



### BIOPHARMA BUY-SIDE DEAL PROCESS KEYS TO SUCCESS

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# Locust Walk is positioned as a fully integrated advisor with all key capabilities necessary for life science transaction advisory



Pros

Cons

Financial analytic capability

Lack of industry operating expertise

Board level network and contacts

Strategic deliverables unusual

Investor connectivity

Limited involvement early in process



Strategic analytic insights

Board-ready deliverables

Primary/ secondary research specialty

Lack transaction capabilities

Not licensed as a broker/dealer

Lack detailed company understanding



### **Locust Walk**

Locust Walk integrates the benefits of multiple advisors to provide a full-service offering for clients



#### **Full-Time Hires**

Pros

Cons

Deep company understanding

Long-term commitment

Operational expertise

Limited resources to execute transactions

Multiple work stream distractions

Lack of broad experience (e.g., finance & partner)



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Cons

Industry & operational expertise

Close working relationship with management team

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### Locust Walk has helped build many successful life science companies





**Undisclosed Value** 







Locust Walk has closed 21 transactions across a variety of deal types, stages of development and therapeutic areas since 2015



### Locust Walk has significant buy-side experience



Buy-side US rights acquisition for Keveyis, approved orphan drug



\$8.5M Upfront, Undisc. **Milestones and Royalties** 



Buy-side licensing agreement for **ALT1103 for Acromegaly** 





Buy-side asset acquisition of Somatoprim for Acromegaly



\$30M in Equity



Buy-side advisor on collaboration and follow-on investment



**Transaction Value** 



Buy-side advisor for acquisition of a second pipeline asset

#### SFRFNDFX

harmaceuticals Private specialty pharma company



Buy-side advisor to acquire late stage orphan products

> Company sold for \$8.3B



Buy-side licensing agreement for **ANYARA** 

Active

\$250K Upfront, \$71M Deal Value



Buy-side advisor to add commercial heme/renal product

> **Public specialty** pharma company



Buy-side advisor to acquire late/commercial orphan products

> Company sold for \$1.1B

### INSMED

**Buy-side advisor supporting** respiratory orphan product search

> **Public specialty** pharma company

Buy-side advisor to acquire late/commercial orphan products

Private spec pharma company, ex-Ovation Pharma team



Buy-side advisor to build hospital franchise

> **Public specialty** pharma company



Buy-side advisor to acquire commercial products

> PE-backed specialty pharma



Buy-side advisor to acquire clinical-stage orthobiologic assets

> **Public** biopharma company



Buy-side advisor on setting up new acquisition initiative

> SB private family owned business

### Locust Walk routinely surfaces opportunities that clients

have never previously considered



# Asking the right questions: key factors for a successful buy-side process



## Why

Why are we undertaking a buy-side process? What defines success?
 What are the constraints and limitations?
 How do these translate into a set of search parameters?



### What

What is the universe of assets that match key search criteria?
 Which assets appear to be transactable?
 Which assets are worthy of resource-intensive pursuit?



### Who & When

When is the right time to open a dialog with the company?
 Who is the appropriate point of contact?
 How do we best manage the approach to maximize receptivity?



### How

 How to manage the process and relationships with the target company to move toward close?
 How to overcome unforeseen obstacles and roadblocks?



### Locust Walk's typical buy-side approach

#### **Phase 1:** 2 to 3 months

### Phase 2: 2 to 3 months

#### Phase 3: 2 to 3 months



#### **Asset Screening**

- Assess client's therapy area competencies and market adjacencies
- Develop multi-level screening criteria for initial results
- Generate priority list based on output of screening criteria
- Prepare profiles of top tier target assets

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#### **Outreach and Due Diligence**

- Prepare client selling document which highlights why they are partner of choice
- Develop asset specific strategy and conduct outreach
- Perform due diligence, as appropriate based on company's team capabilities
- Assist with development of revenue and P&L model

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#### Transaction Execution

- Develop detailed negotiations model
- Based on proprietary and highly analytical Locust Walk model
- Precedent transactions establishes market values
- Prepare term sheet based on valuation model and precedent transactions
- Conduct deal negotiations
- Contracting and deal close

Output

List of Potential Assets to Target for Initial Outreach

Output

Four or Five Assets to Aggressively
Pursue for a Transaction

Output

One or Two Product / Company Acquisitions Completed





# Buy-side Process: Keys to Success

# AGENDA

- Defining Goals and Constraints
- 2 Implementing a Successful Asset Screen
- Building the Business Case
- Conducting Initial Outreach and Discussions
- **5** Executing on Assets of Interest



