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### **HOLD (vs. UNDER REVIEW)**

Price (16/12/2020)	EUR 79.12
Target price	90.00
Risk	High
Reuters	GLPG AS
Bloomberg	GLPG NA
Shares number (m)	65.25
Market cap. (m)	5,163
Cash Position 12/20e	(m) 5,003
1 year price perf.	-58.6%
Diff. with Euro Stoxx	-55.9%
Volume (sh./day)	514,437
Free Float	65.1%
H/L 1 vear	249.50 - 79.12

# Company description

Galapagos is a biotech company focused on small molecules in inflammatory and fibrotic indications. The company is supported by strong partnerships and has a broad and mature pipeline. Its lead product has completed Ph3.



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# **Galapagos**

# Downside risk materially reduced, but patience prevails

- Yesterday, Galapagos announced its renegotiated filgotinib deal with Gilead.
- As we gathered more input during the conference call, we finetuned our rNPV model accordingly and we arrive at a TP of EUR 90.
- Investors will need to have patience in our view considering the low visibility on MANTA outcomes and most crucial catalysts expected beyond 2021. We reiterate our Hold rating.

### Key highlights from the conference call

- Gilead will not pursue Jyseleca launch in RA in the US and the Ph3 trials in psoriatic arthritis (PsA) and ankylosing spondylitis (AS) will also be discontinued.
- Gilead remains on board for ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's Disease (CD). Submission in Japan and positive CHMP opinion for UC are expected in H1 2021, whilst the Ph3 DIVERSITY readout in CD is anticipated for H1 2022.
- Positive MANTA readouts will be crucial for any Jyseleca US approval. Week 26-data are expected in H1 2021. However, the FDA indicated that patients who experienced more than 50% sperm count reduction and have not recovered by week 26 will need to be followed up to 52 weeks.
- As of 2022, Galapagos will regain full rights for filgotinib in Europe for all indications, in line with the company's other drug candidates partnered with Gilead. The company indicated that yesterday's announcement does not alter the broader Gilead collaboration deal closed in 2019.
- There will be a 1-year transition period until end of 2021, during which Galapagos aims to transfer roughly 100 salespeople from Gilead to further accelerate the commercial ramp-up of Jyseleca in Europe and during which the 50:50 profit split for Jyseleca in Europe still stands.
- To further support business transfer and development costs, Gilead will pay Galapagos EUR 160m to Galapagos in the course of 2021 and 2022. No further milestones will be paid.
- In exchange for the European rights, Galapagos will pay 8% to 15% royalties to Gilead, but only as of 2024, by which Galapagos believes to be break-even regarding filgotinib.
- The company for the first time guided on its Jyseleca sales ambitions in Europe, aiming at roughly EUR 0.5bn European revenues in rheumatoid arthritis (RA), ulcerative colitis (UC) and Crohn's Disease (CD) combined.

EUR	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20e	12/21e	12/22e
Revenues	151.6	155.9	317.8	895.9	432.4	148.5	201.8
R & D	140	219	323	427	556	667	767
EBIT	-11.5	-89.8	-44.8	370.3	-284.6	-724.2	-822.7
Decl. profit	54.0	-116	-29.3	150	-337	-730	-843
EPS	1.17	-2.27	-0.57	2.49	-5.17	-11.19	-12.92
EV/Revenues	12.1	18.4	8.9	6.1	0.4	9.2	13.2
EV/R & D	13.2	13.1	8.8	12.7	0.3	2.0	3.5
P/E	52.2	nm	nm	74.9	nm	nm	nm
Net Cash	980	1,151	1,291	5,775	4,998	3,801	2,489



#### Our view

Based on the input that was provided, we now have made several adjustments:

- We carved out the RA indication in the US from our SOTP model, as well as the PsA and AS indications, which previously contributed EUR 12, EUR 2 and EUR 1 per share, respectively.
- We implemented the full European commercial rights on filgotinib for Galapagos in RA, UC and CD as of 2022, along with Gilead's 8% to 15% royalty claim on European net sales as of 2024, as well as the EUR 160m payment by Gilead to Galapagos.
- We aligned our European filgotinib peak sales estimates with company guidance, with European Jyseleca peak sales of EUR 557m in RA, UC and CD combined (guidance EUR 0.5hn)
- Following the update on CD, we pushed the potential approval date from 2022E to 2023E.
- We took the liberty to roll over our DCF into 2021.
- We also implemented a 12 months net cash estimate of EUR 4.7bn rather than the company's latest reported Q3 2020 EUR 5.3bn cash position, as the latter contributes significantly to the valuation of Galapagos but is likely to drop further in the near term (cash burn of EUR 0.6bn to EUR 0.7bn per annum over 2021-2023E on average according to our estimates).

### **Investment conclusion**

Following these adjustments, we arrive at a TP of EUR 90. We value Galapagos using an rNPV (WACC: 12%). The massive hit on the stock yesterday has materially reduced the near-term downside risk in our view. In view of upside potential, however, we believe that investors still have to be patient. In our view, a substantial catalysts seems more likely beyond 2021E. We also have no visibility on how the MANTA trials will read out. If 52-week follow up sperm count data are required after all, it can further delay US filings and scrutinize both US and ex-US regulators regarding filgotinib's safety profile. We hence reiterated our Hold rating.

Exhibit 1 Key model assumptions

Drug	Indication	Stage	Geography	Success rate	Launch	Peak sales (EUR m)	rNPV (EUR m)	rNPV/share (EUR)	% of SOTP
Filgotinib	RA	Approved	US	NA	NA	0	0	0	0%
			EU	100%	2020	328	984	15	17%
			JP	100%	2020	172	164	3	3%
Subtotal						500	1,148	18	20%
Filgotinib	UC	Ph3	US	90%	2022	147	106	2	2%
			EU	90%	2021	79	179	3	3%
			JP	90%	2022	46	33	1	1%
Subtotal						272	317	5	5%
Filgotinib	CD	Ph3	US	57%	2023	260	58	1	1%
			EU	57%	2023	150	105	2	2%
			JP	57%	2023	20	4	0	0%
Subtotal						430	168	3	3%
Filgotinib total						1,202	1,633	25	28%
Ziritaxestat	IPF	Ph3	Global	42%	2023	1,682	994	15	17%
GLPG1205	IPF	Ph2	Global	23%	2026	1,262	160	2	3%
Ziritaxestat	SSc	Ph2	Global	21%	2024	715	111	2	2%
Net cash							4,700	72	80%
Overhead							-1,740	-27	-30%
Valuation							5,858	90	100%

Source: Degroof Petercam estimates

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