

MOLOGEN AG

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Capital raise
 successfully
 completed

RATING
PRICE TARGET

Return Potential
 Risk Rating

BUY
€11.30
 698.6%
 High

MOVING FORWARD WITH “NEXT LEVEL”

Molgen has successfully completed the 1 for 2 rights issue announced on 26 September and raised gross proceeds of €13.6m. We expect Molgen to raise a further €2.5m in early November through the issue of a convertible bond to its largest shareholder, Global Derivative Trading (GDT). Total proceeds of €16.1m will be used to implement the “Next Level” strategy described in our note of 22 July. Holders of 75% of the shares, including the largest shareholder, GDT, took up their rights. The private placement of shares not subscribed in the rights issue was oversubscribed. A Chinese Investor, TowerCrest, which had committed to subscribe up to 3.4m shares ahead of the issue, decided after the approval of Molgen, not to participate. A further capital raise is likely to be required by the end of the second half of 2017. The strength of the interest shown in the recent financing round bodes well for the success of capital market activity next year. We have lowered our price target from €11.60 to €11.30 to reflect a higher level of dilution from the recent issue and projected future issuance than previously forecast as well as cash burn since the end of June. We maintain our Buy recommendation.

Total proceeds of €16.1m to be used to fund “Next Level” strategy
 Molgen has issued 11,315,750 new shares at €1.20 in a 1 for 2 rights issue raising gross proceeds of €13.6m. The company also plans to issue a convertible bond with a nominal value of €2.54m to GDT in early November. The coupon will be 6%, the conversion price €1.50 and maturity will be in eight years. The combined €16.1m proceeds of the two capital measures will be used to implement the “Next Level” strategy announced in June. “Next Level” entails a sharpening of Molgen’s focus on its lead drug candidate, lefitolimod, and the next generation of this product - EnanDIM - which is currently a pre-clinical molecule family. Some of the proceeds of the transaction will be used to finance the transfer of lefitolimod production to a contract manufacturer and upscale production in preparation for market entry. (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2013	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Revenue (€m)	0.23	0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	36.36
Y-o-y growth	278.3%	-94.7%	225.0%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
EBIT (€m)	-10.86	-17.10	-20.54	-26.32	-24.33	12.71
EBIT margin	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	35.0%
Net income (€m)	-10.83	-17.08	-20.54	-26.35	-24.48	12.56
EPS (diluted) (€)	-0.70	-1.02	-0.99	-1.07	-0.81	0.28
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FCF (€m)	-9.01	-15.70	-15.18	-28.25	-23.88	12.73
Net gearing	-58.4%	-101.9%	-126.1%	-147.3%	-425.6%	-129.2%
Liquid assets (€m)	8.77	13.56	24.59	12.49	7.51	20.24

RISKS

Risks to our price target include but are not limited to development, partnering, financial, and regulatory risks.

COMPANY PROFILE

MOLOGEN is an R&D-stage biotechnology company based in Berlin. The firm focuses on innovative DNA-based and cell-based drug development for the treatment of diseases with unmet medical need. The company’s furthest developed products are MGN1703 for the treatment of colorectal carcinoma, small cell lung cancer and HIV. In addition a combination study of MGN1703 with Yervoy is being performed.

MARKET DATA

As of 31 Oct 2016

Closing Price	€ 1.42
Shares outstanding	33.95m
Market Capitalisation	€ 48.04m
52-week Range	€ 1.15 / 4.85
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	41,804

Multiples	2015	2016E	2017E
P/E	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
EV/Sales	672.1	n.a.	n.a.
EV/EBIT	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Div. Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA

As of 30 Jun 2016

Liquid Assets	€ 15.33m
Current Assets	€ 16.04m
Intangible Assets	€ 0.21m
Total Assets	€ 16.46m
Current Liabilities	€ 6.71m
Shareholders’ Equity	€ 9.75m

