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PharmaNutra

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Key data	
Ticker	PHN IM
Price (9 September 2024)	€53.70
Upside to Price Target (%)	60.1
Market Cap (m)	€519.9
Free Float (%)	35.0
No. of Shares (m)	9.68
1mth perf (%)	18.5
3mth perf (%)	14.2
12mth perf (%)	1.7
12mth high-low (€)	64 - 44

Key financials

(In EUR M)

Year to Dec	2023A	2024E	2025E
Group revenue	100	111	124
EBITDA (rep.)	26.5	28.5	33.6
EBIT (rep.)	23.4	25.3	30.5
EPS (adj.)	1.60	1.79	2.15
DPS	0.85	0.89	1.08
Net debt/(cash)	(0.4)	(6.4)	(15)
ROCE (NOPAT) (%)	38.8	40.0	45.3
EPS (adj.) y/y (%)	2.3	12.0	20.3
Net debt/EBITDA	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.4)
EV/Sales	5.2	4.7	4.1
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	19.8	18.2	15.2
EV/EBIT (adj.)	22.4	20.5	16.7
P/E (adj.)	33.6	30.0	25.0
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	1.7	2.0
Free CF yield (%)	(0.1)	2.3	3.3
EV/CE	8.7	8.2	7.6

Prices are as of close 9 September 2024

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Share price performance (indexed)



Strong Q2 with upside potential on International markets

Summary

10 September 2024

- PharmaNutra delivered a strong set of Q2 results, with profitability significantly beating our expectations driving exceptional cash generation.
- While the outlook and the conference call tone was optimistic, the FY-24 guidance was unchanged, which appears overly conservative to us. These results should imply some earnings upgrades in our view, considering the underlying profitability of the business and depending on the discretionary start-up costs deployment.
- We believe Q2 results provided evidence that the trough is behind us and the market could be ready to take a new look at a story of long-term structural growth, especially as visibility starts to improve.

Key Points

Key numbers

- Q2 revenue increased by +24% YoY (vs SFe +25%; Q1: +1%) to €32m broadly in line with estimates, driven by exceptionally strong growth in the International markets (c.+50% vs SFe +38% and Q1 +10%) and a recovery in Italy (c.+14% vs SFe +21% and Q1 -3%). By product, ApportAL stood out, increasing +33% in Q2 (vs SFe +21% and +20% in Q1), while all important SiderAL came broadly aligned with expectations (+25% in Q2 vs SFe +28% and -2% in Q1). Cetilar's growth remained solid (+16% in Q2 vs +7% in Q1), allowing market share grabbing (4.4% in value in H1-24 vs 3.9% in H1-23). Akern accelerated sequentially (+14% in Q2 vs -6% in Q1).
- As for profitability, Adj. EBITDA was up +51% YoY to €11.2m, 17% above SFe (€9.6m), driven by price-mix and operating leverage, with margin expanding to 34.8% from 25.7% in Q2-23, despite c.270bps headwind from start-up costs (c.€1m). The beat was more limited at the bottom line, due to higher than expected tax charges.

Optimistic outlook, with upside potential to consensus

- Management expects the solid organic growth of H1 (+13%) to continue in H2 (consensus forecasts +9% in H2), driven by the ongoing strength of the International markets as well as the continuation of the recovery of the Italian business from the temporary dynamics in the wholesale channel. The launch of Germany and sucrosomial vitamin D3 and D12 are expected to be immaterial at this stage.
- As for profitability, management flagged the development of the key projects will continue and will lead to a temporary reduction in margins for FY-24. The current consensus of c.€28/29m for FY-24 implies a flattish EBITDA in H2 of c.€12m, with a margin of 22.4% (-220bps YoY). This looks in our view, overly conservative as if we assumed a similar underlying profitability (ex start up costs) to H1 (c.32%) in H2, this would equate to c.€5-6m additional one-off costs in H2.

Conference call take-aways. 1. SiderAL distribution to start in September. First sales feedback expected in Q1-25; 2. Sucrosomial vitamin D3 and B12 to be launched in Italy in Q4; 3. China is growing nicely (update expected in Q3-24). 4. International orders are up c.+20% YoY.

