## May the Force Be With Filgotinib; Raising Target to \$150



The Finch's croon a sweet tune. On March 28, 2019, after the markets closed, Galapagos unveiled data from the Phase 3 FINCH 1 and 3 programs, which did not disappoint. As elaborated upon subsequently, the filgotinib efficacy looks compelling and comparable to upadacitinib, despite the high placebo responses in the FINCH program. Importantly, the safety profile of filgotinib differentiated itself from the pack, which was the basis of our call with our initiation prior to the market's open on March 28, 2019, Looking Beyond Filgotinib: Initiating on a HighRisk, Higher-Reward Pipeline Story With a Buy Rating and \$136 Target. We anticipate Galapagos and partner Gilead (GILD; not rated) may be filing for ex-U.S. approval during 2019. For the U.S. market, both companies are likely to engage with the FDA based on the timing of the MANTA study, which may not be required for an RA-centric filing in our view. Given the robustness of the data package, we are increasing our target to $\$ 150$ from $\$ 136$ and expect the stock to outperform over the remainder of the year, as filgotinib is now a significantly de-risked asset post three clean Phase 3 wins and the remainder of the pipeline maturing rapidly.

Maturing pipeline with key inflection points over the next 12 to 18 months. Given the anticipated catalysts over the next 12 to 24 months encompassing multiple Phase 2 and 3 readouts, additional programs advancing into the pivotal-stage, along with enhanced visibility garnered from the likely commercialization of filgotinib, all supported by a robust cash balance of roughly $\$ 1.5 \mathrm{~B}$, the stock is likely to have multiple value drivers over the near-to-intermediate term, in our view. Beyond filgotinib, which is being investigated in 10-plus indications spanning Phase 3 and 2 programs, we note: (1) an unencumbered IPF franchise spanning two novel compounds in Phase 3 and 2; (2) an 850-plus patient, potentially disease-altering Phase 2 program in osteoarthritis (OA) with GLPG1972 ('1972) for which Galapagos owns the U.S. rights. Other pipeline assets that are likely to deliver clinical news flow include: (1) a partnered Phase 2 program in atopic dermatitis; and (2) 20plus early-stage programs targeting various inflammation and fibrosisrelated maladies, which together we think gives Galapagos one of the broadest, yet focused small molecule programs in biotechnology.

The JAK selectivity of filgotinib delivers with a clean win on safety. As highlighted in our initiation note on March 28, 2018, efficacy was not a bogey. Investor focus was likely to be on the rates of DVT/ PE, serious infections, MACE events, and Herpes zoster infections, on which filgotinib delivered a homerun, in our opinion, especially when compared to competition from upadacitnib, Exhibit 1. For a mechanistic explanation on the differences in SAE profile between upadacitnib and filgotinib, refer to our initiation note.

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Exhibit 1: Safety Comparison of Filgotinib vs. Upadacitinib


Source: Galapagos Press Release March 28, 2019 and H.C. Wainwright \& Co. estimates.
Efficacy looks compelling and comparable to upadacitnib, despite the unusually high placebo responses. A filgotinib vs. upadacitinib comparison from the FINCH 1 vs. SELECT NEXT and FINCH 3 vs. SELECT EARLY are included in Exhibits 2 and 3. Bears might highlight the lack of superiority of filgotinib over adalimumab except for the DAS28(CRP) $\leq 2.6$ endpoint, while upadacitinib was superior across all measures in the SELECT NEXT program. We view that as a minor issue in a segment where adoption and migration of patients from biologics is likely to be dictated by the overall risk benefit ratio.

Exhibit 2: Efficacy Comparison of FINCH 1 vs. SELECT NEXT


Source: Galapagos Press Release March 28, 2019 and AbbVie (ABBV; not rated) Press Release June 7, 2017.

