3.5 7 - 2.8	3.7 - 0.0 - 6.9 - 3.9 -	2.4 4.0 0.0 0.0 3.6 5.3 2.7 3.8	0 - 2.9 0 - 0.0 3 - 3.8 3 - 2.8	9 4.4 - 3 0 0.0 - 0 3 4.6 - 2 3 3.3 - 2	2 2.4 - 1.9 4 5.5 - 4.0 0 0.0 - 0.0 5 2.9 - 2.2 3 3.3 - 2.4						
TITL CATALENT, NC. 4519 CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. 4568 DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED 4523 EISAI CO., LTD.	United States Japan Japan Japan	JUN DEC # MAR # MAR	50 - 31 21 - 13 104 - 63	40 - 23 35 - 19 105 - 59 75 - 49	69 - 32 43 - 24 40 - 21 22 - 12	59 - 33 35 - 22 33 - 23 50 - 28	74 - 53 44 - 31 43 - 24 38 - 30	43 - 24 45 - 24 36 - 28 54 - 43	3.8 32.6 77.2	16.3	0.0 35.8 35.1	0.0 37.9 48.5	0.0 41.3 77.0	0.0 59.1 82.1	0.0 - 2.6 - 1.4 -	0.0 0.0 1.8 2.5 0.8 1.3	0 - 0.0 5 - 0.8 3 - 0.7	0.0 - 1.5 - 1.7 -	0.0 0.0 0.9 1.3 0.9 2.1	0 - 0.0 3 - 0.8 1 - 1.4	0 0.0 - 0 3 1.2 - 0 4 3.1 - 1	0 0.0 - 0.0 0 0.0 - 0.0 8 1.7 - 1.0 7 3.2 - 2.2 1 2.8 - 2.0						
LLY ELI LILLY AND COMPANY GSK GSK PLC JNJ JOHNSON & JOHNSON MRK MERCK & CO., NC. MRK MERCK KGAA	United States United Kingdom United States United States Germany	DEC DEC # JAN DEC DEC	20 - 13	45 - 27 18 - 14 21 - 14 18 - 14 32 - 19	25 - 17 15 - 10 27 - 23 33 - 24 30 - 16	15 - 12 19 - 15 26 - 21 24 - 19 36 - 28	38 - 24 22 - 18 26 - 20 34 - 23 13 - 10	NM - NM 52 - 40 260 - 208 76 - 62 17 - 14	55.3 91.2 65.1 50.7 24.5	69.2 52.8 87.9	85.1 71.2	65.6 83.2	255.0 62.1 215.8	425.5 687.9 130.7	7.7 - 2.7 - 3.8 -	4.4 6. 2.4 3. 2.5 3.	7 - 5.0 4 - 2.5 7 - 2.9	6.2 - 3.0 - 3.7 -	4.3 5.6 2.6 3.0 2.7 3.0	6 - 4.5 0 - 2.3 0 - 2.4	5 6.4 - 4 3 2.9 - 2 4 3.6 - 2	9 3.1 - 2.4 9 6.3 - 4.6 3 3.1 - 2.6 4 3.5 - 2.8 3 1.4 - 1.0						
VTRS VIATRIS INC. NOVN NOVARTIS AG NOVO B NOVO NORDISK A/S 4528 ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD. 4578 OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	United States Switzerland Denmark Japan Japan	DEC DEC DEC # MAR DEC	9 - 5 30 - 23 38 - 26 20 - 16 20 - 16	NM - NM 9 - 7 37 - 21 24 - 16 23 - 18	NM - NM 28 - 20 25 - 17 22 - 15 18 - 11	985 - 516 19 - 15 24 - 18 35 - 22 21 - 15	70 - 38 17 - 13 24 - 17 34 - 22 38 - 29	35 - 23 26 - 21 21 - 13 55 - 21 27 - 21	NM 30.7 45.1 34.4 44.6	86.6 47.8 29.8	0.0 56.6 49.8 38.1 0.0	0.0 55.2 49.3 42.4 67.0	49.4 46.6	0.0 96.5 62.8 36.1 59.1	4.2 - 1.6 - 2.3 -	3.5 4. 1.2 2. 1.5 2.	1 - 3.4 2 - 1.2 4 - 1.3	4.2 - 2.4 - 2.4 -	3.1 3.7 1.8 2.7 1.7 2.1	7 - 3.0 7 - 2.1 1 - 1.2	3.9 - 3 1 2.9 - 2 2 1.8 - 1	0 0.0 - 0.0 1 3.9 - 3.2 2 4.0 - 2.3 3 1.7 - 0.6 7 2.3 - 1.7						
