

# Formycon AG

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€25.75m private  
 placement with Active  
 Ownership Group

**RATING**  
**BUY**

**PRICE TARGET**  
**€ 43.00**

Return Potential 34.4%  
 Risk Rating High

## LOOKING TO CAPTURE FULL REWARD FOR ANALYTICAL EXPERTISE

A biosimilar candidate is largely derisked once the regulatory authorities have accepted the equivalence between the biosimilar and the reference product. This is achieved through the submission of an analytical package confirming that the biosimilar candidate is highly similar to the reference product in terms of its physicochemical and biological characterisation. If the analytical package indicates this high degree of similarity, clinical benefit can be largely assumed. Subsequent clinical studies then serve essentially to confirm the findings of the analytical package and eliminate residual risk. With biosimilars it is the analytical package, not the phase III trial which is truly pivotal. This is shown by the fact that so far no biosimilar candidate has failed in a phase III trial. Formycon has concluded partnerships with respect to all three of the biosimilar candidates (FYB201, FYB202 and FYB203) for which it has named the reference product. In all three cases the partnership was entered into in advance of the submission of the analytical data package. Formycon has indicated that the funds from the recently completed private placement to Active Ownership Group (gross proceeds: €25.75m) will be used to advance non-partnered pipeline projects such as FYB206 through the analytical package stage without reliance on a partner. This opens up the possibility of substantially better deal terms than for biosimilar candidates which were partnered before the analytical package submission stage. We raise our royalty rate assumption for FYB206 and other non-partnered pipeline products from 9% to 18%. Our royalty rate assumption for FYB201, FYB202 and FYB203 remains unchanged at 9%. We have raised our price target from €39.00 to €43.00 and maintain our Buy recommendation.

Two out of three of Formycon's partnered biosimilar candidates have moved directly from the preclinical phase to phase III. The development path for biosimilar drugs is typically development of a physicochemical analytical package, a phase I clinical pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic study and finally a phase III trial. (p.t.o.)

### FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020E
Revenue (€m)	16.92	19.53	29.00	42.99	33.16	40.00
Y-o-y growth	34.0%	15.4%	48.5%	48.2%	-22.9%	20.6%
EBIT (€m)	0.54	-4.07	-1.54	7.13	-2.27	-4.00
EBIT margin	3.2%	-20.8%	-5.3%	16.6%	-6.9%	-10.0%
Net income (€m)	0.58	-4.07	-1.58	7.10	-2.29	-4.00
EPS (diluted) (€)	0.06	-0.45	-0.17	0.76	-0.23	-0.40
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FCF (€m)	-0.10	-6.40	-4.66	-3.73	-7.19	-6.53
Net gearing	-81.6%	-66.9%	-60.6%	-37.0%	-46.4%	-59.4%
Liquid assets (€m)	20.30	13.97	15.48	12.31	22.35	40.29

### RISKS

Product failures, lack of funding, change in regulatory environment, new product innovations making biosimilars obsolete

### COMPANY PROFILE

Formycon AG is a Munich, Germany based pharmaceuticals company specialising in the development of biosimilars, e.g. generic versions of biotechnology products.

### MARKET DATA

As of 13 Oct 2020

Closing Price	€ 32.00
Shares outstanding	11.00m
Market Capitalisation	€ 352.00m
52-week Range	€ 16.65 / 33.90
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	8,457

Multiples	2018	2019	2020E
P/E	41.2	n.a.	n.a.
EV/Sales	6.9	9.0	7.5
EV/EBIT	41.9	n.a.	n.a.
Div. Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

### STOCK OVERVIEW



### COMPANY DATA

As of 30 Jun 2020

Liquid Assets	€ 20.23m
Current Assets	€ 26.45m
Intangible Assets	€ 0.53m
Total Assets	€ 52.18m
Current Liabilities	€ 3.60m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 46.83m

### SHAREHOLDERS

Institutional Investors	50.0%
Founders and Management	20.0%
Free Float	30.0%



Formycon succeed in advancing both its ophthalmic biosimilar candidates, FYB201 (reference product: Lucentis) and FYB203 (reference product: Eylea), directly from the preclinical stage to phase III. FYB202 (reference product: Stelara) began its phase I trial in October 2019 and the phase III trial is due to start shortly. Figure 1 below shows the date of the partnerships concluded by Formycon with respect to FYB201, FYB202 and FYB203 as well as the timing of FDA clearance for the start of clinical development, thereby signalling the US regulatory body's acceptance of a high degree of similarity to the reference product.