# **DEFINING SUCCESS:**

# ALIGNING ON GOALS AND CONSTRAINTS OF PORTFOLIO EXPANSION



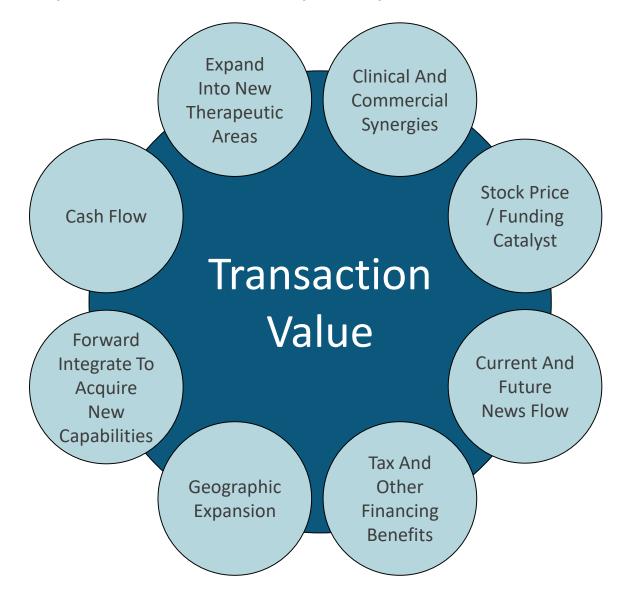
# Defining key questions and considerations at the outset of a buy-side process is a central key to success

- There are a wide variety of strategic reasons for pursuing a process to expand a company's portfolio
- Planning a buy side process with strategic goals clearly in mind is an important key to success
- Before investing time and resources into a portfolio expansion project, companies should clearly define their goals and criteria
- Resource constraints and motivation(s) for expanding portfolio should be the direct basis for asset search criteria – help maintain a focused a disciplined view of success throughout

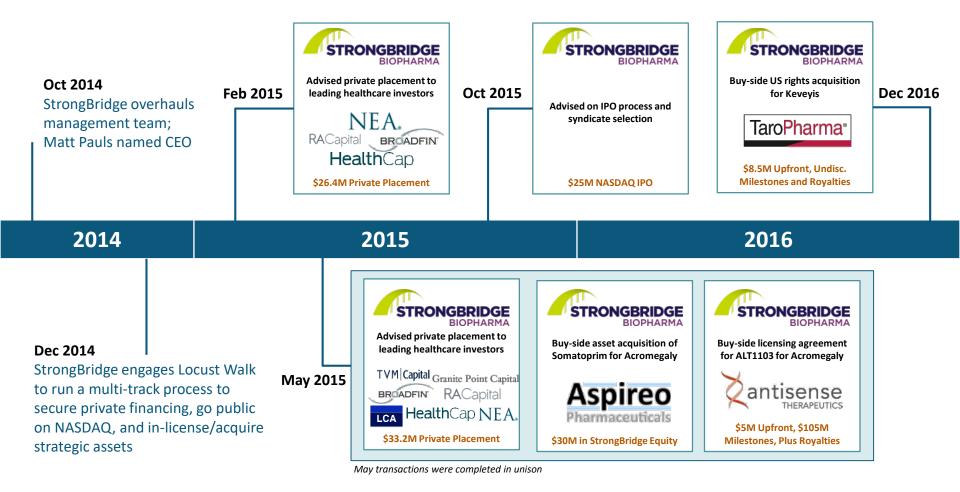


Key question: what does success look like and what does it take to get there?

### Why do companies undertake buy-side processes?



# Case study: Strongbridge Biopharma built significant value by multiple strategic deals



# Deal and IPO activity have declined recently, creating a potential buyer's market





### **Key Takeaways**

- Lack of partners and IPO exits in the space have created a buyer's market in which selling companies seeking funding (additional raises or strategic partnerships) are desperate for some form of capital
- With larger acquirers/investors being more selective, it is crucial for companies to strengthen their portfolios in order to optimize public perception and thus maximize shareholder value

SOURCE: Locust Walk Analytics, BioSciDB, Biopharm Catalyst, Company Press Release, NASDAQ

## Key asset search criteria flow directly from defined process goals and resource constraints

Timing and Risk Tolerance



Stage of **Development** 

Consider impact on timing of positive and negative cash flows, risk profile, competitive nature of process

**Planned** Commercial Strategy



Therapeutic Area / Indication

Besides operational synergies (call point, development infrastructure), has implications for company's market perception

Development Capabilities



**Clinical Focus / Path** 

Leverage team competencies developing in particular indications, mechanisms of action, etc.

