

# Pfizer (PFE US)

## FUNDAMENTAL VIEW <sup>1</sup>

As of 09 Dec 2024

- Pfizer's has ample financial resources, strong ability to de-lever, and sizeable deal capacity at current ratings.
- Pfizer faces meaningful losses of exclusivity come the middle part of the decade. Management previously guided to a ~\$17 bn negative revenue impact from patent losses in 2025-30, including for drugs such as *Xeljanz* (2025), *Eliquis* (2026), *Ibrance* (2027), and *Xtandi* (2027).
- Management expects to offset this impact with growth from pipeline development (+\$20 bn of revenues by 2030) and business development (+\$25 bn of revenues by 2030).

## RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 09 Dec 2024

- Pfizer has been active with portfolio repositioning, executing the separations of its Consumer Healthcare and Established Brands (Upjohn) businesses in recent years. These transactions have resulted in weaker diversification and greater exposure to patent expirations.
- Due to upcoming patent losses, Pfizer has been extremely active with M&A. The company recently completed the \$43 bn acquisition of Seagen, which resulted in well over a turn of leverage deterioration.
- Pfizer is also exploring the sale of its hospital drugs unit. The unit was formed through the \$17 bn acquisition of Hospira in 2015. We suspect that divestiture proceeds would be used primarily for business development.
- Pfizer remains exposed to activist pressure from Starboard as it took a \$1 bn stake in PFE in 4Q24.

## CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS) <sup>2</sup>

As of 25 Dec 2024

### CURRENT CQS

57

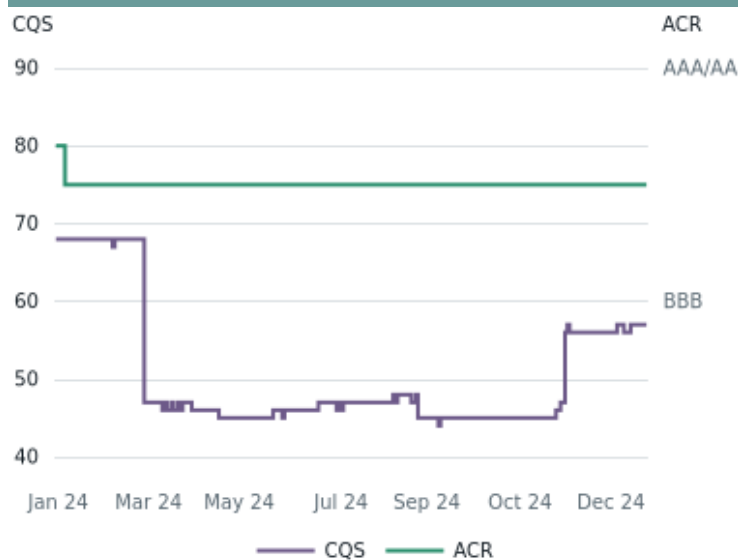
### CQS OUTLOOK <sup>3</sup>

NEGATIVE

STABLE

POSITIVE

### HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVERAGE AGENCY RATING (ACR) <sup>4</sup> VS CQS



## KEY METRICS

As of 09 Dec 2024

\$ MN	Y19	Y20	Y21	Y22	Y23	LTM 3Q24
Revenue	41,172	41,651	81,288	100,330	58,496	60,113
Gross Profit	32,921	33,167	50,467	65,986	33,542	40,609
R&D	(8,394)	(8,709)	(10,360)	(11,428)	(10,679)	(10,602)
SG&A	(12,750)	(11,597)	(12,703)	(13,677)	(14,771)	(15,031)
Adj. EBITDA	22,447	18,027	33,354	46,153	22,904	24,799
Total Debt	52,150	39,836	38,436	35,829	71,888	67,701
Gross Leverage	2.3x	2.2x	1.2x	0.8x	3.1x	2.7x
Interest Coverage	16.7x	13.1x	26.6x	46.8x	39.2x	12.1x

## BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

As of 09 Dec 2024

- Pfizer is a research-based, global biopharma company with focuses in immunology, metabolic disease, oncology, vaccines, neuroscience, and rare disease.
- PFE has completed a number of major acquisitions and divestitures in recent years. In 2009, the company acquired Wyeth for \$68 bn, increasing its size by approximately 50%. Subsequently, PFE completed the \$17 bn acquisition of Hospira, ~\$12 bn acquisition of Biohaven, ~\$6 bn acquisition of Arena, ~\$5 bn acquisition of GBT, ~\$14 bn takeover of Medivation and ~\$43 bn acquisition of Seagen.
- The company has also completed the sale of its Nutrition business to Nestle for \$11.9 bn and the disposition of its animal health business, Zoetis. More recently, the company executed the separation of its Consumer and Upjohn businesses through distinct transactions.

## GLOSSARY

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<sup>2</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS)** is a number between 5 and 100. It is a medium-term credit score for corporates and financial institutions that utilizes a combination of sector fundamental scores and equity market signals. Values of CQS above 50 generally indicate investment grade credit quality.

<sup>3</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS) Outlook** is the near-term (3 month) outlook for the CQS, based on its trend, volatility and distance from the adjacent CQS risk bucket.

<sup>4</sup> The **Agency Composite Rating (ACR)** is the average senior unsecured rating from one or more major rating agencies.

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