SHAREHOLDERS

Global Derivative Trading GmbH	29.0%
Baloise Group	7.0%
Deutsche Balaton AG	5.0%
Deutscher Ring Krankenvers. a.G.	4.0%
IPConcept	3.0%
Free float	52.0%

**Completion of IMPALA phase III recruitment in MCRC end of 2016/early 2017**

Lefitolimod (MGN1703) is currently the subject of four clinical trials. Mologen continues to recruit patients for its phase III IMPALA pivotal study with lefitolimod (MGN1703) in metastatic colorectal cancer (mCRC). Patient recruitment for IMPALA began in September 2014 and is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016. Mologen intends to evaluate the data within approximately 24 months of completion of recruitment. Some uncertainty remains as to the precise timing as the primary end point is overall survival.

IMPULSE topline phase II results in small cell lung cancer expected in H1 2017

Enrolment of 100 patients to the IMPULSE phase II trial with lefitolimod (MGN1703) in small cell lung cancer was completed in autumn 2015. The primary endpoint of the study is overall survival. Mologen intends to start the primary analyses by the end of 2016 and publish topline results in the first half of 2017.

TEACH phase I results in HIV due in H1/17 An early stage trial with HIV patients carried out at the Aarhus University Hospital in Denmark in 2015 suggests that lefitolimod (MGN1703) could play a role in the kick and kill concept of HIV eradication. In the first phase of the trial, patients received one month of treatment. In the extension phase, patients will be treated with lefitolimod (MGN1703) for six months. Topline results of the study are expected in the first half of 2017. The so-called TEACH trial is the first time that lefitolimod (MGN1703) has been evaluated in patients with diseases other than cancer and is being conducted within the framework of a collaborative agreement with Mologen.

Completion of recruitment for combination trial with Yervoy scheduled for 2018

In January 2016, Mologen concluded a cooperation agreement with the MD Anderson Cancer Center at the University of Texas to conduct a phase 1 trial of lefitolimod (MGN1703) with the immune checkpoint inhibitor Yervoy. The trial started in mid-July 2016 and will include around 50 to 60 patients. Completion of recruitment is scheduled for 2018. The trial with Yervoy will be the first time that lefitolimod (MGN1703) has been evaluated in combination with a checkpoint inhibitor and may be the first of several studies of lefitolimod (MGN1703) in combination with other anti-cancer drugs.

Holders of 75% of the shares took up rights; private placement oversubscribed

Holders of 75% of the shares, including the largest shareholder, GDT, took up their rights in the rights issue. Before the issue started, GDT was given the opportunity to subscribe to up to 1 million shares in a private placement of any unsubscribed shares. A Chinese investor, TowerCrest Limited Liability Cooperation (TowerCrest), also committed to purchase up to 3.4 million new shares in the private placement. GDT subscribed to 1 million of the unsubscribed shares, thereby raising its stake from 24% before the issue to 29% now. However, in view of the oversubscription of the placement, TowerCrest decided after the approval of Mologen not to participate.

We maintain our Buy recommendation but lower the price target from €11.60 to €11.30

Mologen had cash and cash equivalents of €15.3m at the end of June. Taking into account the proceeds of the rights issue and the convertible bond as well as estimated cash burn of €8.8m from 1 July to 31 October, we project Mologen's end October cash position to be ca. €22.2m. As we indicated in our July study, we do not expect the conclusion of a partnership with a large pharmaceutical company for further development of lefitolimod (MGN1703) and an associated milestone payment until 2018. Our cash burn forecast for 2017 is €23.9m. This figure and management statements that the company's financing is secured until Q4 2017, suggest that another capital raise is likely in the second half of next year. We have pencilled in the issue of 14.5m shares at €1.30 to raise gross proceeds of €18.9m. This would take total gross issuance proceeds during 2016 and 2017 to €35m. In our July note we also assumed total issuance proceeds of €35m but assumed that the entire sum would be issued before the end of this year at €1.40. A lower average issue price than we



previously assumed as well as cash burn since the end of June are the main reasons for the reduction in our price target from €11.60 to €11.30. We maintain our Buy recommendation.