Commercial Presence



**Deal Geography** 

Motivation could be to leverage existing commercial presence in a particular region, or to expand into additional geographies

**Timing of Other Events and** Milestones



**Required Exclusivity** Runway

Key events in company's strategic plan (approvals, patent expiration, financings) should be considered carefully in planning the lifespan of acquired asset

Available / Raiseable Capital

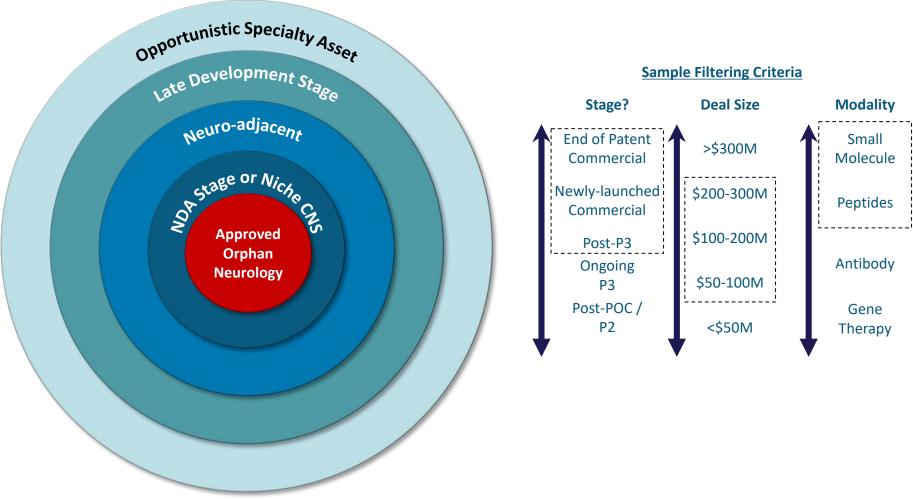


**Current & Peak Sales** Potential; Stage of **Development** 

What can we realistically afford? Key to remain focused on realistic endpoints

### Planning should include what defines a perfect match as well as which criteria are flexible





# Keys to success: Discipline and top-down alignment

	Best BD Teams	Average BD Teams	
Proactivity	Proactive in finding assets in areas of strategic interest	Reactive to inbound interest from potential partners	
Opportunism	Opportunistic and not formulaic so long as the product fits within the broader strategy	Too opportunistic and chase random opportunities losing focus	
Process	Have a well-oiled, repeatable process with clear expectations and deliverables as output	Haphazard and disorganized without a repeatable process	
Top-Down Buy-in	Board and leadership team fully engaged; transaction committee formed to move quickly	Skunk works operation without a mandate and lack of board transparency	
Culture	Mindset of a deal-making machine; understanding that everything has "hair"	Cautious – what will "the Street" think? Analysis paralysis overthinking deals	



# **IDENTIFYING TARGETS:**

# IMPLEMENTING AN EFFICIENT AND THOROUGH ASSET SEARCH PROCESS



# Boiling the ocean: how to implement an efficient process for identifying assets of interest

- A key goal in a buy-side process is identifying target assets that are a strategic fit, have attractive potential and are attainable
- While many groups may already be aware of assets in their target space, it is important to undertake a search process that is:
  - ▶ Thorough: minimize chance of losing out on a potentially transformative opportunity
  - ▶ Well resourced: asset screening and evaluation takes significant time and resources
  - Disciplined: avoid spending time on things which are not realistic, transactable or affordable
  - Creative & open-minded: be willing to explore less obvious opportunities

