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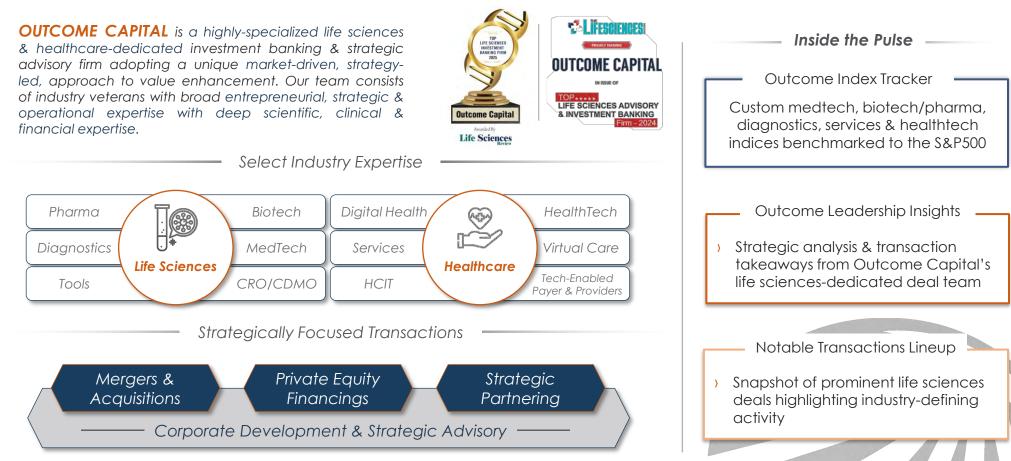


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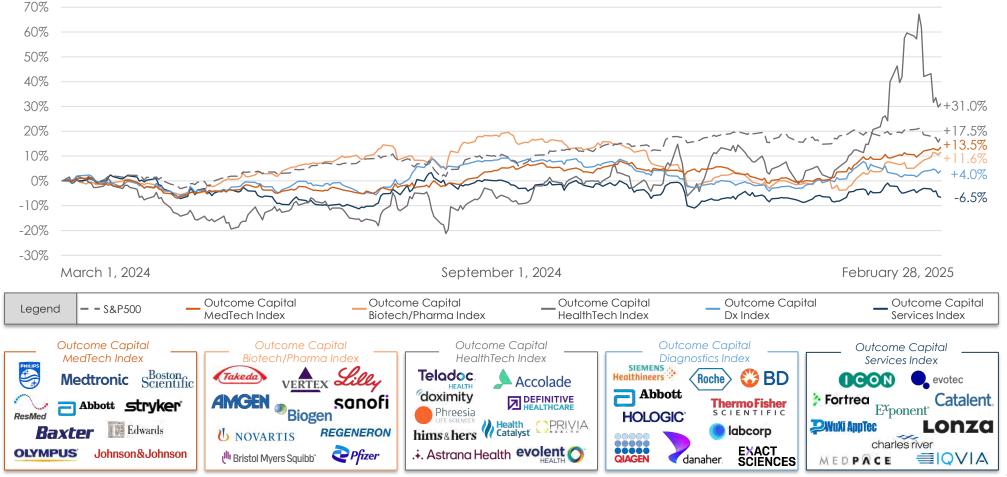
#### Market Trends & Strategic Transactional Insights



Note: Released second Thursday of each month highlighting previous month's activity; data sourced from Outcome Capital, S&P Capital IQ, GlobalData, PitchBook & company filings



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#### Highlighted Biopharma Partnership MERCK Taraet Buver **S300M** Preclinical Date: 02/19/2025 Deal Stage Deal Value **Type: Licensing Agreement** Target Description: Developer of Immunotherapeutics for the treatment of cancer **Transaction Structure & Overview**

- Merck will pay an undisclosed upfront payment and potential milestones up to \$300 million per product
- Proceeds will be used to accelerate the development of their preclinical pipeline
- Merck will have exclusive rights to develop and commercialize any resulting therapies

#### **Outcome Strategic Insights**

On the heels of their over-subscribed pre-Series A capital raise, Epitopea, a transatlantic cancer immunotherapeutics company developing accessible, off-the-shelf RNA-based immunotherapies, announces a license and research collaboration agreement with MSD (tradename of Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N.J., USA) to identify CryptigenTM tumor-specific antigens (TSAs) in an undisclosed solid tumor. CryptigenTM TSAs are shared, nonmutated, aberrantly expressed antigens that are derived from what were thought to be non-coding regions of the genome or "junk DNA".

Under the terms of the agreement, Epitopea will deploy its proprietary CryptoMapTM platform to identify and provide novel, immunogenic CryptigenTM TSAs for a prespecified tumor type. MSD will have the exclusive right to develop and commercialize therapeutics derived from the collaboration.