PRGO PERRIGO COMPANY PLC PFE PFIZER INC. RO ROCHE HOLDING AG SAN SANOFI 4507 SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Ireland United States Switzerland France Japan	DEC DEC DEC # MAR	NM - NM 11 - 7 26 - 18 16 - 10 23 - 16	NM - NM 16 - 9 23 - 18 19 - 16 20 - 14	NM - NM 26 - 17 20 - 15 9 - 6 18 - 11	53 - 36 15 - 12 20 - 15 41 - 33 18 - 13	100 - 38 24 - 18 21 - 17 23 - 19 18 - 15	106 - 79 10 - 9 27 - 22 13 - 10 25 - 18	NM 39.7 55.8 64.4 29.0	92.1 53.9 32.0	55.2 139.2	87.6	81.1 44.1	NM 101.4 72.1 79.8 26.4	3.8 - 3.1 - 4.3 -	2.6 4. 2.3 3. 3.1 4.	7 - 2.9 1 - 2.4 2 - 3.5	5.3 - 3.2 - 4.3 -	3.7 4.2 2.5 3.5 3.3 4.2	2 - 3.0 5 - 2.8 2 - 3.6	0 4.0 - 2 3 4.0 - 3 6 4.8 - 3	7 1.0 - 0.7 9 4.1 - 3.5 2 3.7 - 3.0 8 4.0 - 3.2 1 1.5 - 1.1						
4502 TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED UCB UCB SA ZOETIS INC.	Japan Belgium United States	# MAR DEC DEC	31 - 22 53 - 28 55 - 29	18 - 13 19 - 14 57 - 34	160 - 100 28 - 14 51 - 27	42 - 25 19 - 15 42 - 26	27 - 21 19 - 15 32 - 24	38 - 30 18 - 13 41 - 30	123.3 22.7 23.3	32.1		27.8	28.8	123.3 44.4 22.9	1.9 -	1.1 1.	7 - 1.2	2.0 -	1.1 1.9	9 - 1.5	5 1.9 - 1	7 4.4 - 3.2 5 2.0 - 1.5 5 0.8 - 0.6						

		Earnings per Share (\$									Tan	gible B	ook Val	ue per	Share	(\$)	Share Price (High-Low, \$)								
Ticker	Company	Country		Yr. End	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017			
PHARI	MACEUTICALS																								
4503	ASTELLAS PHARMA INC.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	0.6	0.6	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.0	2.4	2.2	1.4	2.9	3.0	16.7 - 13.5	17.6 - 13.6	19.3 - 13.6	17.6 - 12.5	18.7 - 12.5	15.0 - 11.8			
AZN	ASTRAZENECA PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	2.1	0.1	2.4	1.0	1.7	2.4	-14.3	-14.9	-13.1	-14.8	-16.7	-18.2	139.0 - 99.0	128.9 - 91.2	138.2 - 80.2	103.6 - 70.4	82.0 - 57.9	74.6 - 55.9			
BHC	BAUSCH HEALTH COMPANIES INC.	Canada		DEC	-0.6	-2.6	-1.6	-5.1	-11.8	6.8	-49.8	-54.3	-59.0	-63.1	-64.1	-71.6	28.1 - 4.0	34.8 - 20.9	30.4 - 11.2	32.0 - 18.5	28.5 - 14.4	22.8 - 8.3			