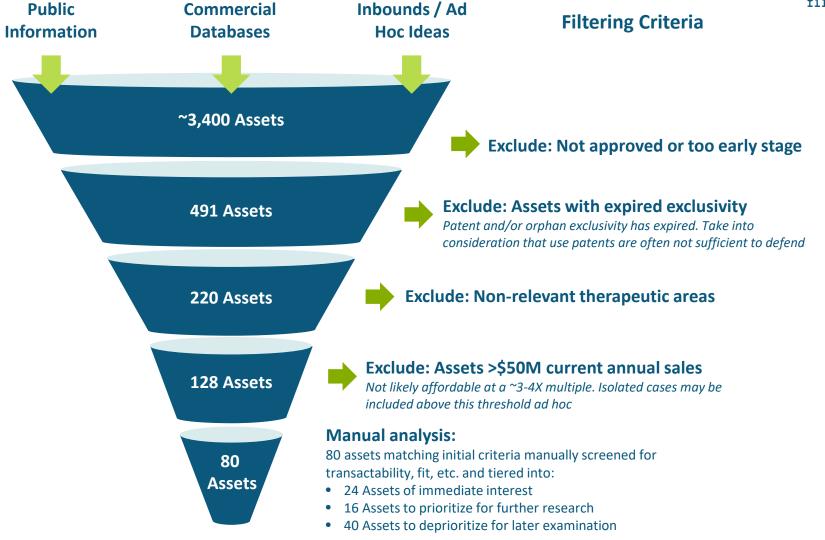
Planning and executing a well-organized & clearlydefined process based on strategic goals will optimize chances of success



Key question: how to identify an optimal opportunity among a large group of less attractive ones?

# Creating a disciplined screening methodology to understand the universe of available assets and identify logical targets





## A wide variety of asset databases are available as source material for asset screening

### Sample asset databases:











- DATAMONITOR
- **Evaluate** Pharma®
- \* Used by Locust Walk

- Important criteria for choosing among array of available asset databases:
  - Cost
  - Completeness and accuracy
  - Prompt updates
  - Included data points
  - Searchable criteria
  - Exportable data
- It is difficult to find a single source that completely satisfies all criteria
- It may be necessary to cross-reference multiple sources and/or perform multiple parallel screens to ensure a thorough and exhaustive search

# Utilizing a scoring framework for the screening process can help prioritize assets to focus on first



### **Scoring Framework for Target Screening Process**

Score	Strategic Fit	Stage of Development	Product Differentiation	Transformative vs. Incremental	Timeline Synergy	Probability of Technical \$ Regulatory Success	Transactability "Getability (target willingness)
5	Same call point/target audience	@ FDA with complicated Phase 3	Best in Class/First in Class	Regenerative medicine, cell therapy, biologics, focus, (vs. tranitional ortho devices)	Fills product gaps with news every 3-6 months	Compelling safety & Efficacy data- merely time and execution to approval	<\$5M Cash, with equity, and quick close, link to Venture, Debt close
4	Other therapeutic area synergy	Ongoing Phase 3 (timing dependent)	Next generation advancements or Strong Clinical Data	Transformative – new call point, new indication, or non-core applications of our tech	Possible earlier approval than product or EU opportunities	Proven data, uncertain regulatory environment	< 10M cash, with equity, Venture debt & Equity
3	One-stop shopping	Phase 2 with strong POC	Engineering advancements that we can leverage, strong clinical or regulatory	Adjacent with similar story, one-step capabilities a plus	Complementary, 12 month timelines, but fundable	Reasonable regulatory environment, obvious technical & safety data now established	\$50M transaction – value & investment needed – bring in large group of new investors
2	Adjacent – service like	Phase 1 Pre POC Phase 2	Product/Formul ation improvements to existing therapy	Next gen products, but not standalone	Overlays product milestones	Early POC technical data, unclear or onerous regulatory pathway	\$100M transaction – significant approval & financing needed
1	Unrelated	Pre-clinical	Me-too	Me-Too/Good enough products	Longer w/o any material milestones	Completely unproven NCE or Mechanism of action, highly speculative	Merger/Large Deal

# Illustrative output from screening and scoring process; defining criteria and weighting are an important key



### Weighting

35%	30%	20%	15%
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Drug	Company	Apprv'd	LOE	Sales	Transact	Sales/ Afford.	Remain Excl.	Patient Pop.	Fit Score	Notes
Drug 1	Company 1	2012	2026	20.7M					74%	Returned from originator over poor sales, key investor has pushed to bag the drug - should be highly transactable.
Drug 2	Company 2	2012	2024		•		•	•	68%	2014 sales = \$15M, ~6K patients in US Peak sales can be much higher but Company does not seem to have prioritized.
Drug 3	Company 3	2013	2032	8.4M					68%	Differentiated formulation of existing medication. May be available.
Drug 4	Company 4	2012	2029	0.5M					68%	Device-like delivery system for ophthalmic drug.
Drug 5	Company 5	2009	2016	17.5M		•			65%	Acquired in 2013. Possibly not enough differentiation. Sales have lagged historically – might be transactable.
Drug 6	Company 6	2002	2017	17.4M		•	0		65%	Acquired in 2013. Old drug, little remaining exclusivity.  Tail drug – might be willing to transact.
Drug 7	Company 7	2014	2021	4.2M	?		•	•	65%	Peak sales could be ~\$80-\$90M, could be worth more if approved for second indication. Unknown transactability, but not in a strategic area for company.
Drug 8	Company 8	2009	2016	89.7M			?	•	64%	Company's only drug in this category. Unable to verify sales as company hasn't reported. Would need to look at LOE more closely.

