

ANALYTICAL REPORT - SUMMARY

We start our recommendation for Synthaverse with a BUY recommendation with a target price of PLN 6.7. The company is investing heavily in expanding production capacity of a globally shortage bladder cancer drug. Once the investment is completed in 2025, production volumes will increase sixfold while margins will increase by switching from existing ampoules to vials.

Synthaverse (formerly Biomed-Lublin) manufactures drugs in the areas of oncology, haematology and immunology. The company's products are sold in 35 countries, with the drugs unregistered in some markets, but given the high demand for scarce products, they are granted an import licence.

The company is the only domestic supplier of the anti-tuberculosis vaccine BCG 10. In Poland, this vaccination is mandatory in the first days of a child's life, so every year the National Health Fund organises a tender for the supply of vaccines, which Synthaverse wins. Increased orders from abroad have also been seen recently. In June'23, the product was registered in Hungary. At that time, the company also received a significant order for the supply of almost 1.7 million doses of vaccine to Ukraine (order spread over 2023 and 2024). The BCG segment also includes the production and sale of Onko BCG (a bladder cancer drug), which is key to the company's growth. In 2022, segment revenues accounted for 46% of the company's sales.

The other leg of the business is the traditional segment (54% of the company's sales in 2022), where Synthaverse produces Distreptase (a drug used in gynaecology), blood products used in maternal-fetal conflict and hepatitis B prophylaxis, and Lakcid, a probiotic produced for ZF Polpharma. The company has an established position in the market. Export sales are mainly dominated by Distreptase, which is sold mainly in eastern markets.

The first revenues from the start-up of new production capacity in the Onko segment are expected in early 2025, when work at the Research and Development Centre will start. Products not used for research, due to their high therapeutic value and high market demand, will be sold as precious waste (we estimate sales of unused preparations of 60,000 vials in 2025). The new production facility is expected to be commissioned in 2H'25, its target capacity will allow the production of approximately 210k vials of Onko BCG per year, so we will see the full potential in the 2026 results.

The company is already locating planned capacity in new markets. Onko BCG has registrations in Poland, Germany, Switzerland, Ukraine and Malta. Registration processes are currently underway in France, Romania, the Netherlands, Turkey, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, the company also sells the drug in other countries, where the product is not registered, based on an import licence.

The expansion of production capacity will bring a leap in the company's results. We estimate that sales revenue will increase from PLN 59.5m in 2023 to PLN 179m in 2026, while net profit, in our view, has the potential to increase from about PLN 9m in 2023 to about PLN 58m in 2026.

	2020	2021	2022	2023P	2024P	2025P	2026P
Revenues [PLNm]	40,2	41,2	50,4	59,5	63,4	102,2	178,7
EBIT [PLNm]	5,9	7,2	9,8	13,1	15,2	35,4	80,7
EBITDA [PLNm]	11,8	13,7	16,1	19,9	24,3	50,5	94,2
Net income [PLNm]	4,4	4,2	6,1	9,0	8,6	23,0	57,8
P/E	73,2	80,2	60,3	41,1	43,2	16,2	6,5
P/BV	8,7	4,6	3,5	3,2	3,0	2,6	2,0
EV/EBIT	56,8	46,3	36,1	31,5	27,6	11,5	4,7
EV/EBITDA	28,6	24,2	22,1	20,7	17,2	8,1	4,0
DPS	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,2
DY	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	4,3%

BUY

(INITIAL REPORT)

TARGET PRICE 6.7 PLN

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Target price [PLN]	6,7
DCF valuation [PLN]	7,0
Peer valuation [PLN]	5,5
Price upside/downside	27,6%
Cost of capital	11,5%
Price [PLN]	5,2
Market cap [PLNm]	368,2
No. of shares [mn]	70,5*
Max. price 6M [PLN]	6,3
Min. price 6m [PLN]	5,1
Rate of return 3M	-2,8%
Rate of return 6M	-10,6%
Rate of return 9M	-9,6%
Shareholders (% of votes):	
Dariusz Kucowicz	12,0%
Wiktor Napióra	11,1%
Waldemar Sierocki	10,5%
Przemysław Sierocki	10,2%
OPDF	5,7%
Others	50,5%

^{*} current number of shares (the incentive programme assumes the issuance of a maximum of 3.2 million shares)

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	Share	Valuation
DCF valution	80%	7,0
Peer valuation	20%	5,5
Target price [PLN]		5,7

