Bioton – (Last valuation: 4.68 PLN/share as of 06.09.2022) 4Q22 results - good quarter, strong exports, strong cash flow



Revenues in 4Q22 amounted to PLN 77.6 million (+85% y/y), EBITDA PLN 19.4 million (+77% y/y), EBITDA adjusted for the balance of other operating activities PLN 24.8 million (+98% y/y), net result PLN 5 million (vs. PLN -0.3 million in 3Q21). The last quarter of the year was strong in terms of insulin sales - primarily in exports (PLN 41.1 million vs. PLN 17.7 million), but also in the Polish market (PLN 22.5 million vs. PLN 10.9 million). The largest export markets are China and Vietnam - sales to China in 2022 were PLN 47.1 million (vs. PLN 7.3 million in 2021), and sales to Vietnam were PLN 17.2 million (vs. PLN 10.4 million in 2021). Gross margin on sales for the full year 2022 declined due to a higher share of less profitable export sales, higher costs of downtime and unused capacity, and cost pressures at home from 48% in 2021 to 41% in 2022. Full-year 2022 results are above our expectations on all levels, mainly due to higher-than-expected export sales of PLN 28 million. Noteworthy is the high positive operating cash flow of +PLN 56.1 million (vs. +PLN 5.5 million in 2021), which, despite high CAPEX (PLN 29 million), enabled the company to reduce debt. Net debt at the end of 2022, according to our estimates, was PLN 67 million, compared to PLN 101 million at the end of 2021. Management indicated in a commentary that the Lispro analog project is delayed by about 1-2 years.

Selected financial data (PLN m)	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	r/r	2021	2022	r/r	2022F
Sales revenues	41.8	50.0	48.1	57.5	77.6	85%	163.0	233.2		198.1
Gross profit on sale	21.4	15.5	23.1	21.5	35.6	67%	77.8	95.8		78.0
margin	51%	31%	48%	37%	46%	-248%	48%	41%		39%
Selling costs		7.8	7.9	9.2	10.2	19%	31.8	35.1		32.5
General administration costs		6.8	7.9	7.4	8.1	16%	27.9	30.3		31.6
Research and development expenses		1.0	1.4	1.8	1.1	-11%	4.7	5.3		4.9
Balance of other operations	-1.5	0.6	0.2	0.7	-5.3	251%	0.9	-3.8		0.0
EBIT	3.0	0.5	5.9	3.9	10.9	263%	14.3	21.3		9.0
Adjusted EBIT*	4.5	-0.1	5.8	3.1	16.2	259%	13.4	25.1		9.0
Balance of financing activities	-5.3	-2.4	-4.6	-5.8	-3.6		-6.0	-16.3		-10.9
Profit before tax	0.8	-1.8	1.4	-1.9	7.3		8.3	5.0		-1.9
Income tax	1.1	1.3	-0.1	0.0	2.3		5.4	3.5		1.1
Net profit	-0.3	-3.1	1.5	-1.9	5.0		2.9	1.4		-3.0
Depreciation and amortization										
EBITDA	8.0	8.1	9.2	8.5	8.5	7%	31.6	34.4	9%	35.9
Adjusted EBITDA*	11.0	8.7	15.2	12.4	19.4	77%	46.0	55.7	21%	44.9

Source: Bioton (actual 4Q21-4Q22, 2021-2022), Noble Securities (forecast 2022), *for other operating income and cost

Revenues

Revenues in 4Q22 amounted to PLN 77.6 million (+85% y/y) mainly due to strong exports (including China). In 4Q2022, insulin sales in foreign markets amounted to PLN 41.1 million, compared to PLN 17.7 million in the comparable period of 2021. For the full year 2022, insulin export sales amounted to PLN 108 million, compared to PLN 41 million in 2021. In 2022, insulin sales in the Polish market amounted to PLN 77.8 million, comparable y/y. Sales of diabetes tablets and other commodities amounted to PLN 22.5 million (+15% y/y) in full-year 2022, and sales of services amounted to PLN 18.9 million (vs. PLN 17.3 million in 2021, including mainly the settlement of the analog contract with Yifan - PLN 12.3 million (vs. PLN 9.7 million in 2021).

Selected financial data (PLN m)	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	r/r	2021	2022	r/r	2022F
Total sales	41,7	50,0	48,1	57,5	77,6	86%	163,0	233,2	43%	198,4
Insulin	28,5	40,8	38,4	43,2	63,6	123%	120,5	186,0	54%	159,7
Domestic	10,9	18,9	18,5	17,9	22,5	107%	79,7	77,8	-2%	79,7
Export	17,7	21,9	19,9	25,3	41,1	132%	40,8	108,1	165%	80,0
Other goods, materials	8,1	7,0	5,8	9,6	5,0	-38%	19,6	22,5	15%	25,7
Services	5,1	2,2	3,8	9,7	3,9	-24%	13,8	15,8	15%	13,0

Source: Bioton (actual 4Q21-4Q22, 2021-2022), Noble Securities (forecast 2022)