Standardized scoring systems provide a means to objectively evaluate opportunities and prioritize best fit



## Being open to non-obvious or troubled assets can expand the universe of available opportunities

- As long as it remains consistent with overall goals, openness to under-the-radar ideas or assets with imperfections can create additional opportunities
  - ► Failed clinical trials; possibility of approval / repurpose for secondary indication(s)
  - ► Failed or troubled launches; may enable transactability and create growth potential in the right hands
  - Surrounding PR issues, enabling a potential "white knight" story
  - Assets that have changed hands as part of larger transaction
  - ▶ Sourcing from ex-US, ex-EU regions e.g. Asia
- Deal-making culture is essential to recognize an opportunity with "hair" and to overcome the inevitable internal objections



Seeing value where others don't can enable access to a potential "Diamond in the Rough"

### One page summary profiles are a useful tool to help reach consensus on individual assets



### **Key value of summary profiles:**

- Succinctly summarize opportunity & risks
- Memorialize key learnings to be revisited later
- Provide mechanism for team alignment and prioritization
- Requires sufficient work to answer top level questions and to inform a decision to learn more



# Qutenza is a topical patch for postherpetic nerve pain for patients looking for alternatives to oral treatments

#### OPPORTUNITY HIGHLIGHTS<sup>5</sup>

- Qutenza is an alternative or adjunct to oral tricyclic antidepressants for PHN patients
- Limited U.S. sales and off-strategy (MS and spinal cord injury) indication for Acorda suggest deprioritization and potential for growth with a focused partner
- Acquired in a multi-asset transaction from NeurogesX in 2013 along with Ph3-ready NP-1998, a topical capsaicin solution for diabetic neuropathy; NP-1998 appears to be primary value driver for transaction and may suggest willingness to divest Qutenza

#### **KEY RISKS / QUESTIONS**

- What is the risk of generic entry given Nov 2016 LOE?
- European partner, Astellas, has driven WW sales. Unlikely to acquire ex-US rights given different ownership.
- 3. Previous label expansion efforts have been unsuccessful, e.g. HIV-associated neuropathy; additional label opportunities unclear.
- Potential for application site pain from capsaicin may limit addressable market?
- Is pain an area of future strategic growth for Company?

capsaicin; administered every 3 months

#### TARGET PRODUCT PROFILE<sup>2</sup>

Efficacy	The percent change in average pain from baseline to Week 8 was - 18% (+/-2%) for the low-dose control and -29% (+/-2%) for Qutenza. Some patients experienced a decrease in pain as early as 1 week.
Safety	The most common adverse reactions (2: 5% and greater than control) are application site erythema, application site pain, application site pruritus and application site papules. Accidentally touching the patch can cause burning or stinging
Dosing	8% capsaicin patch 640 mg/cm², each patch contains a total of 179 mg

#### **PRODUCT OVERVIEW<sup>3</sup>**

Approved/Launched	November 2009
Indication / TA <sup>2</sup>	Management of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia (PHN): Incidence of herpes zoster is 3.6 per 1000 person-years; Increasing incidence with age
Call Point	Primary care administration
Modality	Cutaneous patch once every 3 months/as needed
Price <sup>5</sup>	~\$1600 per patch
Exclusivity <sup>6</sup>	Orphan LOE November 2016
Transaction History	2013 acquired from NeurogesX for US rights. Astellas holds exclusive rights for Europe

#### US & WW SALES<sup>1,3</sup> (in \$M)



#### **COMPETITIVE LANDSCAPE**<sup>3,4,6</sup>

- First line = tricyclic antidepressants, gabapentin, or pregabalin
- Alternatives therapies include: intrathecal glucocorticoid injections but are not useful for PHN involving the trigeminal nerve
- 3. Topical pain solutions are recommended for patients seeking alternatives to oral therapies, or who have contraindications for TCAs or anticonvulsants
- Zacin (Teva) capsaicin cream sold \$7M WW in 2015, also approved for PHN, OA and painful diabetic neuropathy