In return Epitopea will receive an undisclosed upfront payment and is eligible for milestone payments with the potential to total up to \$300 million per product. Facing the 2028 loss of exclusivity for its cancer blockbuster Keytruda, Merck is continuing to explore new ways to build upon their strong foundation in immuno-oncology. **99** 



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# Highlighted Biopharma Partnership

Target

#### Date: 02/04/2025

\$82M Preclinical
Deal Value Deal Stage

Partner

#### Type: Licensing Agreement

**Target Description:** A South African subsidiary of Enveric Biosciences, developing medical-grade cannabis products for health and wellness

#### Transaction Structure & Overview

- Restoration Biologics receives licenses for two cannabinoid conjugate compounds for pharmaceutical and non-pharmaceutical applications.
- Enveric, through Akos, will receive as much as \$61 million for the pharmaceutical license and \$21 million for the non-pharmaceutical license.

#### **Outcome Strategic Insights**

" The medicinal application of cannabis implies a clear therapeutic benefit for various diagnoses. However, since cannabis products are often sold over the counter, there is no formal prescription or reimbursement for them. This challenge has prompted multiple biotech companies to assess opportunities for the development of natural or synthetic cannabinoid products under the established regulatory pathways, ultimately leading to their approval as drugs. This forces the emphasis on specific benefits of compounds influencing endocannabinoid system, including anti-inflammatory effects. Enveric pursued enhancing this effect by combining the cannabinoid-based product with COX-2 inhibitors in the form of conjugates. While Enveric is focusing its efforts on its lead compound EB-003 in mental health indications, it actively pursues licensing opportunities for its pipeline with earlier deals with Aries and MycoMedica.

The deal highlights an opportunity for early stage biotech platform company to effectively license preclinical assets to other like size companies. It is also interesting that these preclinical deals continue to include royalties on commercial milestones, emphasizing the need for early-stage leadership teams to build out plans for commercialization as early as pre-IND stage. **99** 



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#### **Transaction Structure & Overview**

- Soleo Health was part of H.I.G. Capital's portfolio since 2010 until its acquisition by Court Square and Windrose
- Strategic investment will allow enable Soleo to expand its geographic footprint across all 50 states

#### **Outcome Strategic Insights**

Court Square Capital Partners and WindRose Health Investors announced that they closed on a jointly controlled investment in Soleo Health and are providing Soleo with growth capital. Soleo was a portfolio company of H.I.G. Capital.

Soleo is a nationwide provider of high-touch specialty pharmacy and infusion services. The investment will benefit from continued macro trends and cost containment pressures that support providing high quality specialty services where the patient is – including complex conditions.<sup>99</sup>



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#### February 2025 | Transaction Lineup

Date	Target	Buyer/ Investor	Target Description	Deal Type	Deal Value (\$M)	Up-Front Payment (\$M)	Vertical
02/02/2025	Ambry Genetics	TEMPUS	Provider of a comprehensive suite of genetic testing applications for inherited & non-inherited diseases.	M&A	\$600	\$600	Biotech/ Pharma
02/05/2025	Mitsubishi Tanabe Pharma	NainCapital	Manufacturer of pharmaceuticals focused immuno-inflamtion, diabetes & oncology	M&A	\$3,300	N/A	Biotech/ Pharma
02/05/2025	BIOSERVICES	& Ampersand	CDMO of pharmaceutical products servicing clinical-stage through commercial stage biotech companies	M&A	\$1,100	N/A	Services
02/06/2025			Developer of implantable neuromodulation devices technologies to treat chronic pain	M&A	\$250	\$250	MedTech
02/11/2025	Stellaromics		Developer of gene expression analysis technology designed to study optically extract multi-omic information	Financing	\$80	N/A	Biotech/ Pharma
02/11/2025	ANTHOS	<mark>ம்</mark> novartis	Clinical-stage developer of atrial fibrillation & cancer associated thrombosis therapies	M&A	\$3,100	\$925	Biotech/ Pharma
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Services

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02/12/2025	∂abcuro	BlackRock	Clinical-stage developer of immunomodulatory therapeutics treating autoimmunity & cancer	Financing	\$200	N/A	Biotech/ Pharma
02/12/2025	<b>candid</b> health	BOX GROUP First 8VC	Developer of a revenue cycle automation platform designed to improve medical billing	Financing	\$53	N/A	HealthTech
02/13/2025	EXERO M E D I C A L	Scientific Edge)	Developer of a sensors for early detection of anastomotic leaks following gastrointestinal surgery	Financing	\$13	N/A	HealthTech
02/14/2025	👸 Bambusa	RACAPITAL Janus Henderson Redmile Group ADAR1	Clinical-stage biotech company developing therapies for immunological & inflammatory disorders	Financing	\$90	N/A	Biotech/ Pharma
02/18/2025	@endovascular engineering	PARTNERS PARTNERS WENTURES	Developer of a vascular thrombectomy technology designed for the management of ischemic stroke	Financing	\$42	N/A	MedTech
02/19/2025	<b>vital</b> connect	Ally Bridge Group Revelation Partners	Developer of wearable cardiac technology designed to continuously monitor patients remotely	Financing	\$100	N/A	HealthTech
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