Valuation and investment case. We believe Q2 results provided evidence that the trough is behind us and the market could be ready to take a new look at a story of long-term structural growth, especially as visibility starts to improve. Based on the guidance provided at last year's Investor Day, new business opportunities could unlock significant further growth in both sales (2022-30 CAGR +19% vs. +11% organic) and EBITDA (CAGR +20% vs. 13% organic), resulting in potentially significant long-term upside. Assuming the company's targets are achieved, we think a re-rating towards 6.5x EV/sales (vs current 4.5x and BioGaia 7.5x, 3Y sales CAGR +13%) could take the stock to >€100/share. The implied c.15% derating of its forward PE multiple to 30x from the 34x long-term average presents a compelling entry point, in our view.

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PharmaNutra: 2Q/H1-24 Results review

€, Mn	1Q23	2Q23	1H23	2H23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	2Q24E	∆ (%)	1H24	1H24E	∆ (%)
<u>P&L</u>												
NET REVENUES	23.6	26.0	49.6	50.6	100.2	23.7	32.3	32.5	-1%	56.1	56.3	0%
chge% YoY	25.3%	24.7%	25.0%	17.6%	21.1%	0.5%	24.3%	25.0%		13.0%	13.3%	
EBITDA	7.4	6.7	14.1	12.4	26.5	5.0	11.2	9.6	17%	16.2	14.6	11%
chge% YoY	40.2%	-6.6%	13.2%	4.1%	8.7%	-32.9%	68.5%	43.9%		15.3%	3.6%	
margin	31.3%	25.7%	28.3%	24.6%	26.4%	20.9%	34.8%	29.5%		28.9%	25.9%	
ONE-OFFS	8.0	(0.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	
Adj. EBITDA	6.6	7.5	14.1	12.4	26.5	5.0	11.2	9.6	17%	16.2	14.6	11%
chge% YoY	25.0%	4.5%	13.2%	4.1%	8.7%	-24.8%	50.5%	28.5%		15.3%	3.6%	
margin	27.9%	28.7%	28.2%	24.5%	26.4%	20.9%	34.8%	29.5%		28.9%	25.8%	
D&A	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.9)	(2.3)	(3.1)	(0.9)	(8.0)	(0.9)		(1.7)	(1.7)	
EBIT	7.0	6.2	13.2	10.2	23.4	4.1	10.4	8.8	19%	14.5	12.8	13%
chge% YoY	40.1%	-9.0%	11.7%	-9.4%	1.4%	-41.4%	67.0%	40.5%		9.8%	-2.7%	
margin	29.5%	24.0%	26.6%	20.1%	23.3%	17.2%	32.2%	26.9%		25.8%	22.8%	
Net Financial Result	0.1	(0.1)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.1)		(0.2)	(0.1)	
PRE TAX PROFIT	7.1	6.1	13.2	10.1	23.3	4.0	10.2	8.7	18%	14.2	12.7	12%
Taxes	(1.7)	(4.3)	(6.0)	(4.5)	(10.4)	(1.4)	(4.0)	(2.9)		(5.4)	(4.3)	
Tax Rate (%)	-23.3%	-70.6%	-45.2%	-44.3%	-44.8%	-34.6%	-38.7%	-33.0%		-37.6%	-33.5%	
NET INCOME	5.4	1.8	7.2	5.6	12.8	2.6	6.3	5.8	8%	8.9	8.4	5%
ONE-OFFS	0.8	(2.8)	(2.1)	(0.6)	(2.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
Adj. NET INCOME	4.6	4.6	9.3	6.2	15.5	2.6	6.3	5.8	8%	8.9	8.4	5%
chge% YoY	32.9%	-2.1%	12.8%	-9.4%	2.7%	-43.2%	34.8%	25.1%		-4.1%	-9.0%	
Adj. EPS	0.48	0.48	0.96	0.64	1.60	0.27	0.65	0.60	8%	0.92	0.87	5%
Cash Flow & Balance Sheet												
Capex	-3.6	-6.0	-9.6	-3.1	-12.7	-0.8	-0.5	-0.9		-1.3	-1.7	
FCF	(5.7)	(3.7)	(9.4)	8.8	(0.6)	(3.1)	9.6	9.9		6.6	6.8	
NET DEBT / (CASH)	(2.9)	10.0	10.0	0.0	2.6	6.0	4.6	4.4	4%	4.5	4.4	2%
NET DEBT/EBITDAx	(0.4) x	1.3 x	0.7 x	0.0 x	0.1 x	1.2 x	0.4 x	0.5 x		0.3 x	0.3 x	
€, Mn	1Q23	2Q23	1H23	2H23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	2Q24E	△ (%)	1H24	1H24E	∆ (%)
<u> </u>	1Q23	2Q23	1H23	2H23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	2Q24E	∆ (%)	1H24	1H24E	∆ (%)
<u> </u>	1Q23	2Q23	1H23	2H23	2023	1Q24	2Q24	2Q24E	Δ (%)	1H24	1H24E	∆ (%)
Net Revenue drivers	1Q23 1,067	2Q23 1,253	1H23 2,320	2H23 2,133	2023 4,453	1Q24 1,006	2Q24 1,367	2Q24E 1,506	Δ (%) -9%	1H24 2,373	1H24E 2,512	∆ (%) -6%
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Source: Company accounts, Stifel Research and Estimates