BAYN	BAYER AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT	Germany		DEC	4.5	1.2	-13.1	4.7	2.1	10.1	-23.2	-33.6	-33.6	-24.3	-29.4	16.4	72.7 - 49.9	65.7 - 49.9	95.8 - 48.8	83.4 - 58.4	126.2 - 66.8	148.8 - 118.4			
BMY	BRISTOL-MYERS SQUIBB COMPANY	United States		DEC	3.0	3.1	-4.0	2.0	3.0	0.6	-12.4	-12.4	-16.0	-15.5	3.9	2.2	81.4 - 60.9	69.8 - 53.2	68.3 - 45.8	64.8 - 42.5	70.1 - 46.9	66.1 - 46.0			
WEED	CANOPY GROWTH CORPORATION	Canada	#	MAR	0.0	-0.6	-3.7	-2.7	-2.1	-0.3	0.0	3.0	2.7	4.9	10.5	2.9	9.0 - 2.1	56.6 - 8.7	30.0 - 10.2	54.7 - 14.1	56.2 - 15.3	26.4 - 5.2			
CTLT	CATALENT, INC.	United States		JUN	2.8	3.1	1.1	0.9	0.6	0.9	4.1	3.4	-2.8	-10.1	-6.4	-4.7	128.3 - 40.7	142.6 - 97.9	120.5 - 31.0	58.4 - 29.3	47.9 - 29.2	43.4 - 25.5			
4519	CHUGAI PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan		DEC	1.7	1.6	1.3	0.9	0.5	0.4	6.5	6.2	5.6	4.7	4.1	3.6	32.8 - 24.7	55.9 - 30.3	57.8 - 30.7	31.7 - 18.9	23.8 - 15.4	17.8 - 9.7			
4568	DAIICHI SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	4.7	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.3	36.9 - 17.4	32.6 - 17.2	38.3 - 16.8	23.2 - 10.5	15.3 - 9.1	8.8 - 6.8			
4523	EISAI CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	1.4	1.3	3.9	2.0	1.7	0.0	13.3	13.3	13.1	11.3	10.6	76.2 - 38.0	110.9 - 55.8	105.6 - 58.9	89.1 - 47.9	104.7 - 49.2	63.5 - 48.8			
LLY	ELI LILLY AND COMPANY	United States		DEC	6.9	6.1	6.8	8.9	3.1	-0.2	-0.7	-2.9	-6.1	-8.5	7.3	3.0	375.3 - 231.9	283.9 - 161.8	173.9 - 117.1	137.0 - 101.4	119.8 - 73.7	89.1 - 73.5			
GSK	GSK PLC	United Kingdom		DEC	4.4	1.5	1.9	1.5	1.2	0.5	-3.2	-8.6	-8.9	-10.1	-6.2	-8.1	41.1 - 15.4	27.6 - 20.2	31.7 - 21.9	30.6 - 23.7	26.3 - 18.8	29.1 - 21.5			
JNJ	JOHNSON & JOHNSON	United States	#	JAN	0.0	6.7	7.8	5.5	5.6	5.6	0.0	-6.4	-2.9	-10.1	-8.3	-6.9	186.7 - 155.7	179.9 - 151.5	157.7 - 109.2	147.8 - 125.0	149.0 - 118.6	144.4 - 110.8			
MRK	MERCK & CO., INC.	United States		DEC	5.7	5.1	2.8	3.8	2.3	0.9	1.8	-2.4	-3.0	-3.0	-1.8	0.7	112.9 - 72.9	91.4 - 70.9	92.1 - 65.3	92.6 - 72.1	80.2 - 52.8	66.8 - 53.6			
MRK	MERCK KGAA	Germany		DEC	8.2	8.0	5.6	3.4	8.9	7.2	0.5	-8.6	-18.8	-21.9	-10.0	-21.8	244.3 - 163.6	263.3 - 144.0	171.7 - 93.2	123.8 - 96.3	114.7 - 85.3	138.3 - 104.7			
VTRS	VIATRIS INC.	United States		DEC	1.7	-1.1	-1.1	0.0	0.7	1.3	-9.9	-14.7	-15.8	-18.1	-21.8	-23.2	15.6 - 8.4	18.8 - 12.0	23.1 - 12.8	32.2 - 16.6	47.8 - 26.0	45.9 - 29.4			
