



Rebalance Novo Nordisk (NVO) up to 3.75%

We rebalanced Novo Nordisk back up to its model weight of 3.75%. We believe that following the substantial downdraft, its valuation is extremely compelling, even when revising down growth expectations. The obesity market is a duopoly and is expected to stay that way for years to come, due to the lack of additional entrants as well as the complexity of adding production capacity. Increasing uptake and reimbursement for GLP-1s in general, driven by expanding indications for additional diseases—such as Wegovy’s recent FDA approval for treatment of MASH (a fatty liver disease)—will drive significant overall market growth both within the US and internationally.

Much of the downdraft has been driven by market concerns regarding the efficacy of Novo Nordisk’s next-generation weight-loss drug, CagriSema. While headline weight-loss numbers came in below elevated expectations, the results are still strong enough to easily compete head-to-head with Zepbound. Furthermore, Wegovy in oral form has shown to be more efficacious than LLY’s next-generation oral drug (orforglipron), cementing NVO’s position in this new treatment method.

Exit Amgen (AMGN)

Our decision to exit Amgen was paired with our rebalance of NVO, in part to offset the increase in Health Care sector exposure. With multiple major products facing increased competition and/or facing LOE (loss of exclusivity) over the next few years—such as Prolia, Enbrel, and Otezla—we don’t believe that AMGN’s pipeline is robust enough to offset these revenue declines. One of the major areas of market focus is on MariTide, Amgen’s obesity candidate. Recent data have shown a higher rate of adverse effects and lower tolerability profile for MariTide versus competitors. With these concerns, and an efficacy profile that is only on-par with existing medications, we aren’t confident that MariTide revenues will be enough to offset other product declines to drive top-line growth.

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