



BOT: No Good Reasons for the Sell-off; Buy

BOT.ASX | BOTANIX PHARMACEUTICALS LIMITED | HEALTHCARE | BIOTECHNOLOGY

PRICE
A\$0.375/sh

TARGET PRICE
A\$0.550/sh
(UNCHANGED)

RECOMMENDATION
BUY
(UNCHANGED)

Event

BOT's share price has softened over the past two weeks. Aside from broader macroeconomic factors, there are no good company-specific reasons which justify this share price movement.

In this analysis, we address potential concerns and outline why BOT represents a compelling buying opportunity at current prices.

Impact

Since releasing its 1H results last week, BOT's share price has come under pressure. Although a broader market risk-off has been evident in recent days – reflected in movements of key indices such as the S&P 500, Nasdaq Composite, and sector specific XBI S&P biotech index – the extent of BOT's decline remains puzzling.

The half year results came with no surprises, given this was a pre-launch period. Moreover, relevant financial metrics, such as cash movements and the ending cash balance, were already released in the January 4C quarterly update.

While some might have expected a comprehensive trading update on the Sofdra launch, which had occurred only a few weeks prior to the results, this expectation was likely unrealistic given the short period since the launch.

Furthermore, we foresee a limited impact to BOT from the recent news of the United States imposing a 25% tariff on Canadian exports. Although Sofdra is manufactured in Canada by contract manufacturer CPL, it is our understanding these tariffs will apply to the cost of goods sold, not the top-line Sofdra sale price, suggesting a negligible financial impact.

Overall, we remain confident in the opportunity present. The investment thesis is playing out as expected – the telemedicine platform is working, the sales team is deployed, key payer coverage is finalised, and early indicators show overwhelmingly positive feedback on Sofdra. We have discussed all of this in our recent research (see [here](#)).

Action

We maintain our Buy Recommendation and \$0.55 Price Target

The company is at a pivotal stage with the full commercial launch of Sofdra underway. Successful sales traction should see the stock re-rate, potentially above our price target.

Historically, comparable ASX-listed biotech companies have traded on circa 13.0x and 7.4x their two- and three-year forward revenues at launch. In contrast, BOT is trading at a ~53% discount to these averages (Figure 1 and 2). **Further, applying these multiples to our forecasts would imply a ~\$0.77 share price.**

Catalysts

Quarterly Updates / Sales Traction / Digital Program

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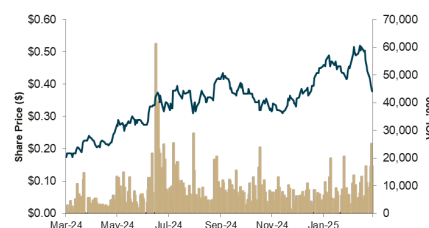
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Share Price	0.375	A\$/sh
Price Target	0.55	A\$/sh
Valuation	0.55	A\$/sh

Shares on issue	1,982	m, dil
Market Capitalisation	743.2	A\$m
Enterprise Value	687.2	A\$m
Debt (1H)	0.0	A\$m
Cash (1H)	48.4	A\$m
Unpaid capital	7.6	A\$m

Key Metrics	25F	26F	27F
Revenue (A\$m)	16.4	111.8	202.8
EBITDA (A\$m)	-46.2	25.5	97.2
Reported NPAT (A\$m)	-47.9	24.3	96.1
Norm NPAT (A\$m)	-47.9	24.3	96.1
Gross CF (A\$m)	-35.7	25.5	97.2
Capex (A\$m)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Op. FCF (A\$m)	-45.1	10.1	87.9
EBITDA Gwth (%)	2.3	-1.6	2.8
NPAT Gwth (%)	2.5	-1.5	2.9
Norm EPS (Ac)	-2.4	1.2	4.9
Norm. EPS gwth (%)	2.4	-1.5	2.9
PER (x)	-14.3	28.1	7.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	-14.9	27.0	7.1
EV/Revenue (x)	42.0	6.1	3.4
Net Cash (A\$m)	34.2	44.3	132.2

