



Rentschler Biopharma SE

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What we like about the Rentschler Biopharma opportunity and areas to test further

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INITIAL PERSPECTIVES

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What it is

- ~€290M (FY23) and 25-30% **ebitda German family-owned mid-sized CDMO** focused on **mAb and recombinant protein** API manufacture; <5% portfolio virus-based vaccines due to recent expansion
- Customer portfolio is largely **small-mid pharma / biotechs**; low large pharma
- **30% revenue CDMO svcs** (regulatory support, scale-up process dev., GMP readiness) but **typically delivered only in concert with API manufacture**
- ~70% **portfolio clinical**, with rising commercial focus
- **Three manufacturing sites:** mAb and protein manufacture in Germany & USA; viral vaccines in UK
- ~13% **growth p.a.** ('18-23) largely organic due to acq. of Biontech covid vaccine contact & cross-value chain alliances

What we like

- **Large, attractive market for biologics with resilient tailwinds**
 - Reference mkt of ~ €10-12B in mAbs and recombinant protein API manufacture, and including ~ €1B in virus-based vaccines
 - Robust secular growth (mAbs/proteins ~8-10%, viral vaccines ~5-8%) due to biologics demand & outsourcing (customer demand for niche tech. expertise)
- **Top 5 European mAb CDMO due to robust mAb/protein capabilities and differentiated customer service, targeting mainly SMID pharma**
 - Strong track record and reputation as established, reliable and quality player in recombinant proteins (130 formats) and mAbs (>300 molecules), with esp. longstanding expertise in multispecifics
 - Flexible, personalized approach to effectively capture small to mid pharma customers unable to access larger CDMO services; with >20% portfolio from large pharma post covid vaccine contract
 - Robust offering with clinical / commercial presence & strategic alliances enabling E2E integrated value chain (formulation - Leukocare to F&F - Vetter)
- Rentschler has delivered **strong topline growth above-market**, due to strategic entry into viral vaccines, strategic alliances and capacity expansion
 - Timely entry into viral vectors in 2020/21 (incl. UK plant build) to win Biontech covid vaccine contract
 - Capacity expansion in Milford US, internal cell line development to enable commercial play (now ~30% revenue)
- Significant value creation opportunities include:
 - (1) enhance commercial excellence / marketing presence in core biologics esp. in US to fill hopper & enhance mAb capacity utilization in USA
 - (2) double down in viral vaccines
 - (3) expand into innovative modalities e.g. ADCs, CGT, likely leveraging M&A
 - (4) enter in-house F&F, likely leveraging M&A

What needs further diligence

- **Resilience of core business based on current revenue splits**
 - Commercial vs clinical
 - Reliance on covid vaccine, vs other vaccines, mAbs and proteins
 - USA vs Europe
 - Extent of use of strategic alliances
 - Large pharma vs emerging pharma vs small biotech
- **Diversity of customer portfolio** (% # contracts & revenue from top 10-20 customers and mix of SMID vs large customers; by modality)
- **Manufacturing site capabilities, capacity utilization & potential**
 - Modality / unique capabilities per site
 - Utilisation per site and level of customer / contract sharing across sites
 - Revenue per site and impact of investments to date
 - Any capex investment plans underway
- **Extent of differentiation and moat vs key competitors (esp. other mid-sized CDMOs) & customer appetite to increase SOW**
 - Unique technical capabilities e.g. multispecifics, own cell line dev., proteins
 - Perception of viral vaccine capabilities, key gaps
 - Quality control position (9 FDA observations: procedural gaps /record keeping)
- **Strength of current portfolio and pipeline feasibility**
- **Value creation opportunity beyond core (impact and feasibility)**
 - Cross-sell potential: shift from strategic alliance to in-house formulation/F&F
 - Cost-value benefit and customer interest in entry into other modalities e.g. ADCs, CGT
 - M&A target pipeline

Mfg. capabilities enhancement, developing in-house F&F capability, geo. expansion, commercial excellence dev., & supply chain efficiencies emerge as key VC levers

VALUE CREATION

LEVERS

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Lever		Description	Potential Upsides	Implementation Ease	Rationale
Revenue Levers	API Manufacturing Capacity Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Augment manufacturing capacity in viral vectors	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leads to more effective addressal of capacity shortages in the market alongside helping capitalize on the growing demand for CGT (through viral vector production), strengthening competitiveness
	In-House Fill & Finish Capabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Build or more likely acquire robust in-house F&F capabilities as opposed to relying on third party alliances for end-to-end integrated offering	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps capture the F&F supply-demand gap (created by the GLP-1 drugs market which is rapidly growing at 8-10%) positioning Rentschler as a one-stop shop preferred by large pharma clients
	Expanding to ADCs ¹ Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand modalities coverage e.g. ADCs¹ with purification / conjugation capabilities; likely via M&A; CGT also an opportunity	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps establish presence in the ADC segment of the large molecule space growing at 12-14%
	Geographic Expansion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Double down in USA and explore opportunities in Japan	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitates further access to large markets (US currently contributing only ~30% to revenue)
	Commercial Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen BD account mgmt. and pricing strategy to build more robust pipelines, esp. in commercial projects; and enhance appeal for SMID customers	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access more stable pipeline revenue via commercial projects (currently only ~30% portfolio, and multi-year / more predictable, vs clinical projects with more uncertainty between trial phases)
	Marketing presence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen presence at tradeshow, visibility of offerings in the market and sponsorship of own conferences	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greater market awareness of company quality will support filling of site capacity esp in new US facility and new UK viral vector capability
	Sustainability Initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthen value proposition to customers via better water mgmt, circular economy, green chemistry, etc.	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strengthens company's already elaborative sustainability initiatives and increases appeal to increasingly eco-focused pharma clients
Cost Levers	Supply Chain Efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimise procurement costs of raw material inputs	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduces cost, ensures meeting tight production deadlines, enhances scalability and ropes in internal efficiencies
	Optimizing mfg. site utilization	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance utilization of the Milford and Stevenage production sites	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Optimizes costs & operational efficiency at both sites (currently Rentschler at 40-50% capacity vs industry leaders at ~60%)
Mergers and Acquisitions to boost capacity		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter strategic M&A to expand into M&A, new modalities e.g. ADCs, and to enhance current capacity in viral vaccines	<div><div></div></div>	<div><div></div></div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fragmented market with significant target pipeline availability; helps provide access to faster growing modalities (e.g. ADCs, CGT), and more integrated value chain offering to better compete

Note: (1) Antibody-Drug Conjugates

Source: Company website; Market participant interviews; Lit. search

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Rentschler Biopharma SE is a CDMO (revenue of ~€290M in 2023) with offerings across formulation, development & manufacturing, for small-mid and biotech

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COMPANY PROFILE

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Company overview



Key facts

Headquarters	Germany
Founded	1927 in Laupheim; CDMO business started in 1997
Ownership	Private; 100% owned by Rentschler family
# employees ('23)	~1K
Facilities	Stevenage, UK; Milford, USA; Laupheim, DE
Description	Rentschler Biopharma is a CDMO offering outsourcing services for bioprocess development , cGMP manufacturing , and product approval strategies from clinical studies to market approval



Client base & molecular expertise

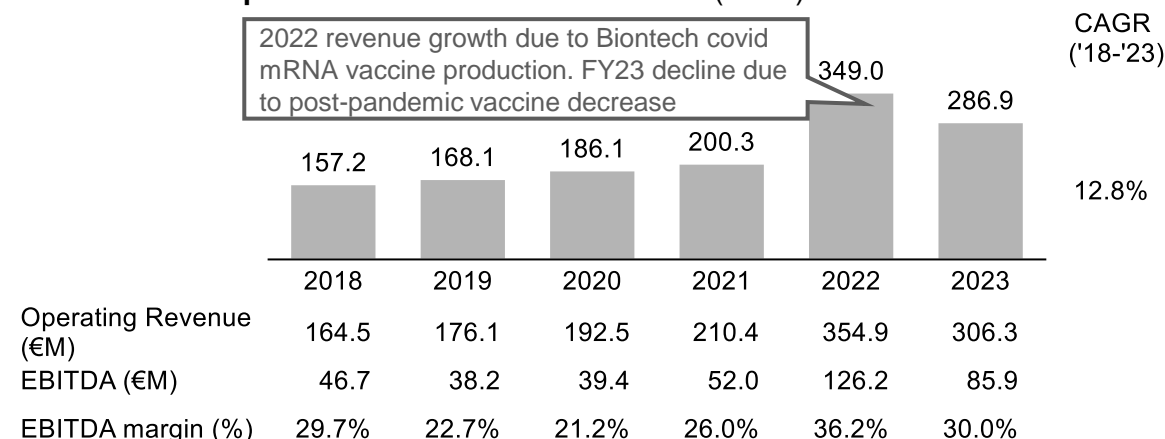
- **Strong and sustainable customer base**, largely split between **small-mid biotech companies** and **pharma** (incl 17/20 world's top pharma); **160+ clients** globally (since 1997); **~60%** of clients work on **>1 project**
- **~50 years of experience in process development and manufacturing of biopharmaceuticals**, with expertise in **>300 molecules** and **130 therapeutic protein** formats e.g., monoclonal antibodies, modified proteins etc.