**Figure 1: Timing of partnership deals/regulatory clearance for start of clinical development**

Biosimilar candidate	Reference product	Partner	Date of partnership deal	Date of FDA clearance for start of clinical development
FYB201	Lucentis	Bioeq AG	December 2013	July 2015
FYB202	Stelara	Aristo Pharma GmbH	December 2017	February 2019
FYB203	Eylea	Klinge Biopharma GmbH	May 2015	September 2019

Source: Formycon AG

**Price target raised from €39.00 to €43.00. Buy recommendation maintained** On 12 October Formycon announced that it had raised gross proceeds of €25.75m through the private placement of one million shares with the Luxemburg-based Active Ownership Corporation. The issue raises the number of shares outstanding in Formycon from 10 million to 11 million. The proceeds will be used for further development of the pipeline. Formycon made particular reference in this regard to the biosimilar candidate FYB206. Formycon has not yet announced the reference product for FYB206, which is also unpartnered. We expect that Formycon will use the proceeds of the issue to advance non-partnered pipeline projects such as FYB206 through the analytical package stage without reliance on a partner. This opens up the possibility of substantially better deal terms than for biosimilar candidates which were partnered before the analytical package submission stage. We raise our royalty rate assumption for FYB206 and other non-partnered pipeline products from 9% to 18%. Our royalty rate assumption for FYB201, FYB202 and FYB203 remains unchanged at 9%. We have raised our price target from €39.00 to €43.00 and maintain our Buy recommendation.

**Figure 2: Pipeline valuation model**

Compound	Project <sup>1)</sup>	Present Value	Patient Pop	Treatment Cost	Market Size	Market Share	Peak Sales	PACME Margin <sup>2)</sup>	Discount Factor	Patent Life <sup>3)</sup>	Time to Market
FYB201	nAMD,DR (ex-US)	€94M	327K	€5,250	€1,716M	17%	€306M	9%	13%	n.a.	3 Years
FYB201	nAMD,DR (US)	€87M	144K	€9,068	€1,305M	17%	€308M	9%	13%	n.a.	2 Years
FYB202	Pso,CrD (ex-US)	€68M	56K	€27,500	€1,532M	17%	€446M	9%	16%	n.a.	5 Years
FYB202	Pso,CrD (US)	€150M	47K	€44,750	€2,115M	17%	€996M	9%	6%	n.a.	4 Years
FYB203	nAMD,DR (ex-US)	€70M	417K	€4,859	€2,024M	17%	€515M	9%	16%	n.a.	6 Years
FYB203	nAMD,DR (US)	€113M	392K	€8,591	€3,365M	17%	€765M	9%	6%	n.a.	5 Years
FYB205,6,x	n.a.	€130M									
PACME PV		€713M									
Costs PV <sup>4)</sup>		€323M									
NPV		€390M									
Downpayments and Milestones		€38M									
Proforma net Cash		€45M									
Fair Value		€473M									
Share Count		11,000K									
Fair Value Per Share		€43.00									

1) A project typically refers to a specific indication or, where necessary or relevant, a combination between indication and geographic market.

2) PACME (Profit After Costs and Marketing Expenses) reflects the company's profit share on future revenues.

This share may be derived in the form of royalties (outsourced marketing/manufacturing) or operating EBITDA margin (in-house model).

3) Remaining patent life after the point of approval.

4) Includes company-level R&D, G&A, Financing Costs and CapEx; COGS and S&M are factored into the PACME margin for each project.

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates



**Figure 3: Changes to our pipeline valuation model**

	<b>Old</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Delta</b>
<b>PACME PV</b>	€616M	€713M	<b>15.7%</b>
<b>Costs PV</b>	€283M	€323M	14.0%
<b>NPV</b>	€332M	€390M	<b>17.6%</b>
<b>PV downpayments and milestones</b>	€38M	€38M	0.2%
<b>Proforma net Cash</b>	€20M	€45M	118.9%
<b>Fair Value</b>	€390M	€473M	21.3%
<b>Share Count</b>	10,000K	11,000K	10.0%
<b>Fair value per share</b>	€39.00	€43.00	<b>10.3%</b>

