MolMed

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Target price: € 0.60

Clouds on Zalmoxis distribution

Manufacturing activity keeps growing waiting for Zalmoxis' contribution

MolMed unveiled its 2Q18 figures on 30 July. P&L was overall in line with estimates (no consensus available). In the second quarter of the year, the turnover increased by 29% to ≤ 6.9 m (vs MBe of ≤ 6.2 m) thanks to the GMP activity. On the other hand, no signs of acceleration came from Zalmoxis. At the operating line, MolMed keeps improving. The company closed with ≤ 1.6 m EBIT loss vs MBe of ≤ 1.2 m. At bottom-line level, MolMed closed 2Q with a ≤ 1.8 m net loss, which is a touch higher than our assumption. On the balance sheet side, the company reported a ≤ 18.1 m net cash position (vs MBe of ≤ 18.2 m) overall stable from FY17, which benefitted from the exercise of the fifth tranche of the SEF agreement worth ≤ 3.1 m.

Pipeline expansion still underway however...

During the 2Q18 MolMed finalized a series of important strategic initiatives, showing material signs of delivery. We mainly refer to the agreements signed with Glycostem and AbCheck, aimed at strengthening the CAR's pipeline, which now includes only the CAR-CD44v6. In addition to that, newsflow from GMP business was supportive with Orchard Therapeutics extending the scope of its collaboration activities to two additional indications and GSK extending the collaboration in its oncology business.

...Zalmoxis penetration is lagging behind. Agreement with Dompé under discussion

After the positive outcome announced in Italy and Germany, the company is still struggling with the distribution of Zalmoxis. Penetration is lagging and the speed of the therapy's rump-up remains a question mark. According to company press release, "following the difficulties in the initial stages of marketing and certain divergences which have arisen with Dompé, MolMed is evaluating the most appropriate actions to undertake, also in relation to the existing license agreement."

We cut our estimates reflecting a slower acceleration from Zalmoxis sales

Following the 2Q18 results, we cut our estimates factoring in a softer start of Zalmoxis in Europe reflecting the increasing risk on the distribution with Dompé. For the FY18E we revised down the number of patients from 13 to 6 by YE. Going forward we factored a softer ramp-up of the penetration of the therapy maintaining an operating breakeven by 2020.

Downgrade to Neutral with new of TP €0.60 from €0.68

After 1H release, we downgrade the stock to Neutral from Outperform with a new TP of $\notin 0.60$ (from $\notin 0.68$). We appreciate the positive initiatives put in place so far by MolMed trying to improve its risk profile as a wider CAR pipeline and new opportunities coming from the GMP business, still representing the safe harbor of this story. The effectiveness of Zalmoxis is out of discussion, but the development of the product is a relevant part of the story (roughly half of our fair value) and its slower than expected penetration coupled with uncertainty related to the outcome of ongoing discussion with Dompé lead us to downgrade the stock.



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| | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS Adj (€) | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 |
| DPS (€) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BVPS (€) | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| | | | | |
| EV/Ebitda(x) | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| P/E adj (x) | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| Div.Yield(%) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| OpFCF Yield (%) | -6.2% | -2.1% | 0.0% | 1.1% |

| Market | t Data |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Market Cap (€m) | 216 |
| Shares Out (m) | 463 |
| Fininvest (%) | 24% |
| Free Float (%) | 68% |
| 52 week range (€) | 0.59-0.41 |
| Rel Perf vs DJGL Italy DJ | Total Market Italy (%) |
| -1m | -3.0% |
| -3m | 6.2% |
| -12m | 6.1% |
| 21dd Avg. Vol. | 1,605,639 |
| Reuters/Bloomberg | MLMD.MI / MLM IM |