Rentschler clients:



Financial overview

Rentschler Biopharma SE revenue¹ and EBITDA (in €M)



Product portfolio focus

API manufacture

Development and production of APIs for clinical trials (Phase I to III) and for commercial supply, with supporting services (quality control, GMP readiness testing etc.)

Biologics >95%

Rentschler Biopharma SE (Laupheim, Germany),
Rentschler Biopharma Inc. (Milford, USA)

Large molecules such as monoclonal antibodies (mAbs), recombinant proteins, and therapeutic enzymes, using mammalian or microbial cell lines, through cell line development and purification

Viral Vectors <5%

Rentschler ATMP Ltd. (Stevenage, UK)

Engineered viruses used to deliver therapeutic genes in **gene therapy** using high-quality batches of vectors such as **AAVs (adeno-associated viruses)**, **LTVs (lentiviral vectors)**, and **adenoviruses**

Note: 1) Revenue figures shown include Sales Revenue only – 'Other Operating Income' and 'Reduction in the inventory of products' not included as part of revenue; 2) Details on other sources of revenue not disclosed in company reports
Source: GlobalData; Company information; Annual reports; Lit. search

Rentschler focused on APIs for biologics, emphasizing clinical stage projects and increasingly targeting commercial stage, with three facilities in Europe and the USA

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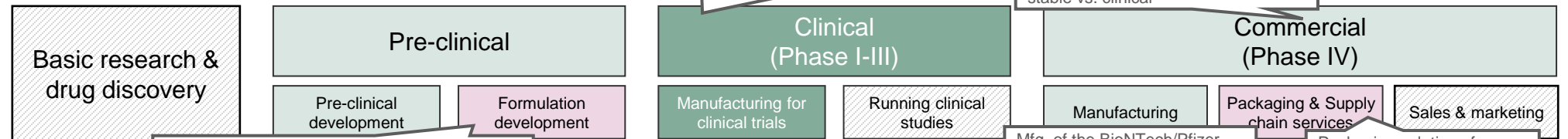
VALUE CHAIN

Rentschler focus: ■ High ■ Medium Low or none ■ Via alliance / PRELIMINARY

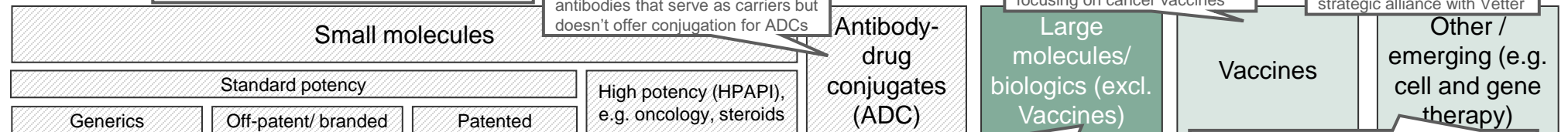
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Overall landscape and Rentschler focus

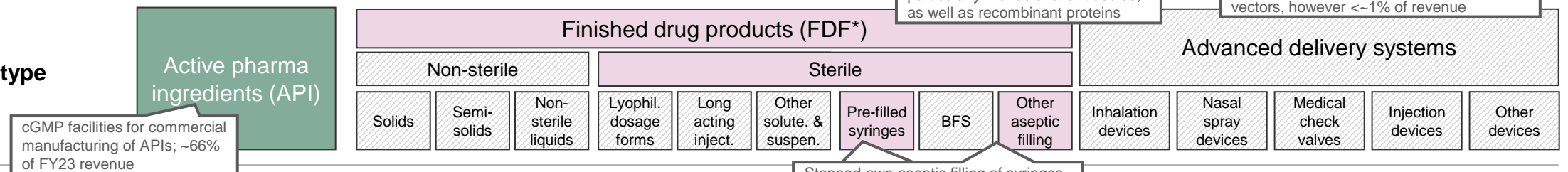
Development stage & value chain step



Drug substance modality



Drug product type

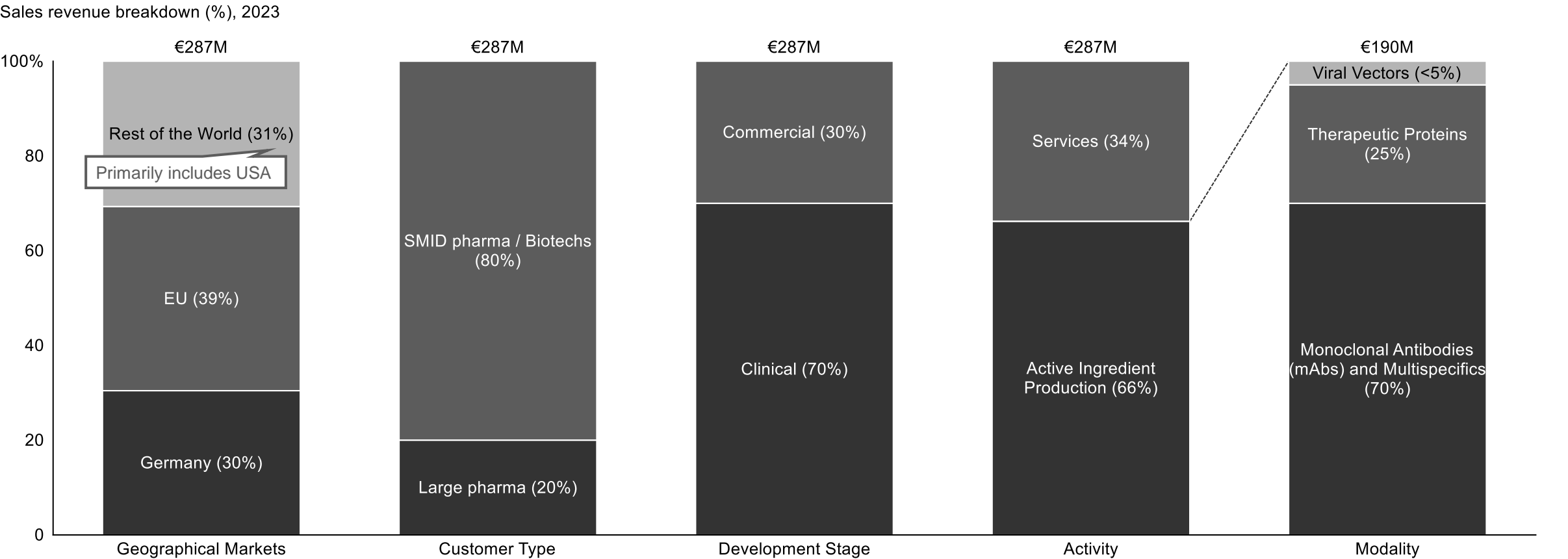


Geographic footprint (incl. manufacturing site locations & regulatory approvals from end-markets)



Note: Phase I = First in-human testing, focus on drug safety and establishing maximum tolerated dose; Phase II = Test on larger number of participants, focus on efficacy and proof-of-concept; Phase III = trial on which regulators base drug approval decision; Phase IV = Drug approved and manufactured at commercial scale; (*) FDF = Finished dosage forms;
Source: Company website, Lit. search, Market participant interviews

>50% of revenue comes from international markets with API production being the revenue driving activity & clinical stage being the revenue-driving development stage



Note: (*) Details on other sources of revenue not disclosed in company reports; Revenue split basis Customer Type and Modality indicative, basis primary research
Source: Company website; Annual reports; Market participant interviews; Lit. search.