Performance



Source: IRESS

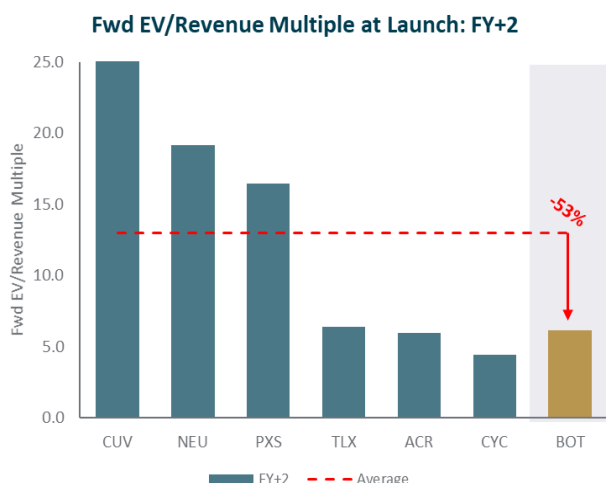
Income Statement (A\$m)					Performance Ratios				
	24A	25F	26F	27F		24A	25F	26F	27F
Net Sales	0.0	14.7	109.6	200.0	Growth & Margins				
Royalties	0.6	0.7	0.9	1.1	Revenue Growth	-44%	663%	583%	81%
Other (inc R&D)	1.5	1.0	1.4	1.7	EBITDA Growth	55%	233%	-155%	282%
Total Revenue	2.1	16.4	111.8	202.8	EBIT Growth	53%	245%	-151%	295%
(-) COGS (inc. roy)	0.0	-3.7	-26.2	-45.6	Net Profit Growth	51%	246%	-151%	295%
Gross Profit	2.1	12.7	85.6	157.2	Margins				
(-) R&D	-1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA margin	-645%	-282%	23%	48%
(-) SG&A	-14.2	-58.9	-60.2	-60.0	EBIT margin	-649%	-293%	22%	47%
EBITDA	-13.8	-46.2	25.5	97.2	Net profit margin	-647%	-293%	22%	47%
(-) D&A	-0.1	-1.8	-1.1	-1.2	Effective tax rate	0%	0%	0%	0%
EBIT	-13.9	-47.9	24.3	96.1	Liquidity				
(-) Net finance	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Capex/depreciation	69.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
(+/-) Other	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	Current ratio	22.2	9.8	14.7	34.0
PBT	-13.9	-47.9	24.3	96.1	Quick ratio	22.1	7.6	11.7	31.9
(-) Tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Receivable days	139.0	60.0	45.0	45.0
NPAT	-13.9	-47.9	24.3	96.1	Payable days	82.7	30.0	30.0	30.0
(+/-) Adj.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Risk Measures				
Norm NPAT	-13.9	-47.9	24.3	96.1	Dividend Cover	na	na	na	na
Cashflow Statement (A\$m)	24A	25F	26F	27F	Payout ratio	0%	0%	0%	0%
NPAT	-13.9	-47.9	24.3	96.1	Net interest cover	na	na	na	na
(+) D&A	0.1	1.8	1.1	1.2	Net debt/equity	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7
(+) Non-cash expenses	4.4	10.5	0.0	0.0	Returns				
(-) Leases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROIC	-9%	-55%	20%	37%
(+/-) Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROA	-12%	-63%	24%	49%
Gross Cash Flow	-9.4	-35.7	25.5	97.2	ROE	-13%	-79%	29%	53%
(-) Capital expenditure	-5.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	Share Data/Valuation	24A	25F	26F	27F
(+/-) Working capital	1.7	-9.5	-15.3	-9.4	Issued shares	1,810	1,826	1,826	1,826
Operating Free Cash Flow	-12.8	-45.1	10.1	87.9	Weighted ave shares	1,561	1,818	1,826	1,826
(-) Acquisition	-12.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	Fully diluted shares	1,914	1,974	1,974	1,974
(-) Milestone payment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Basic EPS	-0.8	-2.6	1.3	5.3
(+) Placement	94.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	YoY change	10%	243%	-151%	295%
(+) Disposal	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Fully diluted EPS	-0.7	-2.4	1.2	4.9
(+/-) Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	YoY change	13%	235%	-151%	295%
Net Cash Flow	69.1	-45.1	10.1	87.9	Fully diluted norm EPS	-0.7	-2.4	1.2	4.9
BoP Net Cash / (Debt)	10.3	79.3	34.2	44.3	YoY change	13%	235%	-151%	295%
(+/-) Net Cash Flow	69.1	-45.1	10.1	87.9	Dividend/share	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(-) Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Franking	na	na	na	na
End of Period Net Cash / (Debt)	79.3	34.2	44.3	132.2	Gross cash flow/share	-0.5	-2.0	1.4	5.3
Balance Sheet (A\$m)	24A	25F	26F	27F	NBV/share	6.0	3.3	4.7	9.9
Cash	79.3	34.2	44.3	132.2	NTA/Share	4.4	1.8	3.2	8.5
Inventory	1.2	10.0	14.4	12.5	Valuation				
Receivables	0.8	2.7	13.8	25.0	PER (Basic) (x)	-48.9	-14.3	28.1	7.1
Other	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	PER (Fully diluted) (x)	-51.7	-15.4	30.4	7.7
Current Assets	82.9	48.5	74.0	171.2	PER (Fully diluted, norm) (x)	-51.7	-15.4	30.4	7.7
PP&E	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	P/CFPS (x)	-72.2	-19.2	26.9	7.0
Intangible	29.5	27.7	26.6	25.4	Price/NBV (x)	6.2	11.3	8.0	3.8
ROUA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Price/NTA (x)	8.6	20.7	11.7	4.4
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-current Assets	29.6	27.8	26.7	25.5	EV/EBITDA (x)	-49.6	-14.9	27.0	7.1
Total Assets	112.5	76.2	100.7	196.7	EV/EBIT (x)	-49.4	-14.3	28.2	7.2
Payables	3.6	4.8	4.9	4.9	EV/Revenue (x)	320.3	42.0	6.1	3.4
Lease liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Provisions	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1					
Current Liabilities	3.7	4.9	5.1	5.0					
Lease liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Non-current liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Total liabilities	3.7	4.9	5.1	5.0					
Net Assets	108.7	71.3	95.6	191.7					
Issued Capital	188.3	188.3	188.3	188.3					
Reserves	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2					
Retained earnings	-90.8	-138.8	-114.4	-18.4					
Total equity	108.7	60.8	85.1	181.2					

