

"Fit for Purpose Global Health Policies"

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Gedeon Richter Plc: a corporate overview

- Company founded: 1901
- International locations: 31
- Number of employees: 11,650
- Vertically integrated pharmaceutical company
 - original research: (CNS)
 - branded marketing and sales: (female healthcare)
 - wholesale and retail
- Total revenues: €1,2bn, R&D spending: 13%
- Regional leader in R&D, more than 1000 researchers



Mr. Gedeon Richter

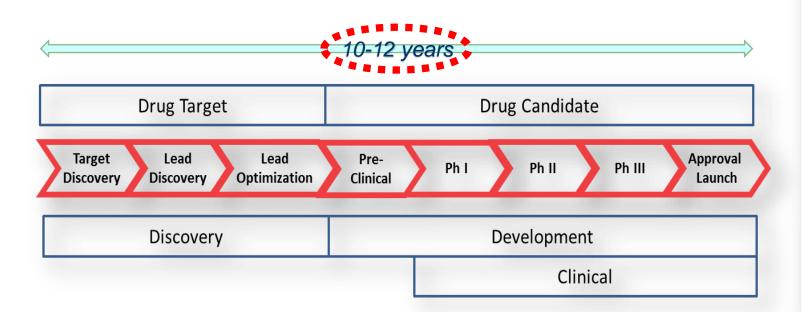


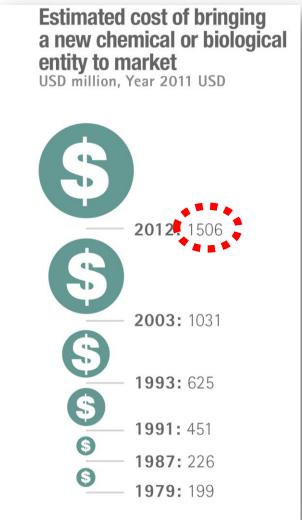
The mission of a pharmaceutical corporation is...

- to create value by discovering, developing and producing <u>safe</u> and <u>effective</u> medicines of high <u>quality</u> to improve patients' health
- make <u>profit</u> by selling them and
- maintain this circle by <u>re-investing in R&D</u> of new medicines and technologies.



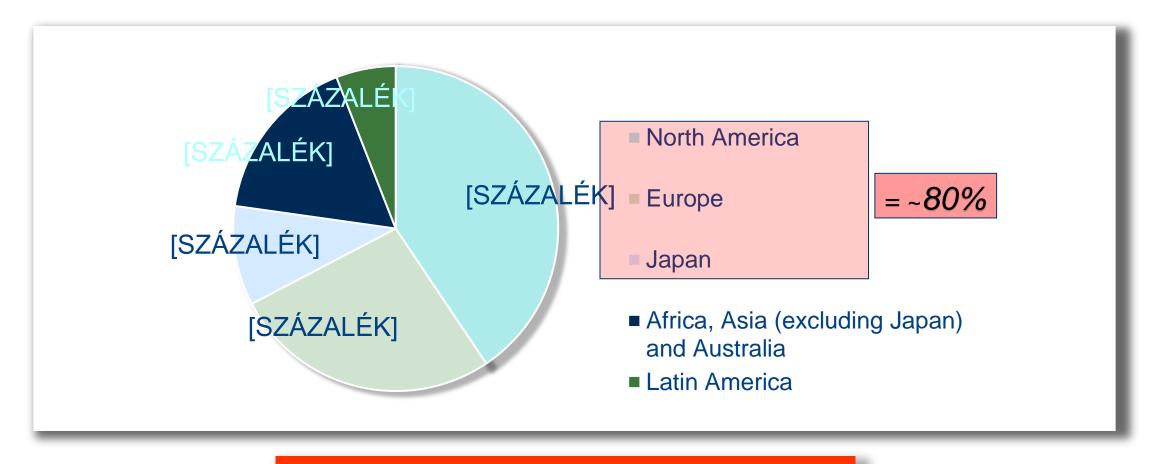
Drug discovery and development... ...is an expensive and risky business







World pharmaceutical markets (2013)

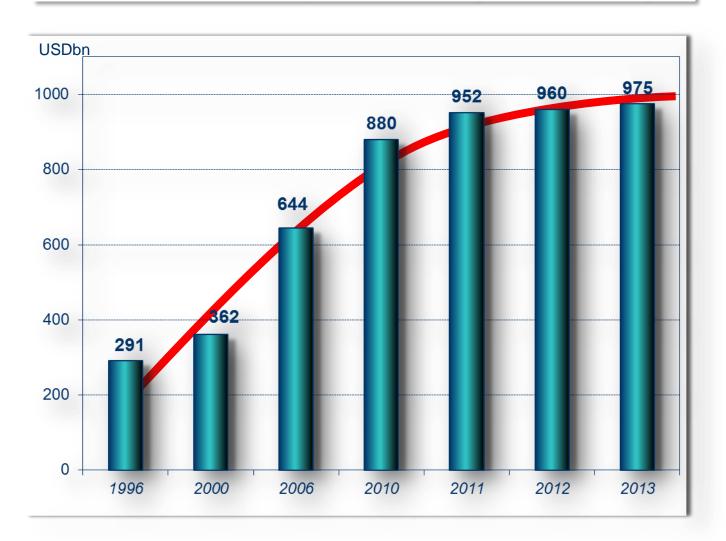


Global market in 2014 totaled in USD ~1000bn In the top markets 50-80% of costs are paid by social securities