Rentschler Biopharma provides a range of offerings including API manufacturing and CDMO support services, as well as formulations and F&F services via alliances

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

SERVICE OFFERINGS

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	API Manufacturing		Other services offered via alliances	
Description	Biologics (mAbs and therapeutic proteins)	Viral Vectors	Formulation Development	Fill & Finish (Xpert Alliance)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active ingredient manufacturing for clinical/ commercial complex biologics with focus on monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) and multi-specifics as well as therapeutic proteins e.g., recombinant proteins Broad portfolio of cultivation methods including fed-batch, continuous and perfusion processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> cGMP manufacturing for viral vectors, including adeno-associated virus (AAV) and lentivirus vectors (LVV) for commercial and clinical supply, for gene therapy applications Started off with AAV services, and expanded to include LVV manufacturing at Stevenage, UK facility in Sep 2024 Proprietary HEK293 cell line for advanced therapy projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation development via strategic alliance with Leukocare, Rentschler's exclusive formulation developer since 2018 Based on Leukocare's proprietary SPS (Stabilizing and Protecting Solutions) technology which significantly improve the stability of therapeutic proteins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical/ commercial fill & finish solutions (encapsulating the formulated drugs into its consumable forms, such as vials and syringes) via strategic alliance with Vetter (since 2020)
Share of Revenue (est.)	~ 60%	< 5%	n/a	n/a
<p>← CDMO Support Services ~33% revenues (e.g., Regulatory Support, Quality Control & Assurance, Process development for GMP readiness, analytical development, Project Management Services, Assistance with Approval Documents, etc.) →</p>				

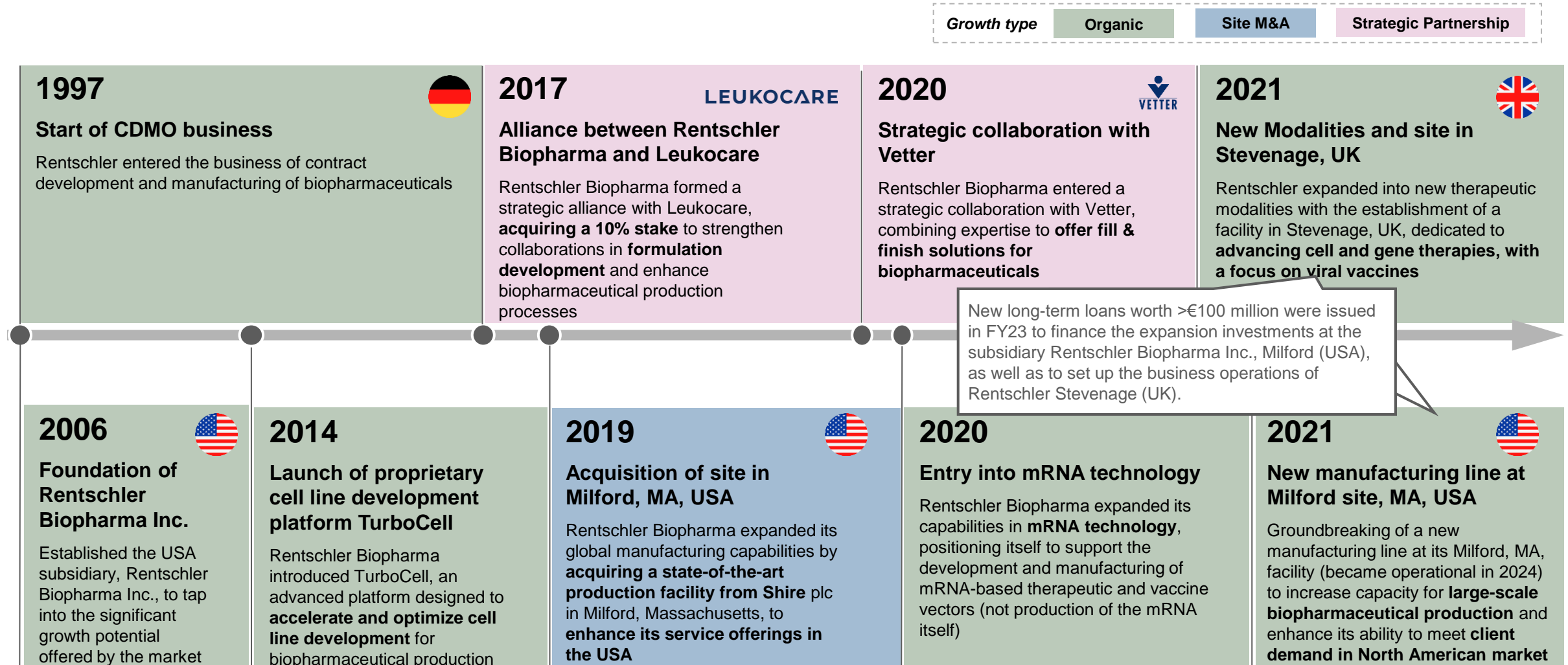
Note: Share of revenue by division indicative, basis market participant interviews
Source: Company website; Market participant interviews; Lit search.

Rentschler has grown through strategic alliances, and expansion of manufacturing sites and into new modalities / technologies

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TIMELINE

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Source: Company information; Annual reports; Lit. search

Rentschler, headquartered in Germany, with a production site in the UK for viral vectors, and sites in Germany and the US for mAbs and other complex biologics

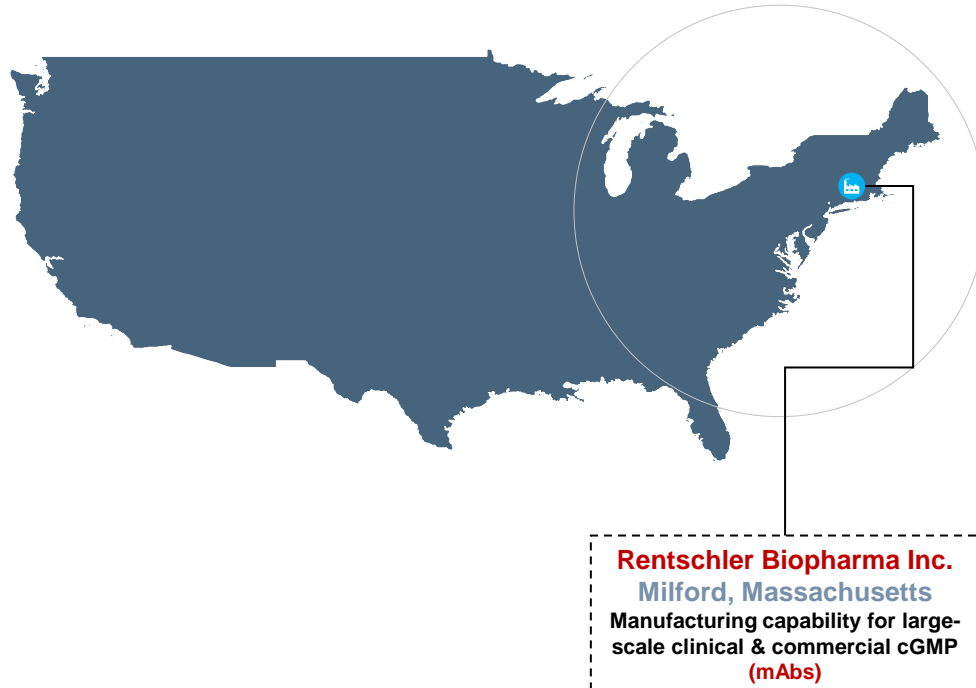
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GEOGRAPHICAL FOOTPRINT