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Valuation Matrix

| Profit & Loss account (€ m) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | Multiples | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
|------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Turnover | 24 | 29 | 35 | 42 | P/E Adj. | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| Turnover growth % | 5.1% | 20.8% | 21.5% | 20.5% | P/CEPS | nm | nm | nm | 81.6 |
| EBITDA | -7 | -4 | -0 | 2 | P/BV | 8.2 | 9.7 | 10.6 | 10.7 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | -28.3% | -13.0% | -1.0% | 4.4% | EV/ Sales | 8.7 | 7.7 | 6.4 | 5.2 |
| EBITDA growth (%) | 45.6% | 44.7% | 90.4% | nm | EV/EBITDA | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| Depreciation & Amortization | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | EV/EBIT | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| EBIT | -8 | -5 | -2 | 1 | EV/Cap. Employed | 18.4 | 19.5 | 21.1 | 23.4 |
| EBIT margin (%) | -34.0% | -17.5% | -4.8% | 1.3% | Yield (%) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| EBIT growth (%) | 40.0% | 37.9% | 66.7% | nm | OpFCF Yield (%) | -6.2% | -2.1% | 0.0% | 1.1% |
| Net Fin.Income (charges) | -0 | -0 | -0 | -0 | FCF Yield (%) | nm | nm | -0.5% | 0.5% |
| Non-Operating Items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | · · | | | | |
| Extraordinary Items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Pre-tax Profit | -8 | -5 | -2 | 0 | Per Share Data (€) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
| Tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | -0 | EPS | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 |
| Tax rate (%) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 161.4% | EPS growth (%) | 42.2% | 37.2% | 62.4% | 94.4% |
| Minorities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | EPS Adj. | -0.02 | -0.01 | -0.00 | -0.00 |
| Net Profit | -8 | -5 | -2 | -0 | EPS Adj. growth (%) | 42.2% | 37.2% | 62.4% | 94.4% |
| Net Profit growth (%) | 38.8% | 36.3% | 62.4% | 94.4% | CEPS | -0.02 | -0.01 | 0.00 | 0.01 |
| Adjusted Net Profit | -8 | -5 | -2 | -0 | BVPS | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.04 | 0.04 |
| Adj. Net Profit growth (%) | 38.8% | 36.3% | 62.4% | 94.4% | DPS Ord | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Balance Sheet (€ m) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | Key Figures & Ratios | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E |
| Working Capital | -5 | -4 | -5 | -6 | Avg. N° of Shares (m) | 457 | 463 | 463 | 463 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | EoP N° of Shares (m) | 457 | 463 | 463 | 463 |
| Total Capital Employed | 11 | 12 | 11 | 9 | Avg. Market Cap. (m) | 201 | 216 | 216 | 216 |
| Shareholders' Funds | 25 | 22 | 20 | 20 | Enterprise Value (m) | 208 | 224 | 224 | 222 |
| Minorities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Adjustments (m) | 25 | 25 | 25 | 25 |
| Provisions | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Labour Costs/Turnover | 54% | 46% | 38% | 32% |
| Net Debt (-) Cash (+) | 18 | 17 | 17 | 19 | Depr.&Amort./Turnover | 6% | 4% | 4% | 3% |
| | | | | | Turnover / Op.Costs | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | Gearing (Debt / Equity) | -74% | -74% | -82% | - 9 5% |
| Cash Flow (€ m) | 2017 | 2018E | 2019E | 2020E | EBITDA / Fin. Charges | >10 | >10 | 1.0 | -5.3 |
| Cash Earnings | -9 | -3 | 1 | 3 | Net Debt / EBITDA | 2.7 | 4.4 | 46.1 | -10.3 |
| Working Capital Needs | -2 | -0 | 1 | 1 | Cap.Employed/Turnover | 47% | 40% | 30% | 22% |
| Capex (-) | -2 | -1 | -1 | -1 | Capex / Turnover | 8% | 4% | 3% | 3% |
| Financial Investments (-) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pay out | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| Dividends (-) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ROE | nm | nm | nm | nm |
| Other Sources / Uses | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | ROCE (pre tax) | nm | nm | nm | 6 % |
| Ch. in Net Debt (-) Cash (+) | -2 | -2 | 0 | 2 | ROCE (after tax) | nm | nm | nm | |

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2Q18 RESULTS: GMP keeps growing while Zalmoxis lags

MolMed posted a set of results overall aligned with our estimates at P&L and balance sheet level.

Briefly the company reported a top line growing in the double digit area thanks to the increase reported by the GMP business. No contribution came from Zalmoxis so far. At the operating level, the company closed with a loss overall in line with our assumption, while net cash position was close to last year level benefitting from the capital increase following the exercise of the fifth tranche of the SEF agreement (c. \leq 3.1m).

Here below a quick summary of the main lines vs our estimates.

MolMed - 2Q18 Results

| €m | 2Q18A | 2Q17A | YoY chg. | 2Q18E | A vs E | 1H18A | 1H17A | YoY chg. | 1H18E | A vs E |
|-----------------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|---------------|-------------|-------|--------|
| Total sales | 6.9 | 5.2 | 33% | 6.2 | 10.8% | 12.7 | 9.8 | 29 % | 12.0 | 5.6% |
| EBITDA | -1.2 | -2.5 | nm | -0.9 | nm | -2.1 | -5.9 | nm | -1.7 | nm |
| EBITDA margin | - 18 % | -48% | | -0.1 | | -17% | - <i>60</i> % | | -14% | |
| EBIT | -1.6 | -2.8 | nm | -1.2 | nm | -2.9 | -6.5 | nm | -2.5 | nm |
| EBIT margin | -23% | -55% | | -0.2 | | -22% | - 66 % | | -21% | |
| Net profit | -1.8 | -2.8 | nm | -1.3 | nm | -3.1 | -6.5 | nm | -2.6 | nm |
| Net Debt/(Cash) | -18.1 | -12.5 | | -18.2 | -0.4% | -18.1 | -12.5 | | -18.2 | -0.4% |