Exhibit 3:Efficacy Comparison of FINCH 3 vs. SELECT EARLY


Source: Galapagos Press Release March 28, 2019 and Abbvie (ABBV; not rated) Press Release June 5, 2018.
A high-risk Phase 3 program in IPF, but the balance sheet supports calculated risk taking, making IPF the next value driver beyond filgotinib, in our view. GLPG1690, an autotaxin inhibitor, currently in the midst of two Phase 3 programs running concurrently, is the first of two unencumbered programs targeting IPF. The leap into the Phase 3 was prompted by some compelling target engagement and improvements in FVC in IPF patients from a small, randomized, short duration Phase 2 program. While some might question the judgment of initiating two 750 patient Phase 3 programs, our analysis suggests FVC declines between 50 mL , if used with OFEV, to 161 mL if used as a monotherapy, and could deliver a statistically significant and clinically meaningful impact on the rate of disease progression assuming a 223 mL decline and a standard deviation of 285 mL in the placebo cohort, as has been seen historically in Phase 3 studies. Based on the increase in FVC observed in the short Phase 2 study, we believe these numbers are eminently achievable. However, given the risk profile of this study, we associate a $35 \%$ POS for the Phase 3 program, which we plan to firm up post interim analysis by YE19 or 1Q20, and we currently model probability unadjusted peak sales of $\$ 1.1 \mathrm{~B}$ during 2030. GLPG1690 represents about $\$ 17$ or $11 \%$ of our target.

GLPG1972 a potentially overlooked asset, which could have an outsized impact on the stock. GLPG1972 is being investigated in an 850-plus patient Phase 2 study in patients with OA. With no DMOAD approved and an addressable market of 4M patients in the U.S., '1972 could become a meaningful asset if the Phase 2 signal is promising, in our view. GLPG1972 targets ADAMTS-5 to reduce cartilage degradation. While the measurement of ARGS in the serum and its potential role as a biomarker for OA is debatable, there seems little doubt that ADAMTS activity is correlated with OA progression. Indeed, ADAMTS inhibition reduces ARGS release in OA explants, and a small Phase 1b program involving 24 patients found serum levels of ARGS decreased after 15 days of treatment with 300 mg ' 1972 QD when compared to baseline. The ongoing ROCELLA Phase 2, with anticipated readout during 2020, could be a significant value driver, in our opinion. Note, given the clinically unmet need and large addressable patient population, POS unadjusted peak sales for GLPG1972 could approach \$5B during 2030, by our estimates. However, given the issues with correlating serum ARGS levels with disease progression, we associate a $10 \%$ POS and value the program at about $\$ 17$ or $11 \%$ of our target.

## Exhibit 4:Weighted Contribution of Individual Disease Segments to Target



Source: H.C. Wainwright \& Co. estimates.

Valuation and risks to our investment thesis. Our 12-month, $\$ 150$ (revised up from \$136) price target on shares of Galapagos is derived from a 13-year DCF-based, sum-of-the-parts analysis. Our DCF is driven by: beta of 1.15, terminal growth rate of $-3.0 \%$, risk premium of $4.93 \%$, calculated WACC of $8.5 \%$, and tax rate of $20 \%$ beginning in FY 2025. Filgotinib (66\%), GLPG1690 (11\%), GLPG1972 (11\%) together make up $88 \%$ of our value, with the remainder derived from the probabilityadjusted, filgotinib-associated milestone payments. For filgotinib, we assume POS in the range of: 75\% (upped from 65\% previously) for RA based on the FINCH 1 and 3 clinical updates released post close on March 28, 2019, 65\% for UC, and 60\% for CD, PsA and AS each, whereas for ' 1690 and ' 1972 , we assign a $35 \%$ and $10 \%$ POS, respectively. Note, filgotinib, in our view, did not materially underperform upadacitinib in the FINCH 1 and 3 studies, which we assigned a low probability outcome due to its competitive profile, along with our \$2.9B (raised from \$2.3B) in 2027 sales estimate for the RA segment. Other key risks include: emergence of safety concerns, clinical risks, regulatory risks, and financial risks. Furthermore, regulatory and commercial strategy for filgotinib is under the control of partner, Gilead, not an established player in autoimmune indications. Hence, Gilead may not be able to drive rapid adoption of filgotinib, especially if the overall profile is relatively undifferentiated from AbbVie's upadacitinib, in our view. Hence, our estimates could be negatively impacted if AbbVie successfully leverages its market positioning with Humira during the launch of upadacitinib, which is likely to be a year ahead of filgotinib. The next two value drivers for Galapagos are GLPG1690 and GLPG1972 programs, both of which are high-risk, high-reward programs given the checkered history of drug development of each target. Hence, there are significant clinical risks associated with these programs, which we believe are adequately reflected in our POS assumptions.