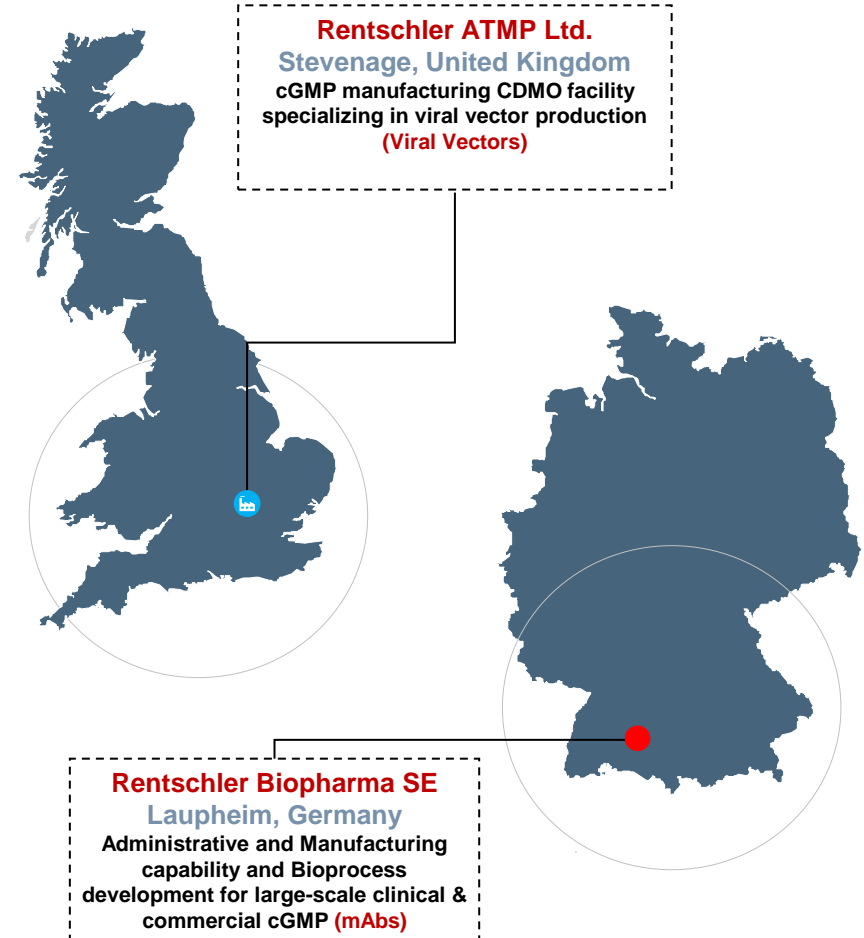
United States

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- Sites that were marked as 'Advanced therapy' referred to facilities that specialize in development of advanced therapeutic products, including gene & cell therapies etc., in line with the official website (<https://www.rentschler-biopharma.com/en-us/company/en-stevenage/>)
- There are only 3 sites mentioned on Rentschler's official website with their corporate HQ located in Laupheim, Germany (<https://www.rentschler-biopharma.com/en-us/company/locations-overview/>)



United Kingdom & Germany



● Headquarters (incl administrative site) ● Manufacturing & Development

Source: Company website; Annual reports

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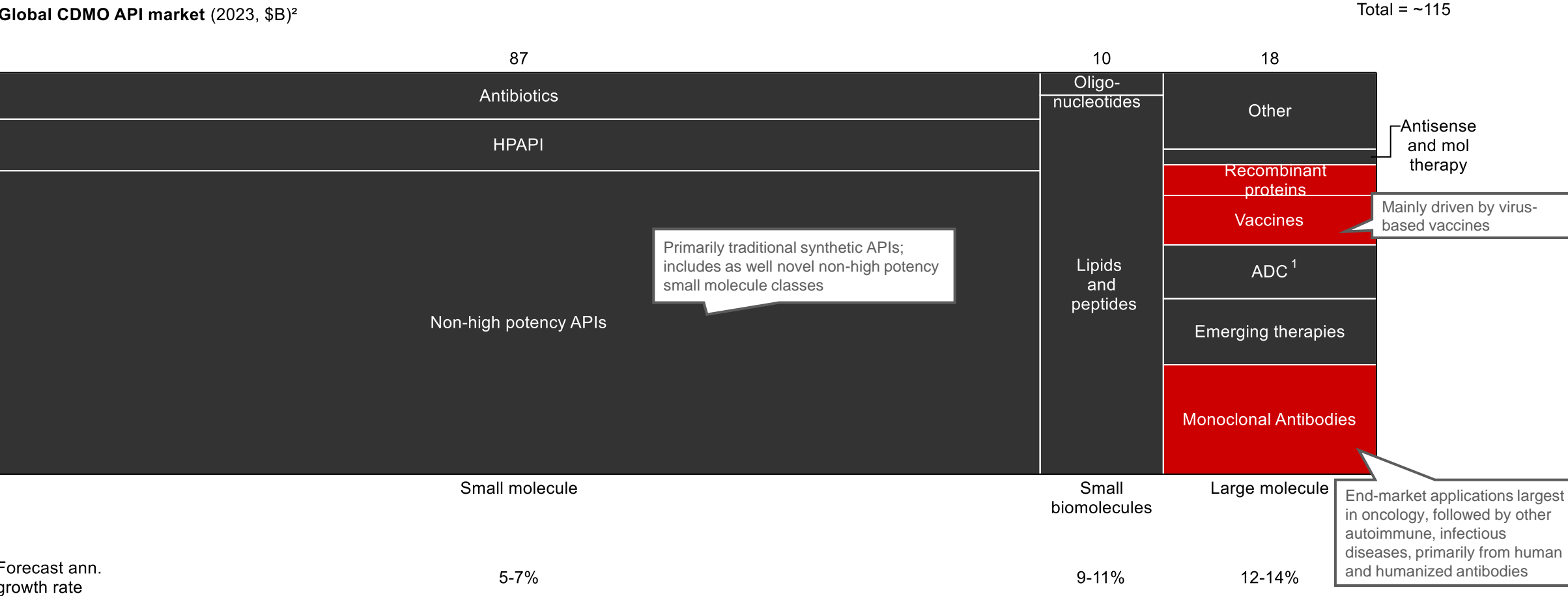
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Rentschler's reference market is ~\$10-12B, focusing on API manufacture for mAbs, recombinant proteins and vaccines, and growing focus on emerging therapies



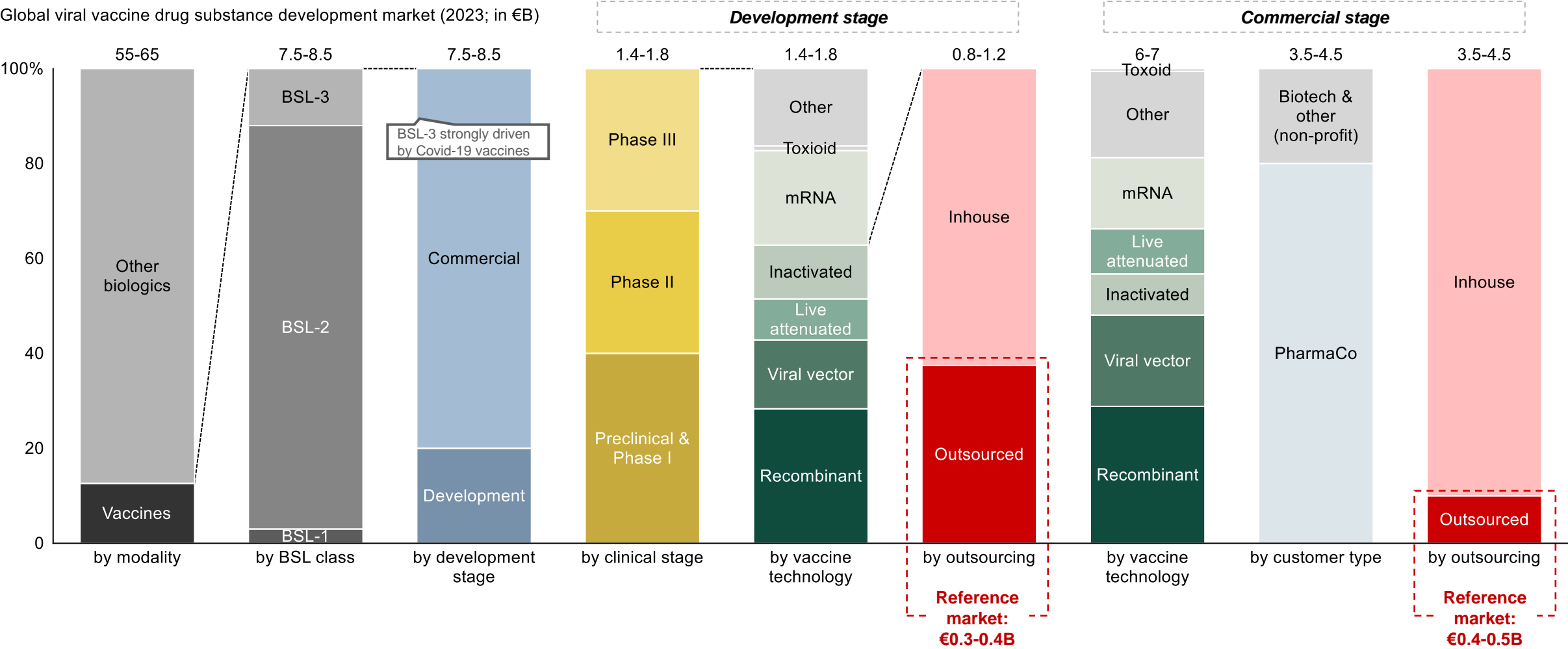
Note: (1) ADC = antibody drug conjugates, global API end market ~\$2B, ~10% ann. growth., PharmaCos tend to keep manufacturing In-house, limited number of CDMOs with capability; 2) 2020 segmentation & growth trends applied to 2023 market size
Source: Visiongain; Mordor Intelligence; CPA; Markets and Markets; Lit search; Market participant interviews