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Key Information

Target Price Methodology/Risks

A weighted average of DCF valuation, computed using a WACC of 7.0% and a terminal growth rate of 4.0%, and peer multiples.

- Macroeconomic and country risk: Any deterioration in its key markets due to macro-related issues.
- Strategy execution risk: Slower/faster-than-expected delivery against the 2022-30 business plan.
- Operational risk: Lack of skilled workforce or labor cost inflation; global supply chain constraints leading to higher manufacturing costs; new HQ construction delays; higher-than-budgeted costs to develop the US market.
- Capital allocation: Cheap/expensive M&A or capital injections to accelerate growth.
- Competition risk: New product launches undermining/strengthening its leadership in the oral iron market or in the muscle painkillers segment
- Regulatory risk: Change in food supplements regulation.
- Technological risk: From the obsolescence of patented technologies and approvals in new markets.

Investment case summary

PharmaNutra's competitive advantage stems from its proprietary raw materials employed in its products and its patented technologies, which serve as a valuable barrier to entry from the competition. In the past 20 years, the company grew revenue from zero to ~€100m, maintaining healthy profitability and strong free cash generation. As the company is still at an earlier stage of development while enjoying a clear leading position in the OTC oral iron supplements market in Italy, we believe it can benefit from multiple growth opportunities going forward, both organically and externally.

Business description

Established by Andrea and Roberto Lacorte in 2003, PharmaNutra (PHN) is an Italian operator active in the R&D, commercialisation, and distribution of nutraceutical products and medical devices. The company is the market leader in the OTC oral iron supplement segment, with its SiderAL product line retaining a ~54% market share in Italy. It also focuses on topical muscle pain treatments through its Cetilar product line. Its flagship products are covered by patents. PHN's business model relies on R&D, with a widespread distribution network in Italy, including ~150 scientific sales representatives, providing access to doctors and pharmacies. Abroad, PHN operates in 85 countries through 50 exclusive key partners, selected among the world's primary pharmaceutical companies. As of H1-23, PharmaNutra had 20 patents, 40 trademarks, 21 proprietary raw materials and over 30 products backed by 158 observational studies.

Senior management

- Andrea Lacorte, Chairman and co-founder
- · Roberto Lacorte, CEO, Vice-chariman and co-founder
- Carlo Volpi, COO
- Francesco Sarti, CFO
- Germano Tarantino, Chief Scientific Officer

Major shareholders

- Andrea Lacorte, Chairman: 31.4%
- Roberto Lacorte, CEO: 23.1%
- Carlo Volpi, COO: 10.5%
- Free Float: 35.0%

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