

Innovent Biologics Inc (1801 HK)

Out-licensing Income To Boost Earnings In 2026 And Beyond

Highlights

- Following a robust revenue growth of over 50% yoy to Rmb3.8b in 1Q26, our channel check indicates Innovent's 2Q26 product sales remained strong, supported by its rapid market expansion of chronic disease products.
- Innovent has achieved three major out-licensing deals, bringing total upfront income to US\$2.2b. Expecting smooth progress of these collaborations, we believe the out-licensing income will become a steady revenue stream for the company in the years ahead.
- Maintain BUY and target price of HK\$112.00.

Analysis

- Channel check: 2Q26 product sales growth remained strong.** Innovent Biologics Inc (Innovent) experienced robust domestic sales growth of over 50% to reach Rmb3.8b in 1Q26. Our channel check indicates that product sales growth remained strong in 2Q26, driven by rapid market expansion of its chronic disease products, namely Mazdutide, SINTBILO (Tafolecinmab injection), and SYCUME (Teprotumumab N01 injection). Moreover, the oncology products also generated steady growth, supported by the rapid commercial uptake of the five tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) therapies newly included in the National Reimbursement Drug List (NRDL).
- Licensing revenue becomes a major revenue contributor.** Innovent has closed three out-licensing deals totalling US\$2.2b in upfront payments. The Takeda and Eli Lilly upfronts were received in late-25 and 1H26, respectively, with the Pfizer payment expected in 3Q26. As the Eli Lilly and Pfizer collaborations are still at an early stage, Innovent will amortise these proceeds over 7-8 years, generating US\$200m-300m in annual licensing revenue over the medium to long term. We forecast total revenue rising 45.9% yoy and net earnings increasing 31.5% yoy in 1H26, given the relatively high earnings base in 1H25.

Major Out-Licensing Deals Since Oct 25

Date	Partner	Assets	Upfront	Milestones	Total deal value	Royalties
22-Oct-25	Takeda	IBI363 (PD-1/IL-2a-bias) IBI343 (CLDN18.2 ADC) Option for IBI3001 (EGFR/B7H3 ADC)	US\$1.1b US\$100m shares at HK\$112.56/share	US\$10.2b	US\$11.4b	On IBI363 sales in the US
09-Feb-26	Eli Lilly	New oncology and immunology medicines	US\$350m	US\$8.5b	US\$8.85b	Tiered royalties on ex-China sales
29-May-26	Pfizer	12 early-stage de novo oncology assets	US\$650m	US\$9.85b	US\$10.5b	Double-digit royalties
Total			US\$2.2b	US\$28.55b	US\$30.75b	

Source: Innovent, UOB Kay Hian

Key Financials

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	9,422	13,042	18,618	22,930	27,457
EBITDA	-100	981	2,581	3,879	6,103
Operating profit	-393	577	2,165	3,383	5,527
Net profit (rep./act.)	-95	814	2,115	3,150	4,973
Net profit (adj.)	332	1,723	2,815	3,900	5,753
EPS (Fen)	20	99	162	224	330
PE (x)	391.1	80.5	49.3	35.6	24.1
P/B (x)	9.9	6.9	6.2	5.4	4.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	(1,424.1)	145.2	55.2	37.2	23.7
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net margin (%)	3.5	13.2	15.1	17.0	21.0
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	10.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Interest cover (x)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ROE (%)	(0.9)	5.8	14.0	18.9	25.9
Consensus net profit	-	-	2,251	3,604	5,102
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	0.94	0.87	0.97

Source: Innovent, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY (Maintained)

Share Price	HK\$90.05
Target Price	HK\$112.00
Upside	+24.4%

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Stock Data

GICS Sector	Health Care
Bloomberg ticker	1801 HK
Shares issued (m)	1,740.9
Market cap (HK\$m)	156,769.9
Market cap (US\$m)	20,002.3
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m)	147.5

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low				HK\$109.10/HK\$69.55	
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD	
17.8	4.3	0.7	9.8	18.1	

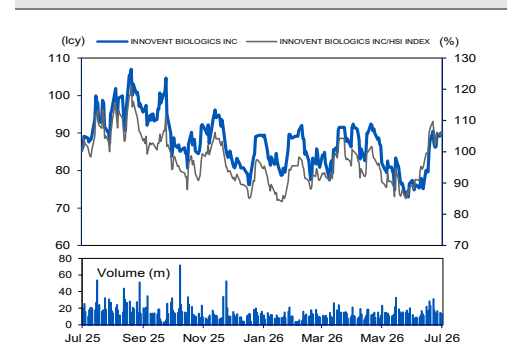
Major Shareholders

	%
Dr. Michael Yu	5.23

Balance Sheet Metrics

FY26 NAV/Share (Rmb)	13.15
FY26 Net Cash/ Share (Rmb)	5.40

Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

Company Description

Innovent Biologics is one of the leading biologics innovators in China.