The global outsourced market for clinical and commercial production of viral vaccines is €0.7-0.9B

MARKET

VIRAL VACCINES

/INDICATIVE



The reference market is growing at 8-10% p.a. driven by underlying pharma market growth and outsourcing penetration

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Reference market: API manufacture for MAb, recombinant proteins and viral vaccines



~8-10%

1

End-market pharma volume



2

Pharma outsourcing penetration



3

Average unit price



Ageing populations and increased life expectancy driving global demand for pharmaceutical products



Increased **prevalence of chronic disease** associated with protracted/ lifelong courses of medication



Increased healthcare access (incl. better insurance coverage) particularly in emerging/ developing markets



Growth in new originator drugs coming to market fuelled by increasing clinical trial pipeline and R&D investment



Outsourcing trends driven by cost pressures in pharma industry, as well as CDMO capability augmentation, expected to continue



Ongoing **PharmaCo divestment of production capacity** (particularly in lower complexity segments with lower margins)



Increasing role of **specialized pharma & biotechs** in innovation and commercialization with higher dependence on outsourcing



High **baseline level of outsourcing** in lower complexity segments limiting runway for further penetration



Increasing commoditization of highly fragmented CDMO market, particularly for low complexity technologies



Growing role of **off-shore CDMOs** as they expand capabilities to compete in more attractive segments



Mix effect as pharmaceutical products trend towards high complexity technologies with greater unit price

Note: Growth rates as '20-'25 CAGR; Average exchange rate of 1.18 USD used to transfer USD values into EUR within this document

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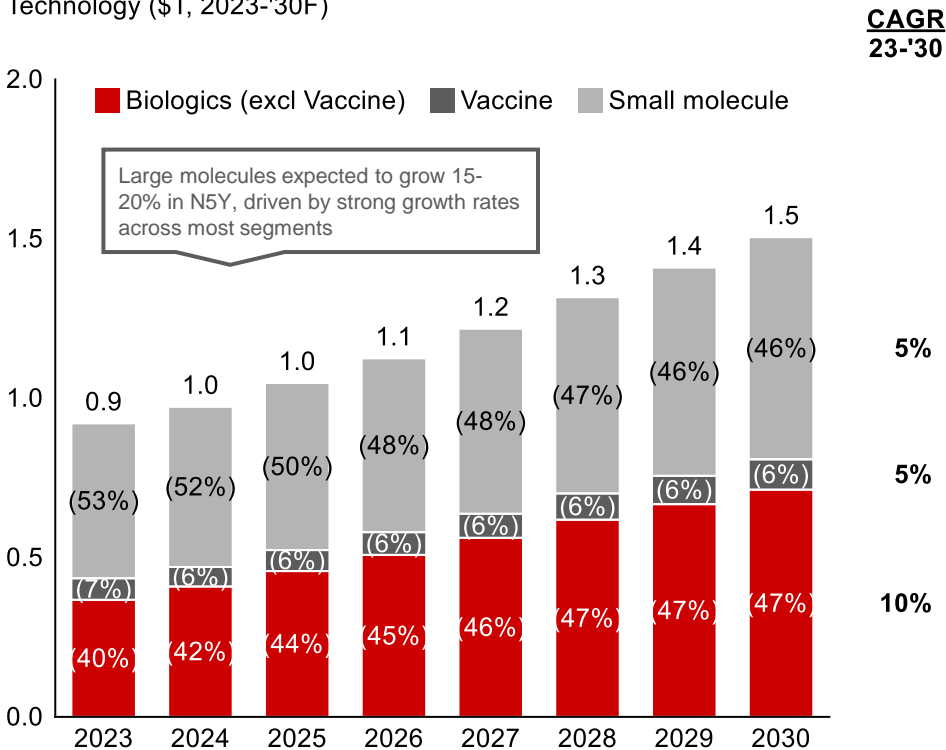
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Volumes of all biologics molecules including vaccines growing at 8-10% p.a.

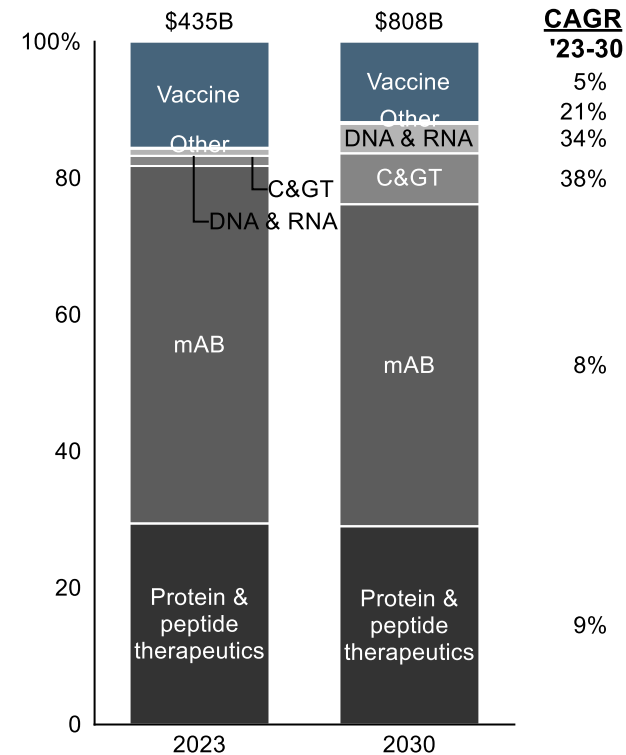
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Global Pharmaceutical Market by Technology (\$T, 2023-'30F)



Biologics and Vaccine product revenue by technology (\$B)



Product count	709	1,485
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Commentary

- **Proteins and peptides to grow ~10%** 2023-'30 driven by **increased specialty**
- Vaccines experienced strong growth in recent years fueled by COVID-19, but is expected to growth at a lower pace (**~5%**) **going forward driven by continued vaccine development activity (of mRNA vaccines in particular)**
- **Other large molecules (blood and blood components, allergenics or somatic cells among others) see growth of 10-20% in '22-'27**, but rest on several factors that may impact future development