# SIZING THE OPPORTUNITY: BUILDING THE STRATEGIC BUSINESS CASE



### Conducting efficient, early due diligence to understand the business case



**Due Diligence & Strategic/Financial Analysis** 



**Outreach & Discussion with Target Company** 

#### **Primary and Secondary Research**

Validate clinical and commercial potential and identify program risks

### Interviews with Internal **Champions**

In-depth understanding of internal development and commercial expectations

### **Assets Selected from** Screening and **Profiles**

### **Develop Strategic Business Case**

Develop strategic case for asset transaction with detailed analysis of fit with current capabilities

#### **Review Confidential Materials**

Evaluate clinical and commercial potential to validate or challenge assumptions

### **Financial Analysis: Commercial Potential**

Develop independent revenue projections for asset and begin constructing high-level valuation and deal model to assess feasibility

### **Primary Diligence**

Additional scientific and confirmatory diligence questions



## Early primary and secondary research allows prioritization of opportunities

- Quick, initial primary / secondary research to make a go/no-go decision or prioritize
- Not a substitute for deal diligence; goal is early understanding of key questions and opportunities
- Key goals are to understand:
  - Current and sustainable therapeutic niche
  - Competitive landscape and incoming threats
  - Current revenue and/or potential for growth
  - Exclusivity runway and potential extension strategies
  - ► History of asset and strategic value to current owner











THOMSON ONE





# KOL and payer interviews are a quick path to a high level understanding of the landscape, differentiators and therapeutic value

How are patients diagnosed? What is the referral pattern? What other physicians/specialties manage the condition?

How does the condition manifest and progress? How are patients segmented?

What is the current treatment algorithm and how would Product X fit in?

What drives treatment selection? How do you determine which therapy to use if multiple are available?

What are the greatest needs and limitations of existing therapies? What's in the pipeline?

Has there been any change in your treatment algorithm or management of the disease in recent years?

Conduct qualitative interviews with key stakeholders: Physicians, KOLs, Payers, Patients, P&T Committees, etc.



# Understanding potential product revenue potential is the first step to understanding asset value

#### Revenue Model

- Begins with primary and secondary research
  - KOL calls / survey
  - Review of market & competitive landscape
  - Key unmet needs and differentiators
- Key model inputs driven by
  - Market size & segmentation
  - Predicted penetration in each segment
  - Compliance / adherence
  - Price

**Output** 

**Annual Revenue Forecast Through LOE** 

#### Valuation Model

- Starts with revenue forecast
- Understanding of key costs
  - Cost of goods
  - Sales and marketing
  - R&D
- Quantification of risks
  - Clinical and regulatory risks (clinical stage)
  - Operational risks of company

**Output** 

**Standalone Product eNPV** 

#### Deal Model

- Starts with product valuation
- Divides value among parties with deal terms
  - Upfront
  - Milestones
  - Rovalties
- Quantify additional costs & sources of value
  - Synergies with existing operations
  - Tax implications
  - Financing costs

Output

**Deal eNPV** 

#### **Tips for Revenue Modeling**

- Build multiple revenue scenarios to allow testing of key sensitivities
- Source or cite rationale for all model assumptions key is to make the model defendable to potential partners
- Build models that are clear and easy to follow, as they may be reviewed by colleagues, or, even potential partners

# Key point of understanding is the fit and synergy with current and planned strategy that support a transaction

### **Revenue Synergies**

- Accelerate the launch of a current pipeline product
- Create additional awareness of company, sales reps and marketing efforts
- Strengthen relationships with stakeholders
- Build internal infrastructure and competencies

### **Cost Synergies**

- Leverage existing or planned commercial presence
  - Geography
  - Prescriber / call point
  - Marketing infrastructure
- Allows for shared overhead and/or FTEs in support roles
- Enables shared development, manufacturing or other infrastructure

Potential synergies should be evaluated both qualitatively and quantitatively as a source of additional deal value





# MANAGING DISCUSSIONS:

# DECIDING HOW AND WHEN TO APPROACH A POTENTIAL TARGET COMPANY



### Key considerations when doing initial outreach

- Once an asset of interest is identified, the obvious next step is to approach the current owner about a possible deal
- Approach should be tailored to asset importance (to both buyer and seller), potential deal size and type, desired speed of close
- How and when to make the initial approach, as well as how to carry on ongoing deal discussions, is a question that has a critical impact on the ultimate success of the process
- Knowing that most identified assets will not transact, maintaining a healthy pipeline of opportunities in outreach / discussion phase is important