NOVN	NOVARTIS AG	Switzerland		DEC	3.2	10.6	3.5	5.1	5.4	3.3	1.3	4.2	-2.4	2.5	8.5	7.6	95.6 - 78.8	95.3 - 80.1	108.9 - 73.6	99.3 - 79.5	94.3 - 73.0	87.6 - 71.3			
NOVO	B NOVO NORDISK A/S	Denmark		DEC	3.5	3.2	3.0	2.5	2.4	2.5	2.0	1.9	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.1	135.9 - 86.8	118.3 - 63.9	76.9 - 54.5	59.2 - 44.4	54.4 - 40.7	54.8 - 36.4			
4528	ONO PHARMACEUTICAL CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.0	10.0	10.2	9.2	8.7	8.6	30.3 - 20.0	28.4 - 20.5	33.2 - 17.8	23.2 - 16.8	31.3 - 19.4	24.2 - 19.4			
4578	OTSUKA HOLDINGS CO., LTD.	Japan		DEC	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.2	1.4	1.8	18.3	19.1	20.2	17.2	15.8	17.8	37.9 - 29.1	43.5 - 34.8	50.0 - 31.2	46.7 - 31.6	53.2 - 39.5	52.3 - 38.1			
PRGO	PERRIGO COMPANY PLC	Ireland		DEC	-1.0	-0.5	-1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8	-14.4	0.0	0.5	-9.6	-9.0	-9.8	43.9 - 30.8	50.9 - 35.3	63.9 - 40.0	57.5 - 38.4	95.9 - 36.3	91.7 - 63.7			
PFE	PFIZER INC.	United States		DEC	5.5	3.9	1.6	2.8	1.9	3.5	0.2	0.5	-2.6	-3.4	-4.4	-5.6	58.6 - 41.4	61.7 - 33.4	43.1 - 27.9	44.6 - 34.0	46.5 - 33.2	37.4 - 30.9			
RO	ROCHE HOLDING AG	Switzerland		DEC	16.6	17.8	18.7	16.1	12.4	10.3	10.1	2.1	20.0	14.2	11.1	9.6	437.1 - 314.2	421.5 - 321.5	404.5 - 300.4	328.2 - 250.2	264.6 - 209.7	280.1 - 232.0			
SAN	SANOFI	France		DEC	7.1	5.6	11.9	2.5	3.9	8.0	8.1	6.3	6.4	0.3	-2.3	5.9	114.0 - 81.7	103.7 - 85.2	117.2 - 82.8	102.8 - 80.5	92.1 - 72.0	111.6 - 86.3			
4507	SHIONOGI & CO., LTD.	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	3.1	3.3	3.7	3.8	3.2	0.0	24.2	22.8	21.6	17.8	15.8	63.3 - 46.3	73.3 - 46.7	69.6 - 42.4	66.3 - 50.6	71.1 - 47.4	57.4 - 47.4			
4502	TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY LIMITED	Japan	#	MAR	0.0	1.2	2.2	0.3	1.3	2.2	0.0	-13.5	-16.0	-20.6	-22.1	-0.6	31.9 - 24.1	37.9 - 26.0	43.9 - 28.0	44.4 - 31.3	61.0 - 31.9	57.5 - 41.4			
UCB	UCB SA	Belgium		DEC	2.3	6.2	4.6	4.6	4.9	4.8	-6.2	0.3	-4.3	6.7	2.7	0.9	124.0 - 71.2	122.1 - 84.5	140.0 - 73.6	89.8 - 69.9	93.3 - 68.8	94.9 - 67.9			
ZTS	ZOETIS INC.	United States		DEC	4.5	4.3	3.4	3.1	2.9	1.8	0.6	0.8	-1.3	-3.7	-5.0	-2.1	243.2 - 124.1	249.3 - 141.4	176.6 - 90.1	133.7 - 81.4	96.6 - 70.2	73.6 - 52.0			
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