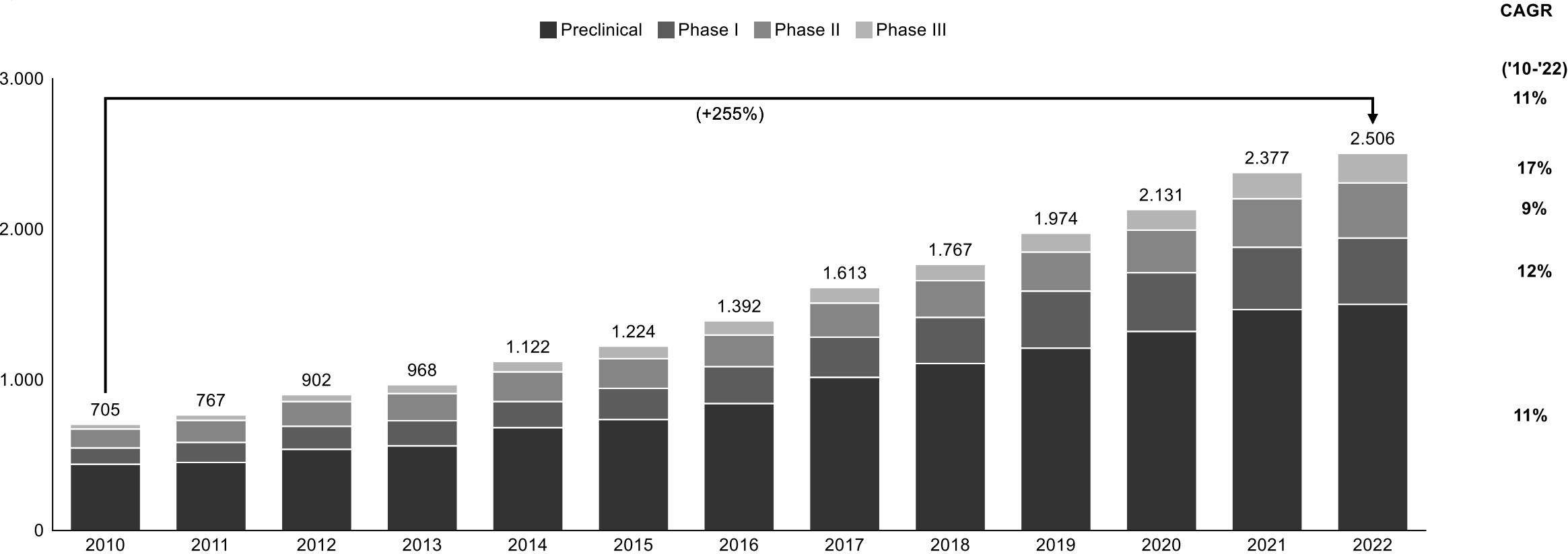
Source: Evaluate Market Data; Mordor Intelligence

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The number of mAbs across all clinical trial phases is increasing at 10%+ p.a.

MARKET GROWTH

Number of Biological Protein Antibodies (mAbs)
by development phase over time



Source: Bain analysis

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2 **Biologics** | Outsourcing to CDMOs is increasingly relevant as Pharma Cos look for cost efficiencies, capacity, and capability expansion

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Significant cost pressures on biopharma players; CDMOs can help lower costs



- **Biopharma players face significant challenges, incl.**
 - Declining R&D productivity
 - Rising costs to develop and bring new drugs to market
 - Reimbursement pressure
 - Heightened levels of regulatory scrutiny
- **Outsourcing to CDMOs can help to lower costs**

Evolving technology is driving significant R&D; CDMOs help with required capability augmentation



- **Increasing number of products across technology platforms is driving the size of investment required to build in-house capabilities; CDMO assist to overcome gaps**
 - Outsourcing early-stage technologies can reduce the risk of investing in manufacturing technologies while pipeline uncertainty is still so high
 - The span of required technology platforms is increasing: partnering with CDMOs allows Biopharma players to strategically phase their investment timelines and choose their platforms

CDMO industry maturing; provides economies of scale leading to cost flexibility vs in house



- **CDMO industry is maturing; aggregation of demand lead to economies of scale**
 - Large customers **comfortable** with outsourcing work that could be performed in-house; CDMOs have **demonstrated ability** to perform quality work
 - CDMOs **aggregate demand** enabling them to **achieve higher utilization** and lower per unit costs in service lines
- **Large pharma companies use CDMOs as means to avoid fixed costs and use flexible capacity as needed**

Source: Industry reports, expert interviews, Bain analysis

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Risks | Limited long-term disruptions expected; BioSecure Act seen as an opportunity for US/ European players to gain market share

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Impact N5Y:



Opportunity



Threat



High



Medium



Low



Very Low

/ DIRECTIONAL

	Impact	Description	Rationale
Tailwinds	BioSecure Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bill introduced to US House (H.R.7085) in Jan 204 to prohibit federal contracting of biotechnology companies connected to 'foreign adversaries' targeting Chinese firms Expected tailwind for US and European CDMOs/ CPOs as customers of implicated Chinese firms look to move future projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manufacturers will likely move to US, European (specifically Eastern Europe owing to cost-effectiveness and quality workforce) and India based CDMOs or CPOs as insourcing is not in their core/ a priority for investment Rentschler's recent US expansion positions it to meet rising demand from clients looking to diversify supply chains away from China. However, it may face increased competition from both European and rapidly expanding Indian CDMOs, with Indian firms likely attracting clients through cost advantages
	Covid Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covid led to increased demand for vaccine, prompting pharmaceutical companies to rely heavily on CDMOs for their fill & finish (F&F) and contract packaging organisation (CPO) capabilities as well as timely and cost-effective delivery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The pandemic accelerated advancements in mRNA technology, generating interest in RNA-based therapies beyond just COVID-19 vaccines As demand has stabilised, the pandemic has shifted mix towards more complex biologics and advanced therapies; Rentschler's expertise in manufacturing these complex formats positions it well to meet this evolving market demand
Headwinds	Supply chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply chain disruption driven by shortages in the availability of core primary (e.g., vials) and secondary (e.g, boxes, cartoning) packaging, as well as service interruption of distribution partners 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Heavily commoditized market where suppliers ensure high service levels due to relatively easy ability to switch Rentschler primarily reliant on Vetter for fill and finish and secondary packaging, and any significant disruptions in Vetter's operations could lead to project delays or lost business opportunities for Rentschler
	CRDMO business model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The transition of CDMOs to Contract Research, Development, and Manufacturing Organizations (CRDMOs) is leading them to offer end-to-end services – from discovery to commercialization 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CDMO business model will be a key differentiator for biologics CDMOs as demand for early development services for new modalities is increasing rapidly to support early-stage pipeline, challenging traditional CDMOs
	Insourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk of pharmaceutical firms insourcing discovery or pre-clinical trial activities in the future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of pharma cos. looking to insource capabilities (e.g., Novo acquisition of Catalent, Lilly investing in in-house capabilities to fulfil GLP demand) though overall increase in demand expected to outgrow what sponsors are adding in-house and a slight shift towards more outsourcing expected across value chain steps
	Inflation Reduction Act	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflation Reduction Act (U.S.) introduced in 2022 to address drug pricing and Medicare spending for top 50 most expensive drugs Negotiations underway for Top 10 drugs, to be completed by Sep 2024 with new prices effective in 2026 and more drugs to follow 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum Fair Price (MFP) negotiations shorten the economic lifecycle for small molecule drugs to 9 years and large molecules to 13 years, impacting small molecules more severely due to the shorter timeline; Rentschler, primarily focused on large molecules, would experience a relatively smaller risk
	CDMO & LCC competition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased competition in fill & finish (F&F) and packaging segments from CDMO expanding into the value chain (e.g., secondary packaging) or low-cost-competitor (LCC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost not a key KPC given niche technical expertise, which is main advantage LCC offer; moreover, BioSecure Act reduces the threat from Chinese players, while Indian firms may gain market share in Gx/ small molecules where manufacturing is in LCCs

Source: Company website, Lit. search; Market participant interviews

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Market can be split between very large integrated CDMOs (e.g., Catalent, Lonza), mid-sized biologics players (e.g., Rentschler) and small / niche specialists

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

ARCHETYPES

Key:  Typically offered  May be offered  Not offered

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	Small biologics CDMOs	Mid-sized biologics CDMOs	Large one-stop-shop CDMOs
Description and value proposition	Focus on manufacturing limited number of specialty APIs typically in 1 modality	Players with API manufacture +/- fill-finish services in multiple but not all biologics modalities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pure API manufacturers Integrated API manufacturers offering F&F 	Comprehensive end to end service from API manufacture through to FDF , with a broad portfolio of technological capabilities and APIs
Company revenue	<€100M	€0.1-1B	€1B+
Negotiating power in the value chain	Low unless technical niche (e.g. ADCs and CGT)	Medium to high (depending on the specialty biologics and specific processes)	High , esp. for large pharma customers and for drugs with peak sales forecasts
Modality coverage	Small molecules	 Likely not offered	
	Biologic modalities	 Fewer number vs. larger CDMOs	 Likely all
Value chain coverage	API Manufacturing		
	Finished Drug Product	 May rely on third-parties	 Yes, end-to-end offerings
Typical customers	Small to mid-sized biotech or specialized pharma firms that require tailored solutions	Mid-to-large sized biotech companies looking to outsource generic value-chain processes , while retaining control over other aspects of development	Large pharma seeking comprehensive services to streamline their operations and reduce time-to-market for new products
Example companies	 	   	     

