

# AstraZeneca (AZN LN)

### FUNDAMENTAL VIEW 1 As of 03 Jun 2025

- AstraZeneca enjoys one of the strongest growth profiles in our coverage universe, reflecting an impressive portfolio of innovative medicines, particularly in Oncology. The addition of Alexion supports AZN's growth prospects, bringing strong assets in immune-mediated rare diseases.
- AZN also enjoys relatively strong diversification, with core sales coming from multiple therapeutic areas and with depth across its Oncology and Biopharma platforms.
- AZN's capital allocation priorities include investment in the business, the pursuit
  of value-enhancing M&A, and support for the dividend.

#### **RISKS & CATALYSTS**

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- Given that AZN's leverage has been largely restored to pre-Alexion levels, we
  expect limited deliberate improvement from here. However, we expect future
  shareholder rewards and business development to be managed somewhat
  conservatively.
- AstraZeneca has shown discipline with respect to leverage and capital allocation in recent years. While AstraZeneca pays a relatively aggressive dividend (~32% of LTM FCF), the company has historically been very conservative with share repurchases and has even used share issuance to fund certain acquisitions.
- AZN recently lost a patent-infringement lawsuit against Samsung Biologics regarding a biosimilar version of Soliris.



# KEY METRICS As of 03 Jun 2025

\$ MN	Y20	Y21	Y22	Y23	Y24	LTM 1Q25
Revenue	26,617	37,417	44,351	45,811	54,073	54,982
Gross Profit	21,318	24,980	31,960	37,543	43,866	44,752
R&D	(5,991)	(9,736)	(9,762)	(10,935)	(13,583)	(13,959)
SG&A	(11,294)	(15,234)	(18,419)	(19,216)	(19,977)	(19,974)
Adj. EBITDA	8,680	11,506	14,507	15,641	18,208	18,700
Total Debt	19,699	29,794	28,279	27,494	28,843	30,095
Gross Leverage	2.3x	2.6x	1.9x	1.8x	1.6x	1.6x
Interest Coverage	11.8x	16.0x	17.1x	14.5x	13.9x	13.4x

#### **BUSINESS DESCRIPTION**

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- AstraZeneca is a UK-based pharmaceutical company that researches, develops, and manufactures drugs with a focus in (i) Oncology, (ii) Cardiovascular, Renal and Metabolism (CVRM), (iii) Respiratory and Immunology, (iv) Rare Disease, and (v) Vaccines and Immune.
- AstraZeneca operates in five primary segments: Oncology, CVRM (cardiovascular, renal, and metabolism), Respiratory and Immunology, Rare Diseases, and V&I (Vaccines and Immune). AstraZeneca reported FY24 revenues of \$54.1 bn, with ~41% from Oncology, ~23% from CVRM, ~15% from Respiratory and Immunology, ~16% from Rare Diseases, and ~3% from Vaccines and Immune.
- In recent years, AstraZeneca has acquired Alexion for ~\$39 bn, CinCor for ~\$1.8 bn, Fusion for ~\$2 bn, Neogene for \$320 mn, TeneoTwo for ~\$100 mn with future contingent milestone payments of up to \$1.1 bn, Gracell for ~\$1 bn, Icosavax for ~\$800 mn and Amolyt for \$800 mn.

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