Peer Trading Multiples

Considering the full commercial launch of Sofdra is underway, we have explored what multiples the market has historically paid for companies at this stage.

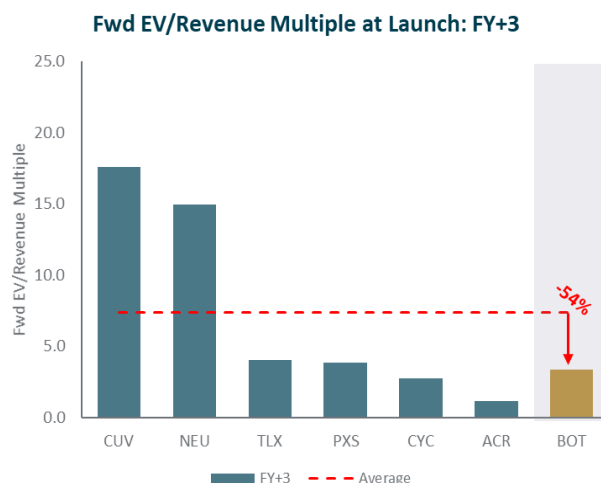
The diagrams below (Figure 1 and 2) illustrate the forward enterprise to revenue multiple of several ASX-listed companies to have secured an FDA approval (specifically companies who secured approval on their first drug). These multiples are calculated based on forward consensus revenue at the date of commercial launch.

Figure 1: Forward EV/Revenue multiple at launch, based on consensus 2-years forward revenues



Source: Factset, EH analysis

Figure 2: Forward EV/Revenue multiple at launch, based on consensus 3-years forward revenues



Source: Factset, EH analysis

Acknowledging these businesses vary in different ways (business model, disease areas, existing licensing agreements, ex-US approvals, and product portfolios), indicatively the market has paid:

- 4.4x to 25.5x (13.0x average) 2-year forward consensus revenues; and
- 1.1x to 17.6x (7.4x average) 3-year forward consensus revenues

In contrast, BOT is trading at a ~53% discount to these average multiples. **Applying these average multiples to our forecasts would imply an ~\$0.77 share price.**

Forecasts

Our Sofdra forecasts are shown below (Figure 3).

Figure 3: US Sofdra Forecasts, in US dollars

US Sofdra Forecasts	Units	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031	FY2032	FY2033	FY2034
Prescriptions Sold	'000s	20.0	145.4	257.6	372.2	487.9	598.5	703.1	806.8	907.6	1,007.5
... Growth	%		626%	77%	44%	31%	23%	17%	15%	12%	11%
Implied Direct Penetration*	%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%
Implied Digital Penetration*	%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%	0.5%	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%
Net pricing (net)	US\$/script	450	464	477	492	506	522	537	553	570	587
...Price Escalation	%		3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Net Sales	US\$m	9.0	67.4	123.0	183.0	247.1	312.2	377.8	446.5	517.4	591.6
(-) COGS	US\$m	-1.8	-12.7	-21.9	-30.6	-38.6	-45.3	-50.6	-54.9	-57.9	-59.7
Gross Profit	US\$m	7.2	54.7	101.1	152.5	208.6	267.0	327.2	391.6	459.4	531.8
...Gross Margin	%	80%	81%	82%	83%	84%	86%	87%	88%	89%	90%
(-) SG&A	US\$m	-29.8	-37.0	-36.9	-50.3	-61.8	-70.3	-75.6	-89.3	-103.5	-118.3
...as % of Net sales	%	330%	55%	30%	28%	25%	23%	20%	20%	20%	20%
(-) Royalty	US\$m	-0.5	-3.4	-6.2	-9.2	-12.4	-15.6	-18.9	-22.3	-25.9	-29.6
...as % of Net sales	%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Operating Income	US\$m	-23.0	14.3	58.1	93.0	134.4	181.1	232.7	280.0	330.1	383.9

Source: EH estimate, *based on ~3.7 million existing patients seeking treatment (diagnosed in the last year, growing 2% pa), assuming 12 prescriptions per patient, **based on other ~3.3 million patients diagnosed in the last decade, growing 2% pa (i.e. digital opportunity), assuming 12 prescriptions per patient; excludes non-cash share-based payments

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