Figure 1: Changes to our forecasts

in €m	2016E			2017E			2018E		
	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta
Sales*	0.00	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	-	36.36	36.36	0.0%
EBIT	-26.32	-26.32	-	-23.93	-24.33	-	12.71	12.71	0.0%
margin	neg.	neg.	-	neg.	neg.	-	35.0%	35.0%	-
Net income	-26.32	-26.35	-	-23.93	-24.48	-	12.71	12.56	-1.2%
margin	neg.	neg.	-	neg.	neg.	-	35.0%	34.5%	-
EPS (in €)	-1.16	-1.07	-	-0.49	-0.81	-	0.26	0.28	8.0%

* including other operating income and upfront/milestone payment(s)

Source: First Berlin Equity Research

Figure 2: Pipeline valuation

Compound	Project ¹⁾	Present Value	Patient Pop	Treatment Cost	Market Size	Market Share	Peak Sales	PACME Margin ²⁾	Discount Factor	Patent Life ³⁾	Time to Market
MGN1703	CRC-EU	€258M	165K	€38,182	€6,300M	10%	€825M	18%	15%	0	4 Years
MGN1703	CRC-US	€241M	105K	€63,636	€6,682M	10%	€840M	18%	15%	8	4 years
MGN1703	SCLC-EU	€55M	23K	€27,273	€614M	50%	€397M	15%	15%	10	4 years
MGN1703	SCLC-US	€51M	14K	€45,455	€650M	50%	€404M	15%	15%	8	4 years
MGN1601	RCC-EU	€116M	41K	€38,182	€1,581M	30%	€1,141M	25%	15%	10	9 years
MGN1601	RCC-US	€113M	26K	€63,636	€1,674M	25%	€1,110M	25%	15%	12	9 years
PACME PV		€835M			€17,500M			€3,715M			
Costs PV ⁴⁾		€446M									
NPV		€389M									
Milestones PV		€101M									
Proforma net cash		€38M									
Fair Value		€527M									
Proforma share count		46,853K									
Price Target		€11.25									

1) A project typically refers to a specific indication or, where necessary or relevant, a combination between indication and geographic market

2) PACME (Profit After Costs and Marketing Expenses) reflects the company's profit share on future revenues.

This share may be derived in the form of royalties (outsourced marketing/manufacturing) or operating EBITDA margin (in-house model), or some mix of both (depending on the specific parameters of partnership agreements)

3) Remaining patent life after the point of approval

4) Includes company-level R&D, G&A, Financing Costs and CapEx; COGS and S&M are factored into the PACME margin for each project

Source: First Berlin Equity Research

Figure 3: Changes to our pipeline valuation model

	Old	New	Delta
PACME PV	€835.1M	€835.1M	0.0%
Costs PV (4)	€446.4M	€446.4M	0.0%
NPV	€388.7M	€388.7M	0.0%
Milestones PV	€100.7M	€100.7M	0.0%
Proforma net cash	€48.0M	€37.9M	-21.1%
Fair Value	€537.4M	€527.3M	-1.9%
Share Count	46,331K	46,853K	1.1%
Price Target	€11.60	€11.25	-3.0%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research



INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2013	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Net product revenues	227	12	39	0	0	0
Milestone & upfront payments	0	0	0	0	0	36,364
Total revenue	227	12	39	0	0	36,364
Cost of materials	2,904	8,687	11,011	15,000	12,000	12,000
Gross profit	-2,677	-8,675	-10,972	-15,000	-12,000	-12,000
PACME (incl. milestone & upfront payments)	-2,677	-8,675	-10,972	-15,000	-12,000	24,364
Depreciation	1,014	110	121	140	150	180
Personnel costs	4,364	5,113	5,074	5,900	5,200	5,500
Other operating income (expense)	-2,803	-3,199	-4,372	-5,280	-6,975	-5,970
Operating income (EBIT)	-10,858	-17,097	-20,539	-26,320	-24,325	12,714
Net financial result	30	19	3	-25	-153	-153
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-10,828	-17,078	-20,536	-26,345	-24,478	12,560
Net income / loss	-10,828	-17,078	-20,536	-26,345	-24,478	12,560
Diluted EPS (in EUR)	-0.70	-1.02	-0.99	-1.07	-0.81	0.28
EBITDA	-9,844	-16,987	-20,418	-26,180	-24,175	12,894
Ratios						
EBIT margin on PACME	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA margin on PACME	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Net margin on PACME	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Expenses as % of PACME						
Personnel costs	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	22.6%
Y-Y Growth						
Total revenues	278.3%	-94.7%	225.0%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Operating income	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Net income/ loss	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.