Key question: who and when to contact about beginning a deal discussion

### When is the right time to make first contact?

### **Option #1: Exploratory Outreach**

- Do initial outreach to test the waters and see if asset is transactable
- Gain an understanding of company's strategy and asset's importance
- Avoid spending time / resources on projects that are not realistic
- Resource constrained teams can focus only on projects likely to transact

- Soft probe of interest is a weaker initial approach; easy to say no
- Can create a slower process, leaving more time for competitive bidders

### **Option #2: Guns Blazing**

- First step is primary and secondary research and preliminary valuation
- Initial approach is with non-binding term sheet (subject to diligence)
- Ability to come in with a quick term sheet; harder to ignore out of hand
- Gain a full understanding of the asset value before moving forward
- Build understanding of the space; potentially yield more opportunities
- Spending time and money at risk, possibly on a non-starter

Method

# Exploring creative deal types can open doors to otherwise unavailable opportunities

### **Situation:**

**Approach:** 

Asset is of strategic importance



Investigate co-promotion, especially if there are noncore indications / call points

Small, single product company



Explore M&A, as license of core asset would be tantamount to a sale of the company

Company is based ex-US



Investigate geographic trade – e.g. EU rights for our drug in exchange for US rights to theirs

Dev. potential for additional indications



Subdivide licensed rights by indication / sales channel (can come with complications)

### **Key Takeaways**

- Access to a strategic asset is the goal; the deal type pursued is a tool to get there
- The deal type pursued can impact the approach to the company (board, CEO, BD)



# DOING THE DEAL:

# SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION TO SECURE ASSETS OF **INTEREST**



### Key factors in successful deal execution

- Even when both parties are open to exploring a deal, many internal and external factors can negatively impact the odds of success
- Clearing key hurdles such as buy-in from key stakeholders, getting final alignment on terms and language, and navigating unexpected external events are critical steps
- Focusing on an efficient, thorough and fast deal execution process can increase the odds of deal success



Key question: how to overcome obstacles and maximize the chances of deal success?

# Selling yourself as the right partner can be an important key to success

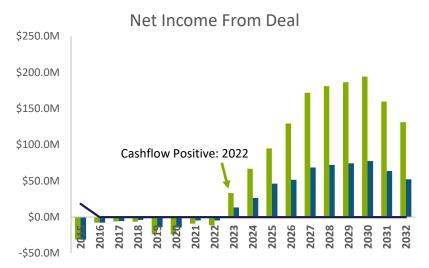


The best buyers are the best sellers!

### **Selling yourself:**

- It is often necessary to convince the seller that you are the right partner to develop / commercialize their asset
- This is most important when a deal has downstream components (milestones / royalties) or the seller will maintain a stake
- Details about plans for product development, launch and commercial projections help give confidence it's in the right hands
- See Locust Walk's recent (June 6) blog post about selling your company as an ideal partner

# Understanding and communicating opportunity costs, risks and value to key stakeholders and decision makers



	Unadjusted	Risk Adjusted
Pre-Tax IRR	29.9%	21.0%
Post-Tax IRR	27.4%	19.0%
Avg. ROIC*	273.5%	102.5%
Total Capital In**	\$25.0M	\$25.0M
Cashflow Positive	2023	2023
Breakeven	2025	2025
Cost to Approval	\$89.1M	\$58.4M
Peak Net Sales	277.4M	110.7M

#### Breakeven Analysis \$1,800.0M Unadjusted \$1,600.0M ■ Risk Adjusted \$1.400.0M \$1,200.0M \$1,000.0M \$800.0M \$600.0M Breakeven: 2025 \$400.0M \$200.0M \$0.0M 2016 2021 2023 2026 2017 2018 2019 2020 2024 2025 2028 2029 2030 2027 -\$200.0M

Risk Adjusted

Product NPV	\$247.7M	\$83.1M
Deal NPV (Buyer)	\$224.5M	\$59.9M
Deal NPV (Seller)	\$18.4M	\$18.4M
Deal Split (Buyer)	92.4%	76.5%
Potential Synergy***	\$0-30.5M	\$0-12.5M

Unadjusted

-\$400.0M

### The need for speed: the importance of fast deal execution

- Once you've identified an asset you want, it is often advantageous to move quickly and decisively
- Confirmatory diligence needs to be conducted, but ramping up and executing quickly can optimize a process by:
  - Minimizing time for a competitive bidder to get involved
  - ► Signal to the seller that you're serious can be an important differentiator in competitive situations
  - Reduce the window for uncontrolled external forces to destroy the deal
  - Keep forward momentum on both sides



