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11/10/2015 – How has Biotechnology traded in 2015 relative to days with announced M&A transactions?

While M&A activity in the biotechnology sector has been robust, there was relatively little activity from mid-July through October 2015, as stock prices slumped following discussions of high valuations and high drug prices.

However, there is anecdotal evidence that strategic discussions are gearing up, including two significant transactions announced last week (Shire's \$6 billion acquisition of DYAX and AstraZeneca's \$3 billion acquisition of ZSPH), as well as speculation in published major media around deals by large pharma and biotech companies including Pfizer, Allergan, Gilead and Vertex.

To better understand how the overall Biotechnology sector trades during acquisition periods, we have analyzed how our BioShares ETFs have traded in and around the 9 announced acquisitions of component stocks in 2015 (looking at stock prices from the trading day before announcement through the trading day after announcement).

Key Findings

- For BBP, the fund returned +13.5% on "Deal Days", which represented 2/3 of the Year-to-Date (YTD) returns of +20.6%
- For BBC, the results are more striking with Deal Days representing +29.0% of cumulative returns, as opposed to +11.0% for YTD
- The BBP fund increased more on BBP Deal Days (+9.9%) than on BBC Deal Days (+3.3%)
- The BBC fund increased in similar magnitudes on both BBC Deal Days (+12.5%) and on BBP Deal Days (+14.8%)

The smaller average size of BBC components (approximately \$1 billion) compared to BBP components (\$17 billion) may be at least partially responsible for the larger clustering of returns on Deal Days, as smaller company stocks tend to move more on speculation of deal activity than larger companies, which can also be acquirors.

BioShares Acquisitions in 2015 (as of 11/9/2015)

Announcement		Fund	Target	BBC Price			Cum Deal			BBP Price			Cum Deal		
Date				T-1	T+1	% Change	Chg YTD	Days	% Chg	T-1	T+1	% Change	Chg YTD	Days	% Chg
All Deals															
12/31/2014															
1/12/2015 AM	BBP	NPSP	29.31	28.91	-1.4%	4.2%	-1.4%		26.12	27.67	27.58	-0.3%	5.6%	-0.3%	
3/4/2015 PM	BBP	PCYC	32.36	32.80	1.4%	18.2%	0.0%			30.78	30.76	-0.1%	17.8%	-0.4%	
3/30/2015 AM	BBP	HPTX	32.16	32.83	2.1%	18.4%	2.1%			30.99	31.04	0.1%	18.8%	-0.2%	
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5/6/2015 AM	BBP	GEVA	30.58	32.00	4.6%	15.4%	9.0%			30.10	30.67	1.9%	17.4%	1.8%	
6/17/2015 AM	BBP	KYTH	35.17	36.26	3.1%	30.7%	12.4%			33.92	35.50	4.7%	35.9%	6.5%	
7/14/2015 PM	BBP	RCPT	38.67	39.25	1.5%	41.5%	14.1%			36.62	37.25	1.7%	42.6%	8.4%	
11/2/2015 AM	BBP	DYAX	27.39	29.87	9.1%	7.7%	24.4%			30.67	32.28	5.3%	23.6%	14.1%	
11/6/2015 AM	BBP	ZSPH	29.70	30.80	3.7%	11.0%	29.0%			31.66	31.51	-0.5%	20.6%	13.5%	
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