BALANCE SHEET

All figures in EUR '000	2013	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
Assets						
Current assets, total	15,480	14,613	25,981	13,889	8,920	21,896
Cash and cash equivalents	8,765	13,563	24,592	12,489	7,510	20,241
Short-term Investments	6,000	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inventories	33	30	28	30	40	200
Other current assets	682	1,020	1,361	1,370	1,370	1,455
Non-current assets, total	457	440	414	425	415	1,300
Property, plant & equipment	220	234	239	280	300	900
Goodwill & other intangibles	237	206	175	145	115	400
Other assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total assets	15,937	15,053	26,395	14,314	9,335	23,196
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	943	1,747	6,886	5,010	5,610	6,910
Short-term debt	19	10	8	10	10	10
Accounts payable	554	1,315	6,390	4,500	5,000	6,000
Other current liabilities	370	422	488	500	600	900
Long-term liabilities, total	10	8	6	2,555	2,560	2,590
Convertible bond	0	0	0	2,540	2,540	2,540
Long term debt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred revenue	10	8	6	15	20	50
Shareholders' equity	14,984	13,298	19,503	6,749	1,165	13,696
Total consolidated equity and debt	15,937	15,053	26,395	14,314	9,335	23,196
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	16.42	8.36	3.77	2.77	1.59	3.17
Quick ratio (x)	16.38	8.35	3.77	2.77	1.58	3.14
Net gearing	-58.4%	-101.9%	-126.1%	-147.3%	-425.6%	-129.2%
Book value per share (€)	0.97	0.78	0.86	0.22	0.04	0.31
Net cash	8,746	13,553	24,584	9,939	4,960	17,691
Return on equity (ROE)	-54.3%	-120.8%	-125.2%	-200.7%	-618.6%	169.0%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2013	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E
EBIT	-10,858	-17,097	-20,539	-26,320	-24,325	12,714
Depreciation and amortization	1,014	110	121	140	150	180
EBITDA	-9,844	-16,987	-20,418	-26,180	-24,175	12,894
Changes in working capital	-146	-93	4,786	-1,889	590	1,055
Other adjustments	1,121	1,475	546	-25	-153	-153
Operating cash flow	-8,869	-15,605	-15,086	-28,094	-23,738	13,796
CAPEX	-145	-93	-95	-151	-140	-1,065
Free cash flow	-9,014	-15,698	-15,181	-28,245	-23,878	12,731
Debt financing, net	0	0	0	0	0	0
Equity financing, net	8	14,495	26,207	13,600	18,900	0
Convertible bond				2,540		
Changes in other financial assets	-6,000	6,000	0	0	0	0
Other Changes in Cash	-6	1	3	2	0	0
Net cash flows	-15,012	4,798	11,029	-12,103	-4,978	12,731
Cash, start of the year	23,777	8,765	13,563	24,592	12,489	7,510
Cash, end of the year	8,765	13,563	24,592	12,489	7,510	20,241
EBITDA/share	-0.64	-1.01	-0.98	-1.07	-0.80	0.29
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.

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16	6 April 2016	€3.78	Buy	€16.50
17	22 July 2016	€1.36	Buy	€11.60
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19	Today	€1.42	Buy	€11.30

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