





## **Higher Opt Out Recovery**

- Opt out action historical recovery rates averaged
   20% to 40% of estimated losses
- Class action recovery rate of 2% to 3% of estimated losses

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## Opt Out vs. Class Action Recovery

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Case and Fund		Opt Out		Class	Multiple	Settlement Date
New Jersey v. Tyco International Ltd. , No. 02-cv-5701 (D.N.J.) State of New Jersey Pension Funds	\$	73.30	\$	4.20	17.5 x	4/28/2008
California State Teachers' Retirement System v. Qwest , No. CGC-02-415546 CalSTRS	\$	46.50	\$	1.60	29.1 x	12/29/2006
Qwest Communications International, Inc. Colorado PERA	\$	15.50	\$	0.40	38.8 x	11/21/2007
Qwest Communications International, Inc. Texas Teachers	\$	61.60	\$	1.40	44.0 x	12/5/2007
Qwest Communications International, Inc. Alaska Funds	\$	19.00	\$	0.40	47.5 x	11/21/2007
Alaska Electrical Pension Fund v. AOL Time Warner, Inc., No. 06-cv-00024 (D. Alaska Funds	\$	50.00	\$	1.00	50.0 x	12/7/2006
Regents of the University of California v. Richard D. Parson (AOL Time Warner, UCOP	\$	246.00	\$	14.40	17.1 x	2/28/2007

Average

34.8 x



## **Introduction & Summary**

- Multiple class action complaints were filed against PRGO for actions management took to defend against the unsolicited takeover bid by Mylan
- These suits seek to recover damages for violating federal securities laws which included making "...materially false and misleading statements regarding the Company's business, operational and compliance policies."
- The class period is 4/21/15 to 5/11/16
- During that time PRGO's stock price had dropped from \$192.82 to \$92.75, a 51.3% loss



#### **Overview**

- I. Opt Out versus Class Action Suits
- II. Review of Perrigo Class Action Complaint
- III. Examination of Alleged False and Misleading Statements
- IV. Path to Resolution: Estimated Timeline, Milestones & Possible Scenarios
- V. Next Steps



### **Class Action Suits**

#### **Pros:**

- Active participation not required
- Minimal effort to receive potential recovery proceeds
- Fund is not publicly named in the suit

#### Cons:

- No control over the legal process
- Amounts recovered are typically small relative to the size of the claims, 2%-3%
- Class action suits are required to satisfy several procedural hurdles before being permitted to proceed



## **Opt Out Suits**

#### **Pros:**

- Considerably higher recovery rates, 20%-40%
- Control of litigation
- Legal strategy can be tailored to the needs of the fund
- Optionality in the timing of opting out
- Cost efficient
- Timing advantage
- Jurisdictional advantage
- Benefits from important legal standard distinction with regard to the burden of proof of claims



## **Opt Out Suits**

#### Cons:

- Fund is subject to discovery
- Requires participation and the allocation of fund resources to oversee the process
- The plaintiff is publicly disclosed



## **Review of Class Action Complaint**

#### **Nature of Action**

- Perrigo rejected Mylan's \$205 cash/stock offer on 4/21/15
- The offer was subsequently raised to \$235 ahead of the tender date of 11/13/15
- PRGO cited its organic growth rate of 5-10%
- PRGO touted the future benefits from the Omega Pharma acquisition which were not fully reflected in the company's performance



## **Review of Class Action Complaint**

# Materially False and Misleading Statements Issued During the Class Period

- Standalone entity would be unable to achieve organic revenue growth of 5% to 10%
- II. Competitive position and growth strategy were not "durable" but were in fact eroding
- III. Serious issues integrating the Omega acquisition and PRGO had significantly overpaid for Omega
- IV. Mylan's offer did not undervalue PRGO
- V. As a result of the foregoing, Perrigo's public statements were materially false and misleading at all relevant times



## **Review of Class Action Complaint**

#### **The Truth Emerges**

- Missed estimates, lowered guidance
- Omega impairment charges
- 2016 earnings guidance \$8.20-\$8.60, significantly below the guidance provide of \$9.83 before the Mylan tender
- Joe Papa, the CEO that warded off the Mylan bid resigns to accept the CEO position at Valeant
- CFO resigns, additional impairment charge and the inability to file 2016 10-K



# **Examination of Alleged False & Misleading Statements**

#### **Elements of a Strong Case**

- Financial restatement
- Allegations of Accounting Impropriety
- Parallel Regulatory Investigations
- Executive Departures
- Large Drop in Stock Value



### Perrigo's Potential Defenses

- The most common argument for defense of a class action claims is "scienter", that executives were not aware that their statements were false
- The legal concept of scienter is not applicable for opt out litigation brought at the state level
- However, the probability of success for an opt out suit is tied to whether or not a class action suit survives a motion to dismiss
- Defense could assert that the statements were not false when they were made, or that they were predictions, not statements of facts



# Benefits of the Investigative Process & Discovery

- Plaintiffs' counsel employs their own investigative staff to locate and interview former employees knowledgeable about the internal workings of business
- If the complaint survives the Motion to Dismiss, the Plaintiff gains access to internal documents and the ability to take depositions
- Deposition testimony and internal documents can provide strong evidence for proving the claims
- Discovery can revealinformation damaging to the defendants, which is why the Motion to Dismiss is such a big inflection point in the litigation.



### **Class Action Path to Resolution**

#### **Estimated Timeline**

- 06/21/17 Amended Complaint
- 08/21/17 Motion to Dismiss
- 10/05/17 Plaintiffs' Opposition to Motion to Dismiss
- 11/06/17 Defendants Reply
- To Be Determined Issuance of Court's Opinion



## **Opt Out Path to Resolution**

#### **Key Milestones**

- Motion to Dismiss
- Close of Discovery
- Summary Judgement
- Completion of the Brief
- Decision
- Trial
- Appeals



# Risks to the Plaintiff & How are they Mitigated

- Time & Expense of Discovery
- Assistance with Discovery
- Negative Press & the Stigma Associated with Litigation
- Legal Fees



## **Next Steps**

- Opt out litigation Information session
- Evaluation of trade claims and potential recovery
- An in person meeting to discuss the litigation process in greater detail

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