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The company provided an update on FY18 outlook. In greater details:

- On the **CAR-CD44v6** project, MolMed is confident to submit the authorisation request for the first in man trial on schedule (1Q19 expected);
- The firm will continue the advancement of the activities already started aimed at expanding the proprietary CAR pipeline, with the development of new therapeutic targets and the introduction of new technological platforms, also thanks to the enlargement of the internal preclinical research capacity;
- As regards NGR-hTNF, MolMed will continue with interactions aimed at finding a potential partner;
- On GMP, the company aims at further enlarging the ongoing collaborations and signing new alliances in the development and manufacturing of cell & gene therapies for third parties;
- On Zalmoxis, following the difficulties in the initial stages of marketing and certain divergences which have arisen on the fulfilment of the marketing contract stipulated with Dompé, MolMed is evaluating the most appropriate actions to undertake, also in relation to the existing license agreement.

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Neutral (from Outperform)

FY18-20E CHANGE IN ESTIMATES: Operating breakeven in 2020

Following the 2Q18 results we cut our estimates factoring in a softer start of Zalmoxis in Europe reflecting the uncertainly on the distribution with Dompé. With this note we introduce the $\notin 3.1$ capital increase following the exercise of the fifth tranche of the SEF agreement.

In greater detail, we foresee just a slowdown in the acceleration of the sales leaving unchanged the agreed milestones. For the FY18E we revised down the number of patients from 13 to 6 by YE. Going forward we factored a softer ramp-up of the penetration of the therapy maintaining an operating breakeven by 2020.

A summary of the changes in estimates in the table below.

FY18-20E Change in estimates

| €m | New FY18 | Old FY18 | % chg. | New FY19 | Old FY19 | % chg. | New FY20 | Old FY20 | % chg. |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Total sales | 29.0 | 29.9 | -3% | 35.2 | 39.5 | -11% | 42.4 | 50.9 | -17% |
| EBITDA | -3.8 | -3.5 | -6% | -0.4 | 0.9 | -140% | 1.9 | 4.4 | -58% |
| EBITDA margin | -13.0% | -11.9% | | -1.0% | 2.3% | | 4.4% | 8.7% | |
| EBIT | -5.1 | -4.8 | -5% | -1.7 | -0.4 | -310% | 0.5 | 3.1 | -83% |
| EBIT margin | -17.5% | -16.2% | | -4.8% | -1.0% | | 1.3% | 6.1% | |
| Net profit | -5.4 | -5.2 | -4% | -2.0 | -0.8 | -168% | -0.1 | 2.2 | -105% |
| Net Debt/(Cash) | -16.6 | -17.1 | -3% | -16.6 | -19.6 | -15% | -19.1 | -25.8 | -26% |

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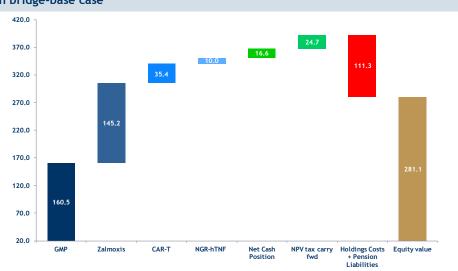
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VALUATION: Downgrade to Neutral reflecting Zalmoxis delay

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SOTP pointing new TP of €0.60 (from €0.68)

In our base case, we valued MolMed using a Sum-of-the Parts approach. The main change from our initiating coverage is on Zalmoxis. We now attach a 80% probability (vs previous 90%) in order to reflect the increasing uncertainty related to the penetration of the therapy following ongoing discussion with Dompé.



Valuation bridge-base case

Source: Mediobanca Securities

Here below a summary of our main assumptions.

MolMed valuation summary

| | EV (€m) | Probability | |
|---------------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| Zalmoxis | 181.5 | 80% | 145.2 |
| GMP | 160.5 | 100% | 160.5 |
| NGR-hTNF | 100.0 | 10% | 10.0 |
| CAR-T | 354.4 | 10% | 35.4 |
| Net Cash position | | | 16.6 |
| NPV tax carry fwd | | | 24.7 |
| Holdings Costs | | | (111.1) |
| Pension Liabilities | | | (0.2) |
| Equity Value | | | 281.1 |
| Value per share | | | 0.60 |

Source: Mediobanca Securities

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
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|------------|---------|--------------|-----------|
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