Source: Market participant interviews; Bain analysis; Lit. search

Rentschler's competitors include KBI Biopharma & AGC Biologics; and IDT Biologika in viral vaccines; many of these have in-house manufacturing and fill-finish services

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

COMPETITOR DETAILS

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Company	Mid-sized Biologics CDMOs				Large one-stop-shop CDMOs	
	Rentschler	KBI BIOPHARMA	AGC Biologics	IDT	Lonza	WuXi Biologics Global Solution Provider
Description	Full-service CDMO (through strategic alliances) with focus on large molecule mfg.	Full-service CDMO with broad portfolio and focus on protein-based biologics	Full-service CDMO across development, clinical, and commercial mfg. stages	Clinical & commercial mfg.- focus on fill-finish services, infectious diseases, oncology	Diversified CDMO group with end-to-end offerings – biologics, small molecules, CGT	Offers end-to-end solutions from discovery to manufacturing in biologics, CGT
Ownership	Private	Private	Private	Private	Public	Public
HQ	Laupheim, Germany	North Carolina, USA	Seattle, USA	Dessau-Rosslau, Germany	Basel, Switzerland	Wuxi, China
Revenue (€M)	€287M	€500-1,000M (est.)	€835M ¹	€275M	€4,751M ²	€2,214M
EBITDA margin (%)	30%	n/a	22% ¹	6%	30% ²	40%
Molecule types	Monoclonal Antibodies, Recombinant Proteins	Monoclonal Antibodies, Proteins, ADCs, CGT	Monoclonal Antibodies, Proteins, Vaccines, ADCs, CGT	Vaccines, CGT	Monoclonal Antibodies, Proteins, Vaccines, ADCs, CGT	Monoclonal Antibodies, Proteins, Vaccines, ADCs, CGT
Clinical / Commercial	Primarily Clinical	Both	Both	Primarily Clinical.	Both	Both
Value chain coverage	Primarily Clinical Mfg.	End-to-end	End-to-end	Primarily Clinical Mfg.	End-to-end	End-to-end
Strengths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good track record Technical expertise Steady outlook for commercial business 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In-house capability for cell line development Analytical development and process optimization Expertise across modalities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive experience in microbial, mammalian systems Advanced gene therapy capabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expertise in viral-vector manufacturing, inc. F&F capabilities and BSL3⁴ operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scale and global footprint Integrated capabilities from drug substance to drug product 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global supply chain Focus on innovation "Follow-the-Molecule" strategy helps accelerate biologics development
Weaknesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent expansion yet to yield expected profits Few recent quality issues discovered via FDA inspections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caters mostly to small to mid-size biotech Tech. gaps in CGT and viral vector capabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slow paced innovation compared to peers Falling customer service levels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of global presence Lack mfg. capabilities (mostly specialize in vaccines) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Difficulty in catering to smaller clients Weak presence in other markets ex. Europe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biosecure act affecting sales in US and Europe Lack of investment in customer service

Formulation development offered via strategic alliance with Leukocare, fill-finish via Vetter

Note: Financials for FY23 unless indicated otherwise; (1) For parent Co. AGC Inc.'s Life Science division (2) For Biologics and CGT division (3) Investigational New Drug (4) Bio-safety Level 3 laboratories; Used to study infectious toxins or diseases that may be transmitted through air and can potentially lethal infections | Source: Company website; Crunchbase; Market participant interviews; Lit. search

Best-in-class offerings and technical expertise seen as prerequisites; ability to scale with customer pipeline, track record, etc. typically drive vendor selection

PURCHASING BEHAVIOR

KPCS

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KPC definition and rationale

What we have heard

Qualifying factors 	Best-in-Class Offerings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High quality, timeliness, compliance (regulatory and cGMP) and ability to supply are highly valued as clients need to obtain regulatory approvals and seek to minimize risk and avoid compliance issues • High switching costs if issues with CDMOs arise 	<p><i>"Not having F&F capability is a little concerning because it shows that they are still growing and doesn't show they are a one-stop-shop; large pharma cos. prefer a one-stop shop as it gets difficult for them to monitor a third-party for F&F and a CDMO for mfg."</i></p> <p>- Customer</p>
	Technical expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offering relevant API formulation, manufacturing capabilities and expertise • Ability to foresee challenges like issues with scaling or process deviations more effectively 	<p><i>"One of the best CDMOs, wide experience with a wide variety of clients, project management department is one of the bests in the industry and they have good leadership team and technical expertise"</i></p> <p>- Former Project Leader</p>
Higher  Lower	Alignment with current and future pipeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to scale with the client's evolving pipeline (from pre-clinical to commercial stage) • Reduces need to switch partners midstream which can be costly and time-consuming 	
	Track record and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proven ability to meet deadlines, navigate regulations & maintain quality • Ensures CDMO understands nuances of specific biopharma products & therapeutic areas 	<p><i>"Experience over multiple years of operations... good technical expertise and track record."</i></p> <p>- Customer</p>
	Preferred Vendor Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensures benefits like priority access to resources, favorable pricing, faster response times • Important when rapid scale-ups or regulatory submissions are required 	<p><i>"Good relationships with certain big pharma – lots of repeatability there."</i></p> <p>- Former Senior Director Business Development</p>
	Value-Add Proposition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Services beyond core manufacturing (e.g., regulatory support, supply chain management, strategic support, or post-market activities) make the partnership more attractive 	<p><i>"Regular status reporting but no real-time reporting, that can be especially helpful during pandemic events"</i></p> <p>- Customer</p>
	Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive pricing that aligns with the value proposition preferred • More important for large pharma companies 	<p><i>"Not very competitive in pricing... considered premium"</i></p> <p>- Former Senior Director Business Development</p>

Source: Market participant interviews

Rentschler delivers on most KSFs.....

COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE

KSFs

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Key success factors

Capabilities

Typical customers

Rentschler differentiation

Deep niche technical capabilities and expertise

- Key technologies & equipment e.g., own cell line, range of bioreactor scales, viral vector tech
- Experienced expert FTEs

- Small pharma
- Big Pharma



- Strong **track record** with 50+ years of experience, **quality** and **expertise** in **mAbs and multi-specifics**
- **One of first few** players in **multi-specifics**
- **Proprietary HEK293 cell line** for advanced therapy projects

Full value chain coverage

- One-stop-shop vertical integration, development through to FDF
 - Via alliances or in-house

- Small pharma



- **Strategic alliances** with Leukocare as the exclusive provider for **formulation development**, and with Vetter for **fill & finish** services (e.g., vials and syringes)

Clinical and commercial offerings

- Expertise in clinical & commercial production
- Seamless comm transition:
 - Scale up processes/quality control

- Big pharma
- Small pharma



- **Facilities designed to support both** clinical and commercial manufacturing, with **flexibility in operations**

BD based on personal C-suite relationships

- Full potential BD approach:
 - C suite members involved in proposal phase
 - Partnership behaviours
 - Underpinned by strong marketing & tradeshow presence

- Small pharma



Efficient supply chain and manufacturing footprint

- Optimised operations to maintain utilisation ~60% across sites

- Big pharma



- **Dedicated manufacturing facilities** for biologics and viral vectors respectively, and recent **capacity expansions**
- **Reduced timelines with process intensification** e.g., sped up the cell culture step of its biomanufacturing process by 35% by “seeding” the bioreactor with a larger number of cells (2020)

Source: Company website; Annual reports; Market participant interviews

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Market participants cite strong track record in mAbs / proteins & Multi-specifics, as well as flexible approach; lacking in-house FDF and some fringe tech capability gaps