- **Margins will likely improve further.** We expect the significant increase in licensing income, product volume and revenue structure to lift gross margin to approximately 87.3% in 2026, up from 86.5% in 2025. Moreover, the company's continuous effort in improving operating efficiency may further strengthen operating margin, and drive robust earnings growth in 2026.
- **Domestic product sales target of Rmb20b in 2027 remains unchanged.** With 18 market products, Innovent has entered a new chapter of dual-engine (oncology products and general medicines) growth. Its chronic and general medicines (eg Mazdutide, SINTBILO, and SYCUME) have become new growth drivers. Together with the newly launched PECONDLE, the general medicines will continue to boost growth in 2026 and beyond. Innovent sees Mazdutide's sales performance as satisfactory and believes it will continue to generate significant revenue growth in the next few years. Moreover, the products newly included in the NRDL will also see substantial sales expansion in the years ahead. We believe its targeted domestic product revenue of Rmb20b in 2027 (implying an approximately 30% two-year CAGR in 2025-27) is highly achievable.
- **Rapid progress in global trials on key pipelines.** Targeting five pipeline assets in global Phase 3 trial by 2030, Innovent has seen three key pipeline assets in smooth global development progress. IBI343's (Arcotatug Tavatecan, innovative TOPO1i CLDN18.2 ADC) international multi-centre Phase 3 trial (G-HOPE-001) conducted in China and Japan completed the pre-protocol first interim analysis, showing excellent efficacy and a tolerable safety profile in the treatment of advanced gastric cancer. Innovent has submitted the New Drug Application (NDA) for IBI343 to NMPA in China. IBI363's global clinical development is advancing rapidly into late-stage pivotal studies for non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). It also plans to initiate the global Phase 3 trial for IBI363 in advanced MSS/pMMR colorectal cancer and IBI324 (VEGF/Ang2 bispecific antibody) in retinopathy in 2H26. These three assets could contribute overseas revenue streams in 2030 and unlock a US\$60b potential market globally.
- **Nurturing a new wave of global candidates.** Poised to become a global premier biopharma, Innovent has been nurturing a new wave of global candidates. It further advanced its oncology pipeline by accelerating clinical trials on IBI3003 (BCMA/GPRC5D/CD3) and IBI354 (HER2 ADC), and has seen smooth clinical progress for chronic and general medicine pipelines, eg IBI3032 (oral GLP-1 small molecule), IBI3016 (a novel AGT siRNA for hypertension) and IBI3002 (TSLP/IL-4Rα for asthma and atopic dermatitis). We believe its persistent efforts in globalisation will eventually bear fruit.

Valuation/Recommendation

- **Maintain BUY and target price of HK\$112.00**, based on the DCF model with WACC of 10.8% and terminal growth rate of 4%.

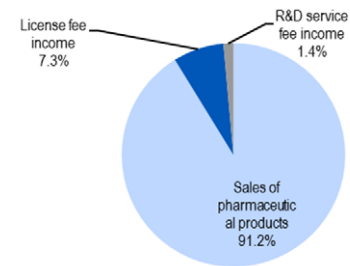
Earnings Revision/Risk

- We fine-tuned our 2026/27/28 revenue growth forecasts from 57.1%/11.6%/11.9% yoy to 42.8%/23.2%/19.7% yoy respectively to reflect the company's smoothing of licensing income over the longer term, which also leads to improved visibility into its longer-term earnings outlook.
- **Risks:** a) Intensifying market competition, b) policy uncertainties, c) risks in R&D and new product launches, and d) risks in business development and global partnerships.

Share Price Catalyst

- a) Strong financial results, b) smooth R&D performance and continuous business development efforts, and c) new product launches to generate revenue streams.

Segmental Revenue (2025)



Source: Innovent, UOB Kay Hian

Potential Near-Term (s)NDA Applications And (s)NDA Approvals

Product (indication)	Region	Expected time of NDA/BLA filing	Expected time of market approval
DOVBLERON/Taletrectinib (1L ROS1-positive NSCLC)	Mainland China	Accepted in Mar-24	Approved in Jan-25
Limertinib (EGFR T790M-mutated NSCLC)	Mainland China	Accepted in Nov-21	Approved in Jan-25
Limertinib (1L NSCLC with EGFR exon 19 deletions or exon 21 L858R mutations)	Mainland China	Accepted in Aug-24	Approved in Apr-25
IBI-311/teprotumumab N01 (TED)	Mainland China	Accepted in May-24	Approved in Mar-25
SINTBILO/tafalecicimab	Macau		Approved in May-25
IBI-362/mazdutide (obesity (6mg))	Mainland China	Accepted in Feb-24	Approved in Jun-25
Dupert/fulzerasib	Macau		Approved in Jun-25
BYVASDA/bevacizumab	Macau		Approved in Jul-25
SYCUME/teprotumumab N01 injection	Macau		Approved in Aug-25
IBI-362/mazdutide (T2D (6mg))	Mainland China	Accepted in Aug-24	Approved in Sep-25
SULINNO/adalimumab	Macau		Approved in Sep-25
IBI-362/mazdutide (obesity (6mg))	Macau		Approved in Oct-25
PECONDLE/picankibart (psoriasis)	Mainland China	Accepted in Sep-24	Approved in Nov-25
TYVYT + TABOSUN/ipilimumab (Neoadj. MSI-H/dMMR colon cancer)	Mainland China	Accepted in Feb-25	Approved in Dec-25
IBI-362/mazdutide (T2D (6mg))	Macau		Approved in Jan-26
Jaypirca/pirtobrutinib (CLL/SLL)	Mainland China		Approved in Mar-26
TYVYT (full approval of cHL)	Mainland China	Accepted in Apr-25	
TYVYT + fruquintinib (RCC)	Mainland China	Accepted in Jun-25	Approved in May-26
IBI-362/mazdutide (obesity (9mg))	Mainland China	Accepted in Nov-25	
TYVYT (perioperative therapy of NSCLC)	Mainland China	2026	
IBI302/Erdamrofusp alfa (nAMD)	Mainland China	2026	