## Valuation: Galapagos (GLPG) Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Analysis

|  |  | Discounted Cash Flow Analysis |  | 2019 |  | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 | 2029 |  | 2030 |  | 2031 | TV |
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| Risk premium ( $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{p}}$ ) | 4.93\% | EBIT ${ }^{(1-t)}$ |  | (221, 134) |  | (204,836) | (229,850) | (69,930) | 137,734 | 608,615 | 807,566 | 1,242,835 | 1,439,135 | 1,539,891 | 1,600,782 |  | 1,609,474 |  | 1,617,356 |  |
| Cost of equity (KE) | 8.5\% | Capital expenditures |  | $(5,000)$ |  | $(6,000)$ | $(6,600)$ | (7,260) | $(7,986)$ | (8,785) | (9,663) | $(10,629)$ | $(11,692)$ | $(12,862)$ | $(14,148)$ |  | $(15,562)$ |  | $(17,119)$ |  |
| Cost of debt ( $K_{0}$ ) | 0.0\% | \% growth |  | -51.3\% |  | .0\% | \% | \% | \% | 0\% | \% | \% | 10.0\% | \% | 10.0\% |  | 10.0\% |  | 10.0\% |  |
| Terminal growth rate | -3.0\% | Depreciation |  | 4,000 |  | 5,000 | 5,250 | 5,513 | 5,788 | 6,078 | 6,381 | 6,700 | 7,036 | 7,387 | 7,757 |  | 8,144 |  | 8,552 |  |
| Terminal value (\% of total value) | 50.4\% | \% growth |  | 4.1\% |  | 25.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | 5.0\% |  | 5.0\% |  | 5.0\% |  |
| Shareholder equity | 7,072,050 | Change in non-cash working capital |  | 22,031 |  | 3,429 | 51,658 | 34,537 | 84,321 | 67,528 | 130,974 | 132,306 | 203,912 | 209,416 | 283,526 |  | 289,350 |  | 363,738 |  |
| Debt outstanding | 0 | \% growth |  | -172.1\% |  | 84.4\% | 1406.5\% | -33.1\% | 144.1\% | -19.9\% | 94.0\% | 1.0\% | 54.1\% | 2.78 | 35.4\% |  | 2.1\% |  | 5.7\% |  |
| Total capital | 7,072,050 | Free cash flow to the firm |  | $(234,165)$ |  | $(197,265)$ | (269,657) | $(91,695)$ | 67,187 | 555,949 | 692,637 | 1,127,859 | 1,253,951 | 1,350,723 | 1,339,161 |  | 1,343,831 |  | 1,279,288 | 10,819,213 |
| Equity/cap | 100.0\% | Discount factor |  | 1.00 |  | 0.92 | 0.85 | 0.78 | 0.72 | 0.67 | 0.61 | 0.57 | 0.52 | 0.48 | 0.44 |  | 0.41 |  | 0.38 |  |
| Debtcap | 0.0\% | Present value of cash flows |  | $(234,165)$ |  | $(181,862)$ | (229, 191) | $(71,849)$ | 48,535 | 370,251 | 425,265 | 638,412 | 654,364 | 649,827 | 593,959 |  | 549,491 |  | 482,255 | 3,760,074 |
| WACC (calculated) | 8.5\% | Value of firm |  | 7,455,366 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| WACC (applied) | 8.5\% | Debt |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Source: H.C. Wainwright \& Co. estimates.



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| Buy | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
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| Sell | 31 | $9.06 \%$ | 8 | $25.81 \%$ |
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