Bioton – (Last valuation: 5.41 PLN/share as of 19.09.2023) 3Q23 results - below our expectations, slightly negative



Revenues in 3023 amounted to PLN 50.7 million (vs. PLN 50 million of our forecast), EBIT amounted to PLN -2 million (vs. PLN -1 million of our forecast), and EBITDA amounted to PLN 3.9 million (vs. PLN 10.6 million - we assumed depreciation and amortization at PLN 11.5 million, and in the end it turned out to be much lower at PLN 5.9 million), net result amounted to PLN -4.4 million (vs. PLN -2.9 million of our forecast). In line with our expectations, Q3 2022 was a high base both in terms of revenue and margins - the company made more export sales with higher profitability during this period. The result on the operating level in 3Q23 was further supported by a positive balance on other operating activities of +3.8 million PLN. Adjusted for this factor, the operating result in 3Q23 was PLN -5.8 million. The company additionally pointed to the negative impact of production downtime on profitability. In a management commentary, the company said it had called on Yifan to pay PLN 8.8 million for work done on the Glargine project, including the cost of the API plant shutdown during its modification. We view the results slightly negatively.

Selected financial data (PLN m)	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	r/r	3Q23P
Sales revenues	48,1	57,5	77,6	34,4	49,0	50,7	-12%	50,0
Gross profit on sale	23,1	21,5	35,6	19,7	18,8	14,5	-33%	17,5
margin	48%	37%	46%	57%	38%	29%	-24%	35%
Selling costs	7,9	9,2	10,2	8,9	8,6	11,1	20%	9,2
General administration costs	7,9	7,4	8,1	7,1	8,0	7,8	5%	8,0
Research and development expenses	1,4	1,8	1,1	1,2	1,4	1,4	-23%	1,3
Balance of other operations	0,2	0,7	-5,3	0,1	3,1	3,8	410%	
EBITDA	15,2	12,4	19,4	11,2	15,6	3,9	-69%	10,6
EBIT	5,9	3,9	10,9	2,6	4,0	-2,0	-152%	-1,0
Adjusted EBIT*	5,8	3,1	16,2	2,5	0,9	-5,8	-285%	
Balance of financing activities	-4,6	-5,8	-3,6	-1,9	-1,9	-2,4	-58%	-1,9
Profit before tax	1,4	-1,9	7,3	0,7	2,1	-4,4	129%	-2,9
Income tax	-0,1	0,0	2,3	0,9	0,6	0,0	-240%	
Net profit	1,5	-1,9	5,0	-0,1	1,4	-4,4	128%	-2,9

Source: Bioton (actual 2Q22-3Q23), Noble Securities (forecast 3Q23)

Revenues

Revenues in 3Q23 amounted to PLN 50.7 million (-12% y/y). Insulin sales fell 18% y/y. Declines were seen in both domestic and export sales. The decline in the insulin business was offset by higher revenues from commodity sales - the implementation of new drugs Sitagliptin and ComboDiab, and higher sales of Metformin segment drugs Avamina and Avamina SR (up PLN 5.8 million) and Other PL commodities, including products from the gastrology line (up PLN 4.6 million). The share of "Gensulin" in the market for classical insulins in Poland at the end of September 2023 was about 34.55%, indicating that Bioton will continue to maintain its position as the market share leader in this segment as measured by sales of the product to pharmacies. Bioton introduced another oral drug for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, belonging to the DPP-4 inhibitor group, to its portfolio.

Selected financial data (PLN m)	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	r/r
Total sales	48,1	57,5	77,6	34,4	49,0	50,7	-12%
Insulin	38,4	43,2	63,6	23,5	28,1	35,6	-18%
Domestic	18,5	17,9	22,5			13,3	-26%
Export	19,9	25,3	41,1			22,3	-12%
Other goods, materials	5,8	9,6	5,0	8,6	11,3	13,4	40%
Services	3,8	9,7	3,9	2,3	9,7	6,2	-36%

Source: Bioton (actual 2Q22-3Q23)

Result and operating expenses

Gross profit on sales in 3Q23 amounted to PLN 14.5 million (-33% y-o-y), and the margin dropped from 37% to 29% due to the sales structure between Poland and foreign markets and a change related to higher sales of vials than cartridges (sales to Libya and no sales to China). In addition, margins were negatively impacted by production downtime costs mainly related to the shutdown of the substance production plant associated with production line modernization work. The company said that, as of the date of publication, it had not received a receivable from Yifan in the amount of PLN 8.8 million for work performed on the Glargine project, including the costs of the API substance plant shutdown during its modification. The company has issued a demand for payment to Yifan and is strictly following the procedure set forth in the cooperation agreement with Yifan. Selling, general and administrative expenses totaled PLN 18.9 million (+14% y/y). EBITDA in 3Q23 amounted to PLN 3.9 million (-69% y/y), and EBITDA adjusted for the balance of other operating activities amounted to PLN 0.1 million (vs. PLN 11.6 million a year ago), net income amounted to PLN -4.4 million (vs. PLN -1.9 million a year ago).

Last valuation: 5.41 PLN/share as of 19.09.2023. Price on the day of issue 3.83 PLN.

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