Operating profit and costs

Gross profit on sales in 4Q22 was PLN 35.6 million (+67% y/y), and the margin fell to 46% from 51% due to a higher share of sales of less profitable exports, higher costs of downtime and unused capacity, and cost pressures at home. Selling, general and administrative expenses totaled PLN 18.3 million (vs. PLN 16.6 million in 3Q22, +17% y/y). For all of 2022, the dynamics of selling and general and administrative expenses combined was +9% y/y. EBITDA in 4Q22 was PLN 19.4 million (+77% y/y), EBITDA adjusted for the balance of other operating activities was PLN 24.8 million (+98% y/y), net income was PLN 5 million. Research and development costs increased from PLN 4.7 million in 2021 to PLN 5.3 million in 2022. The 2022 net result was negatively affected by high financial expenses (PLN 16.3 million), consisting of interest (PLN 7.9 million) and foreign exchange losses (PLN 7.9 million), including those resulting from the repayment of debt at Bank of China.

Analog project

The continuation of the analog project is underway. Both Yifan and Bioton are working together on the transfer, scale-up and registration of all products. With regard to the long-acting insulin analog, Glargine, the company has completed laboratory-scale batches with the intention of producing a batch of the drug substance at clinical scale in Q2 2023. The production facility is currently being upgraded to accommodate the new process.

Regarding the Lispro insulin analog, Bioton indicated that there are some technological issues, where Yifan said that the batches produced for testing have a slight difference in content compared to the reference drug, so three more batches will need to be produced for testing. Management indicated in the report that the timeline for the Lispro analogue project is delayed by about 1-2 years.

Last valuation: 4.68 PLN/share as of 06.09.2022. Price on the day of issue 3.75 PLN.

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Dino Polska	Reduce	358,6	415,5	400,40	-10%	21.03.2023	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
Eurocash	Buy	18,7	13,8	15,99	17%	21.03.2023	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
Pepco Group	Accumulate	50,1	43,7	41,24	21%	20.02.2023	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
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LW Bogdanka	Buy	72,5	52,8	36,90	96%	27.01.2023	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Molecure	Buy	20,8	14,7	21,35	-3%	05.01.2023	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Celon Pharma	Buy	30,9	15,1	14,98	106%	05.01.2023	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Captor Therapeutics	Buy	192,0	164,0	152,50	26%	05.01.2023	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Ryvu Therapeutics	Buy	85,4	54,6	59,10	45%	05.01.2023	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Forte	Hold	21,3	21,0	27,80	-23%	03.01.2023	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
LW Bogdanka	Buy	51,5	38,2	36,90	40%	28.12.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Wielton	Hold	6,6	6,7	7,78	-15%	28.12.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
TIM	na	37,9	28,2	48,65	-22%	12.12.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
Aplisens	na	18,3	14,4	15,70	17%	06.12.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
Apator	Reduce	12,9	15,0	14,00	-8%	06.12.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Sonel	na	10,2	9,7	10,50	-3%	06.12.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
MO-BRUK	Buy	371,7	293,0	325,00	14%	26.10.2022	24M	Dariusz Dadej	
LW Bogdanka	Hold	30,5	30,6	36,90	-17%	20.10.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Selvita	Accumulate	97,5	86,0	82,00	19%	20.10.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Ailleron	na	17,5	12,0	20,70	-15%	17.10.2022	24M	Dariusz Dadej	
MCI Capital	na	29,6	16,1	17,25	72%	07.10.2022	24M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Bioton	na	4,7	3,8	3,33	41%	06.09.2022	24M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Dino Polska	Reduce	286,8	351,5			10.08.2022	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
Eurocash	Accumulate	13,0	12,1			10.08.2022	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
Amica	Hold	69,7	71,4			05.08.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Wielton	Reduce	4,9	5,5			12.07.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Krynicki Recykling (4)	na	20,9	22,6			04.07.2022	24M	Dariusz Dadej	
Captor Therapeutics	Buy	163,0	116,0			28.06.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Celon Pharma	Buy	29,3	14,9			28.06.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Molecure	Buy	21,7	13,2			28.06.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Ryvu Therapeutics	Buy	51,8	23,5			28.06.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
CD Projekt	Suspended	na				24.06.2022	9M	Maciej Kietliński	
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Apator	Reduce	12,2	14,8			06.06.2022	9M	Michał Sztabler	
Aplisens	na	16,0	14,1			06.06.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
Sonel	na	10,2	9,8			06.06.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
TIM	na	54,3	31,4			06.06.2022	24M	Michał Sztabler	
11 bit studios	Suspended	na	502,0			18.05.2022	9M	Maciej Kietliński	
Forte	Accumulate	38,9	33,0			13.05.2022	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
MCI Capital	na	33,1	19,0			02.05.2022	24M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Bioton	na	7,2	4,1			19.04.2022	24M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Selvita	Buy	96,2	78,5			08.04.2022	9M	Krzysztof Radojewski	
Mobruk	Buy	500,9	398,0			07.04.2022	9M	Dariusz Dadej	
Artifex Mundi	Suspended	na	10,1			28.03.2022	9M	Maciej Kietliński	

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