Note: 1L: first-line treatment; 2L: second-line treatment; mCCA: metastatic cholangiocarcinoma; NSCLC: non-small cell lung cancer; CML: chronic myeloid leukaemia; CML-CP: chronic-phase chronic myeloid leukaemia; OC: ovarian cancer; ESCC: esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; EGFRm: EGFR mutated; TKI: tyrosine kinase inhibitor; non-FH: non-familial hypercholesterolemia; HeFH: heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia; MM: multiple myeloma; r/r: recurrent or refractory; FL: follicular lymphoma; T2D: Type 2 diabetes; TED: thyroid eye disease; EMC: endometrial cancer; Neoadj.: neoadjuvant treatment; MSI-H/dMMR: microsatellite instability-high or mismatch repair deficiency; MCL: mantle cell lymphoma; cHL: classic Hodgkin's lymphoma; CLL: chronic lymphocytic leukemia; SLL: small lymphocytic lymphoma

Source: Innovent, UOB Kay Hian

Profit & Loss

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	13,042	18,618	22,930	27,457
EBITDA	981	2,581	3,879	6,103
Deprec. & amort.	405	416	496	576
EBIT	(10,709)	(14,089)	(16,749)	(18,773)
Net interest income/(expense)	359	420	420	420
Pre-tax profit	839	2,488	3,706	5,851
Tax	(25)	(373)	(556)	(878)
Minorities	-	-	-	-
Net profit	814	2,115	3,150	4,973
Net profit (adj.)	1,723	2,815	3,900	5,753

Balance Sheet

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Fixed assets	5,061	5,145	5,198	5,221
Other LT assets	10,273	10,273	10,273	10,273
Cash/ST investment	10,376	17,056	19,854	24,267
Other current assets	11,638	12,160	12,580	13,220
Total assets	37,348	44,634	47,907	52,981
ST debt	789	789	789	789
Other current liabilities	7,597	12,769	12,891	12,992
LT debt	1,990	1,990	1,990	1,990
Other LT liabilities	7,615	7,615	7,615	7,615
Shareholders' equity	19,356	21,471	24,622	29,595
Minority interest	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities & equity	37,348	44,634	47,907	52,981

Cash Flow

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Operating	10,001	6,759	2,878	4,493
Pre-tax profit	839	2,488	3,706	5,851
Tax	(1)	(373)	(556)	(878)
Deprec. & amort.	601	416	447	477
Working capital changes	7,945	4,649	(298)	(538)
Other operating cashflows	88	(500)	(500)	(500)
Investing	(6,512)	-	-	-
Capex (growth)	(683)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Investments	(6,290)	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Others	462	500	500	500
Financing	4,728	(80)	(80)	(80)
Issue of shares	4,719	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	2,504	-	-	-
Loan repayment	(2,543)	-	-	-
Others/interest paid	48	(80)	(80)	(80)
Net cash inflow (outflow)	8,218	6,680	2,799	4,413
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	2,273	10,376	17,056	19,854
Changes due to forex impact	(116)	-	-	-
Ending cash & cash equivalent	10,376	17,056	19,854	24,267

Key Metrics

Year to 31 Dec (%)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Profitability				
Gross margin	86.5	87.3	87.8	88.5
Pre-tax margin	6.4	13.4	16.2	21.3
Net margin	6.2	11.4	13.7	18.1
ROA	3.3	7.5	10.5	15.3
ROE	5.8	14.0	18.9	25.9
Growth				
Turnover	38.4	42.8	23.2	19.7
Gross profit	42.6	44.0	23.9	20.7
Pre-tax profit	(1,167.0)	196.6	49.0	57.9
Net profit	(959.7)	160.0	49.0	57.9
Net profit (adj.)	419.6	63.4	38.6	47.5
EPS	385.7	63.4	38.6	47.5
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	12.6	11.5	10.1	8.6
Debt to equity	14.4	12.9	11.3	9.4
Net debt/(cash) to equity	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Interest cover (x)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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