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates



## INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EURm	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020E
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>29.0</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>40.0</b>
Increase/decrease in unfinished products	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.0
<b>Total output</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>43.6</b>	<b>32.3</b>	<b>40.0</b>
Other operating income	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8	0.2
Cost of goods sold	-8.9	-15.4	-21.2	-25.8	-21.3	-27.8
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Personnel costs	-3.9	-5.1	-6.3	-7.0	-9.1	-11.0
Depreciation and amortisation	-0.9	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8
Other operating expenses	-2.9	-2.6	-2.8	-3.0	-4.0	-4.6
<b>Operating income (EBIT)</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
Net financial result	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Pre-tax income (EBT)</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
Income taxes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net income / loss</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
<b>Diluted EPS (in €)</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.45</b>	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>-0.23</b>	<b>-0.40</b>
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
<b>Ratios</b>						
Gross margin on output	48.9%	21.9%	28.4%	41.0%	36.3%	31.0%
EBIT margin on output	3.2%	-20.8%	-5.2%	16.4%	-7.0%	-10.0%
EBITDA margin on output	8.7%	-17.3%	-2.6%	18.4%	-4.2%	-7.9%
Net margin on output	3.4%	-20.8%	-5.4%	16.3%	-7.1%	-10.0%
Tax rate	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	-0.3%	0.0%
<b>Expenses as % of output</b>						
Cost of goods sold	-52.5%	-78.8%	-72.0%	-59.2%	-66.1%	-69.4%
Personnel costs	-22.8%	-26.1%	-21.5%	-16.1%	-28.1%	-27.4%
Depreciation and amortisation	-5.5%	-3.6%	-2.7%	-2.1%	-2.8%	-2.1%
Net other operating exp.	-16.0%	-12.6%	-9.1%	-6.5%	-10.0%	-11.1%
<b>Y-Y Growth</b>						
Revenues	34.5%	15.4%	48.5%	48.2%	-22.9%	20.6%
Operating income	-38.1%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Net income/ loss	-32.9%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.



## BALANCE SHEET

All figures in EURm	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020E
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Current assets, total</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>26.6</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>48.8</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	0.6	3.0	4.5	7.3	22.1	12.0
Other liquid assets	19.7	11.0	11.0	5.0	0.2	28.3
Receivables	2.8	5.2	10.5	5.2	4.9	6.4
Inventories	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.2	0.4	2.0
Other current assets	0.0	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.1
<b>Non-current assets, total</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>26.0</b>
Investment participations	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	20.7	20.7
Property, plant & equipment	2.6	3.4	3.3	3.5	3.7	4.0
Goodwill & other intangibles	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.4
Prepaid expenses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Deferred tax assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.8
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>74.8</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity &amp; debt</b>						
<b>Current liabilities, total</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>
Accounts payable	0.6	2.3	1.8	2.7	2.2	2.8
Other current liabilities	0.7	0.3	1.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
<b>Long-term liabilities, total</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.6</b>
Provisions	0.7	0.7	1.3	2.6	1.9	3.2
Other liabilities	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.4
<b>Minority interests</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>33.2</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>67.8</b>
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total consolidated equity and debt</b>	<b>27.1</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>74.8</b>
<b>Key figures</b>						
Current ratio (x)	17.45	7.91	7.75	5.64	10.15	14.52
Quick ratio (x)	17.28	7.67	7.59	5.27	10.00	13.92
Financial leverage (%)	-81.6	-66.9	-60.6	-37.0	-46.4	-59.4
Book value per share (€)	2.74	2.30	2.78	3.37	4.82	229.57
Return on equity (ROE)	3.0%	-17.8%	-6.8%	24.2%	-5.6%	-6.9%



## CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EURm	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020E
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-2.3</b>	<b>-4.0</b>
Depreciation and amortisation	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.8
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-3.4</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>-1.4</b>	<b>-3.2</b>
Changes in working capital	-1.1	-1.7	-3.4	5.3	0.6	-2.4
Other adjustments	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.0
<b>Operating cash flow</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>-5.0</b>	<b>-4.2</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<b>-5.6</b>
CAPEX	-0.6	-1.4	-0.5	-17.0	-5.7	-0.9
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-6.4</b>	<b>-4.7</b>	<b>-3.7</b>	<b>-7.2</b>	<b>-6.5</b>
<b>Debt financing, net</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Equity financing, net</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>24.5</b>
Other changes in cash	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net cash flows</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>-6.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>17.9</b>
Cash and liquid assets, start of the year	9.2	20.3	14.0	15.5	12.3	22.4
<b>Cash and liquid assets, end of the year</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>40.3</b>
<b>EBITDA/share (in €)</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>-0.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>
<b>Y-Y Growth</b>						
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	-26.8%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.

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Category		1	2
Current market capitalisation (in €)		0 - 2 billion	> 2 billion
Strong Buy <sup>1</sup>	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 50%	> 30%
Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%

<sup>1</sup> The expected price trend is in combination with sizable confidence in the quality and forecast security of management.

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2...28	↓	↓	↓	↓
29	7 June 2019	€32.00	Buy	€51.00
30	11 November 2019	€32.40	Buy	€51.00
31	7 February 2020	€28.10	Buy	€39.00
32	26 March 2020	€19.75	Buy	€39.00
33	19 May 2020	€24.70	Buy	€39.00
34	23 June 2020	€23.10	Buy	€39.00
35	23 September 2020	€30.40	Buy	€39.00
37	Today	€32.00	Buy	€43.00

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