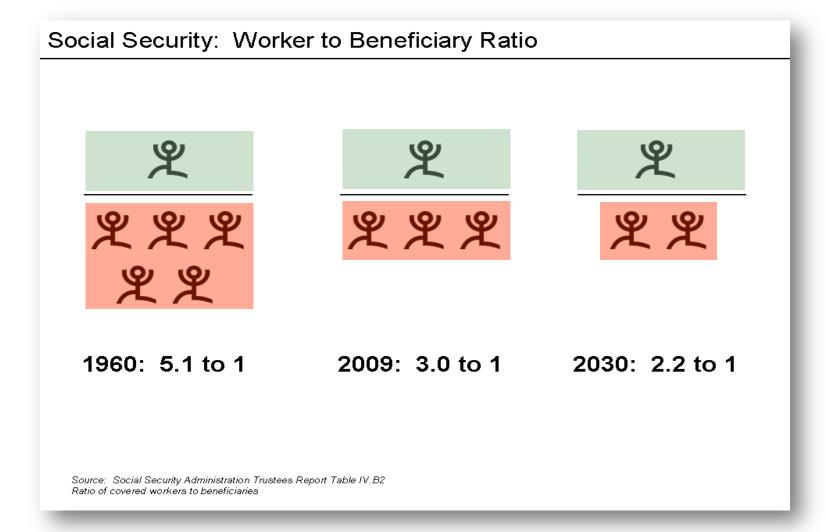
World pharmaceutical markets still growing...

The market tripled in 15 years time. But growth is slowing...





The root reasons: changing fertility rates and demography



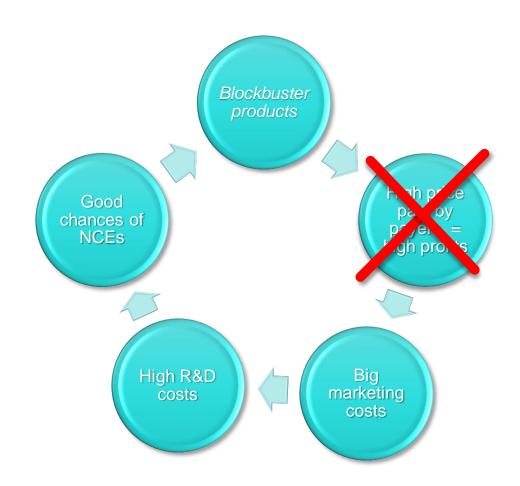


The main factors

- Declining "support ratio" = less income for social securities (payers)
- Growing life expectancy = elder people consume more drugs = more demand for healthcare/medicines budget
- Higher regulatory requirements = growing development costs
- Decreasing prices = lower profits
- Main barriers of drug development 20 years ago innovation and regulatory
- Triple barrier today innovation, regulatory <u>and</u> price/reimbursement
- Decreasing and more risky return on investment



The classical model of the 70's 80's



- Anti-ulcer products
- High blood pressure
- Oral contraceptives
- ...



Major inequalities exist

- Europe, North America and Japan: **20%** of the population represents **80%** of purchasing power in pharmaceuticals
- Companies tend to develop products to the needs of this 20% (developed countries)
- Needs of the 80% of population is less considered

Top causes of death are different in low and high income countries



Diseases against which no major cure is being developed

- Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs): diverse group of communicable diseases that prevail ... in 149 countries and <u>affect more than one</u> <u>billion people.</u>
- They mainly affect populations living in poverty...
- Buruli ulcer
- Chagas disease
- Dengue and Chikungunya
- Dracunculiasis (guineaworm disease)
- Echinococcosis
- Endemic treponematoses (Yaws)

- Foodborne trematodiases
- Human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness)
- Leishmaniasis
- Leprosy (Hansen disease)
- Lymphatic filariasis

- Onchocerciasis (river blindness)
- Rabies
- Schistosomiasis
- Soil-transmitted helminthiases
- Taeniasis/Cysticercosis
- Trachoma







Affordable access to treatment/medicines to all ill people

- R&D process of private companies must be feasible someone must pay for it
- Governments and development aid agencies need to influence healthcare spending
- Growing social expectation for corporate social responsibility of companies to do "good"
- Need for socially responsible shareholders...





Thank you for your attention!

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