Target price [PLN]	6,7									
Source: BDM S.A.										
DCF valuation										
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Revenues [PLNm]	59,5	63,4	102,2	178,7	196,4	203,4	207,3	211,3	215,4	219,5
EBIT [PLNm]	13,1	15,2	35,4	80,7	90,1	93,6	95,4	97,2	99,1	101,0
Incentive programme cost	0,8	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	1,5	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
EBIT Adj. [PLNm]	13,9	16,7	36,9	82,2	91,6	95,1	95,4	97,2	99,1	101,0
Tax rate	27,6%	26,0%	25,0%	24,0%	23,0%	22,0%	21,0%	21,0%	21,0%	21,0%
Tax on EBIT [PLNm]	3,8	4,3	9,2	19,7	21,1	20,9	20,0	20,4	20,8	21,2
NOPLAT [PLNm]	10,1	12,4	27,7	62,5	70,6	74,2	75,4	76,8	78,3	79,8
Amortization [PLNm]	6,8	9,1	15,1	13,5	13,4	13,2	13,1	13,0	13,0	13,0
CAPEX [PLNm]	-116,0	-32,1	-3,8	-11,2	-11,1	-12,1	-12,0	-12,4	-12,8	-13,0
Working capital movement [PLNm]	-4,4	1,8	-16,2	-5,5	-3,8	-1,5	-0,8	-0,9	-0,9	-0,9
FCF [PLNm]	-103,5	-8,8	22,8	59,3	69,0	73,9	75,7	76,6	77,6	78,9
DFCF [PLNm]	-100,4	-7,7	18,0	42,2	44,2	42,5	39,1	35,5	32,3	29,5
Total DFCF [PLNm]	175,2									
Terminal value [PLNm]	867,9			Termina	l growth rat	e: 2,0%				
Discounted terminal value [PLNm]	324,1									
Enterprise value [PLNm]	499,3									
Net debt 2022 [PLNm]*	-11,9									
Equity value [PLNm]	511,2									
Number of shares [mn]	73,5									
Value per share [PLN]	7,0									
WACC calculation										
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032

WACC calculation										
	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032
Risk-free rate	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%	5,6%
Risk premium	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%
Beta	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9	0,9
Credit premium	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%	5,0%
Cost of equity	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%
Contribution of equity	81,6%	79,4%	81,9%	87,1%	91,4%	91,9%	99,9%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cost of debt after tax	7,7%	7,8%	8,0%	8,1%	8,2%	8,3%	8,4%	8,4%	8,4%	8,4%
Contribution of debt	18,4%	20,6%	18,1%	12,9%	8,6%	8,1%	0,1%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
WACC	10,8%	10,7%	10,8%	11,0%	11,2%	11,2%	11,4%	11,5%	11,5%	11,5%

Source: BDM S.A.

Sensivity analysis

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		Terr	minal growth	rate	Terminal growth rate						Beta			
		1,0%	2,0%	3,0%			1,0%	2,0%	3,0%			0,8	0,9	1,0
Beta	0,8	7,1	7,7	8,3	Risk	5,5%	7,4	7,9	8,7	Risk	5,5%	8,7	7,9	7,3
Deta	0,9	6,5	7,0	7,5	premium	6,5%	6,5	7,0	7,5	premium	6,5%	7,7	7,0	6,4
	1,0	6,0	6,4	6,8		7,5%	5,8	6,2	6,6		7,5%	6,8	6,2	5,6

Source: BDM S.A.

Peer valuation

		P/E			EV/EBITDA	
	2024P	2025P	2026P	2024P	2025P	2026P
MERCK & CO. INC.	12,7	11,4	10,7	10,4	9,1	8,5
GENMAB A/S	29,7	21,0	16,4	19,1	13,4	9,6
GRIFOLS SA	11,8	9,4	9,3	9,2	7,9	6,9
IPSEN	14,1	13,2	11,8	8,1	7,3	5,9
H LUNDBECK A/S	7,9	7,1	6,7	4,8	3,9	3,2
RECORDATI INDUSTRIA CHIMICA	17,8	16,7	15,6	13,2	12,2	11,4
SWEDISH ORPHAN BIOVITRUM AB	17,2	12,8	11,7	10,1	7,8	6,0
UCB SA	17,1	11,7	10,0	11,8	8,3	6,6
Median	15,6	12,3	11,2	10,3	8,1	6,8
SYNTHAVERSE	43,5	16,3	6,6	17,3	8,1	4,0
Premium/discount	178%	33%	-42%	69%	1%	-41%
Valuation [PLN/share]	2,2	4,2	9,2	3,1	5,4	9,0
Year's contribution	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
Average valuation [PLN/share]		5,2			5,8	
Multiple's contribution		50%			50%	
Value per share [PLN]	5,5			•		

Source: BDM S.A., Bloomberg

Main risks: 1) Risk of delay in commissioning new capacity; 2) Risk of delayed registration processes; 3) Foreign exchange and interest rate risk; 4) Risk of rising energy and gas prices; 5) risk of new competitive products entering the market; 6) Product withdrawal risk; 7) Risk of side effects or interactions with new drugs



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Explanations of terminology:

EBIT - earnings before interest and tax

 ${\tt EBITDA-earnings\ before\ interest,\ taxes,\ depreciation,\ and\ amortization}$

Net debt – interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

WACC - weighted average cost of capital

CAGR - cumulative average annual growth

EPS - earnings per share

DPS - dividend per share

CEPS - net profit plus depreciation per share

EV - market capitalization plus interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

EV/S – market capitalization / sales

EV/EBITDA – EV / sales

P/EBIT – market capitalization / EBIT

MC/S — market capitalization / sales

P/E — market capitalization / net profit

P/BV — market capitalization / book value
P/CE - market capitalization / net profit plus depreciation

ROE - net profit / equity

ROA - net income / assets

Gross margin - gross profit on sales / sales

EBITDA margin – EBITDA / sales
EBIT margin – EBIT / sales

Net margin – net profit / sales

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DCF – the most popular and the most effective of the valuation methods - it is based on the discounting of future cash flows generated by the company. The disadvantage is the high sensitivity to changes in the basic financial parameters forecast in the model (interest rates, exchange rates, profits, residual value).

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