ASSET OVERVIEW

STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

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Technical expertise

Strengths	Weaknesses
Strong MAB, protein expertise Expertise in mAbs with >300 different molecules and protein production on around 130 therapeutic protein formats e.g., Fc fusion proteins, monoclonal antibodies, modified proteins etc. <i>"Lot of expertise, high client service; easier for small companies to get through"</i> - Former Sr. Director, Bus. Development	Limited capabilities in own cell lines In-house cell lines yet to be fully developed <i>"Do not have in-house capabilities for cell therapy.... can manufacture viral vectors for vaccines or gene therapies"</i> - Former at Competitor
Strong multi-specific capabilities <i>"Well versed in multi-specifics... one of the first few players in this area"</i> - Former Sr. Director, Bus. Development	Limited diversity in modality (e.g., no ADCs, CGT) <i>"May offer specific cell lines or plasmids, but not differentiated on technical capabilities"</i> - Former at Competitor
Full-service CDMO (via alliances) Offers entire value chain through strategic alliances with reputable partners (e.g. Leucocare in Formulation, Vetter for Fill & Finish) <i>"It is critical to work with a team that has strong AAV experience....& will be a true partner every step of the way"</i> -Customer	Low track record in viral vectors Viral vector capabilities relatively nascent compared to other established CDMOs <i>"Only started viral vector mfg. which seasoned CDMOs are already doing"</i> - Customer
Quality and track record Strong reputation in mAbs and protein production, for premium services supported by good project management capabilities and demonstrated through client repeatability <i>"One of the best CDMOs..., project mgmt. dept. one of the best in industry"</i> - VP Business development, Competitor	Lack of in-house FDF <i>"Having in-house FDF services is a plus, taking away quality lapses from outsourcing to third-parties"</i> - Customer

Non-technical factors

Flexibility and personalization Offers personalized services compared to larger firms, which often struggle to cater to smaller clients on custom clinical and service requirements	High Pricing <i>"They are at an 8 or 9 in pricing on a scale to 10" (1 being most affordable, 10 being premium)</i> - Former Project Leader
	Low visibility in marketing <i>"Not the strongest sales and marketing or Business development arm; quite quiet, not v present at tradeshowes"</i> - VP Business development, Competitor

Source: Market participant interviews; Company website

A G E N D A

Investment considerations

Business overview

Market overview

Competitive landscape

ESG assessment


Materiality | In the CDMO industry, GHG emissions, water stewardship, hazardous substances, and labour practices are highly material (1/2)

/ OUTSIDE-IN VIEW

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Environment
Living within our planetary boundaries




GHG emissions
Reducing & offsetting GHG emissions contributing to climate change



Water stewardship
Sensible water use, water quality, and watershed management



Material use, waste & circularity
Responsible sourcing and use of resources, incl. product, packaging, and food lifecycles



Hazardous substances
Sensitively using and treating toxic products and waste, incl. chemical and technology pollutants



Biodiversity & Animal welfare
Protecting and enhancing natural ecosystems and living organisms; upholding animal welfare



Land and ocean use
Ensuring long-term sustainable land and ocean use, sound utilization practices



Air quality
Lowering pollutants impacting air quality and atmospheric integrity


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Social
Committing to equitable outcomes



Human rights
Upholding the corporate responsibility to respect universal rights (e.g., freedom of expression, no forced/child labour)



Labour practices
Decent and safe work, incl. equitable pay / benefits, upskilling / development, and hiring practices



Consumer safety & engagement
Safe offerings, clear labeling and non-abusive in marketing and pricing



Diversity, equity & inclusion
Practices and culture promoting diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion inside company and beyond



Customer health & wellness
Products, services, and technologies that enhance customer / patient well-being



Digital rights and responsibilities
Secure and ethical technology systems, infrastructure, and data practices; duty of care to customer privacy; responsiveness to law enforcement



Community partnership
Aware and/or engaged members of the communities and broader society


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Governance
Demonstrating responsible conduct



Governance foundation
Norms and practices related to good governance, e.g., ownership & control, board diversity, accountability



Business ethics
Sound decision-making, ethical conduct; no anti-competitive practices, bribery, or corruption




National and intl. policy
Appropriately navigating complex domestic and international issues, incl. policy and lobbying stances



Transparency & risk management
Accurate accounting; appropriate risk disclosure and management; ESG transparency



Third-party relationships
Clear practices embedded in sourcing activities and investment and partnership decisions



Tax practices
Fair tax payment and practice



Indirect economic impacts
Sensitivity to indirect impacts on external populations of firm's economic activity




Materiality assessment

Topics with a high degree of materiality are of extreme importance to industry players to retain a license-to-operate from governmental and public standpoint, but are equally important to capture full commercial value from consumers and stay relevant vs. competitors

Topics with a medium degree of materiality are important as they receive attention from regulation and the public, and provide opportunities to enhance commercial success, however they are not essential to retain license-to-operate

Materiality | In the CDMO industry, GHG emissions, water stewardship, hazardous substances, and labour practices are highly material (2/2)

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		Relative relevance			Highest material topics rationale	PRELIMINARY
Key ESG topics		Low	Med	High		
 E Environment <i>Living within our planetary boundaries</i>	GHG emissions			I	GHG Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biologics manufacturing in the CDMO industry is highly energy-intensive, involving processes like fermentation, purification, refrigeration, sterilization, etc. which require constant energy input for precise conditions (e.g., temp. control, air quality control, etc.)EU Green Deal (2020) mandates 55% GHG reduction by 2030 and the EU ETS¹ has 2.2% annual emissions reduction target for the overall manufacturing industryBiologics CDMOs face pressure from customers (e.g., pharmaceutical companies like GSK, Merck, etc.) who have scope 3 emission reduction targets for upstream activities
	Water stewardship			II		
	Material use, waste & circularity		●			
	Hazardous substances			III	Water Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biologics manufacturing involves water-intensive processes (e.g., cell culture, purification, cleaning, and sterilization) which require large quantities of freshwater impacting water-stressed areas; additionally, it risks contaminating water bodies with heavy chemicals (e.g., fluorine) and micropollutants (e.g., anti-microbial resistance)The EU Drinking Water Directive (2021) requires manufacturers to reduce pollution of surface and groundwater sources and protect vital drinking water sourcesPeers like Lonza target to reduce industrial water usage intensity by 50% by 2030
	Biodiversity & animal welfare	●				
	Land and ocean use	●				
	Air quality	●				
 S Social <i>Committing to equitable outcomes</i>	Human rights	●			Hazardous Substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Biologics production uses hazardous, infectious or toxic substances (e.g., solvents, bioreactor additives, cleaning agents) which require specialized handling and disposal, and pose significant risks to the environment, human health, and product quality and safetyRegulatory bodies (e.g., FDA², EMA³), regulate the use and management of hazardous substances, and monitor the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical products; EU has set frameworks (e.g., REACH⁴, Waste Framework Directive (2008), Directive 2008/68/EC) to ensure management, transportation, & storage of hazardous waste by manufacturersPeers like WuXi have made efforts towards achieving a 23% decrease in hazardous waste intensity in 2023 vs 2022
	Labour practices			IV		
	Consumer safety & engagement		●			
	Diversity, equity & inclusion	●			Labour Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Employees in biologics manufacturing handle biohazardous substances (live cultures, genetically modified organisms, etc.), risking pathogen exposure; additionally, toxic chemicals and heavy equipment pose risks of chemical exposure and physical injuryEU enforces guidelines (e.g., PPE Regulation (2016), Chemical Agents Directive (1998), etc.) to prevent occupational exposure to chemicals, including adopting common minimum standards, providing personal protective equipment, etc.Peers like WuXi focus on extensive OHS training (incl. routine safety training, first aid training, fire drills, etc.) with 100% of employees receiving these trainings
	Customer health & wellness	●				
	Digital rights and responsibilities	●				
	Community partnership	●				
 G Governance <i>Demonstrating responsible conduct</i>	Governance foundation	●				
	Business ethics		●			
	National and international policy	●				
	Transparency & risk management	●				
	Third-party relationships		●			
	Tax practices	●				
	Indirect economic impacts	●				

Note: (1) EU Emissions Trading System; (2) Food and Drug Administration; (3) European Medicines Agency; (4) Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals | Source: Company Reports; Lit. Search