# Getting to a deal: managing each side's needs and overcoming deal obstacles

### Deal approach

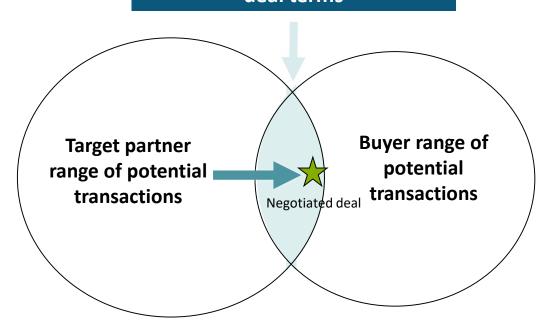
### Solve for solutions to sensitive issues

- Identify key issues that need to be addressed in the deal, differentiating "must haves" from "nice to haves"
- Maintain open dialogue to discuss informal solutions that bridge gaps
- Seek buy-in on proposed solutions from key stakeholders, including managing expectations for likely deal outcomes and alternatives
- Build and preserve post-transaction relationships between parties



Flexibility in deal structuring to "Get to Yes"

### Range of mutually acceptable deal terms



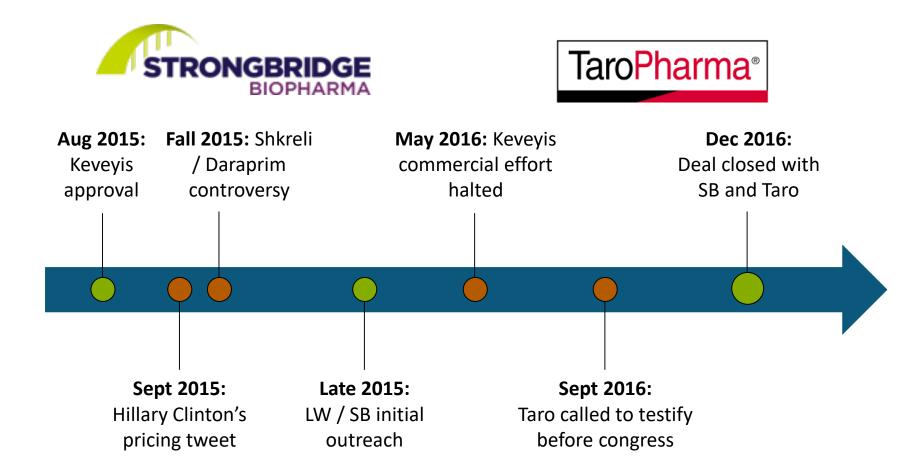
#### Sample Target partner's deal sensitivities

- General resistance to transact
- P&L considerations or tax implications
- Headline value and PR benefit/risk
- Contractual obligations to upstream partners or employee considerations
- Diligence requirements

#### Sample buyer's deal requirements

- Deal timing and speed
- Form of consideration (cash v equity)
- Deal type (asset v stock v license)
- Managing asset risk with milestones
- Restrictions on overall deal value
- Acquiring only what is necessary

### Case Study: Navigating pitfalls to get to a successful deal



Keveyis deal was completed despite a series of seemingly insurmountable external obstacles

# Conclusion: a well planned deal process conducted with strategic goals clearly in sight will optimize chances of success

- **Planning:** Beginning a portfolio expansion project by clearly defining strategic goals and constraints will ensure a focused and disciplined process
- **Screening:** Utilizing a combination of a thorough, well-organized screening process and a creative eye for an undervalued opportunity will enable the identification of opportunities of interest
- **Outreach:** Appropriately tailoring outreach to target companies, including keeping an open mind about creative deal structures, will increase the odds of finding a path to a mutually beneficial deal
- **Execution:** Focusing on execution of a thorough and efficient negotiation and close can maximize the chance of ultimate success, including overcoming internal and external obstacles that arise along the way



### Upcoming Locust Walk Institute webinar topics

- BioPharma Sell-Side Transaction Execution How to Negotiate the Best Deal
- Overview of BioPharma Venture Finance
- **BioPharma Valuation Analysis**
- BioPharma Partnering and Financing Term Sheet Review
- BioPharma Partnering in Japan
- BioPharma Partnering in Europe
- MedTech Business Development Best Practices

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