

## Takeda completes acquisition of Shire

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Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited (“Takeda”) announced the completion of its acquisition of Shire plc (“Shire”), becoming a global, values-based, R&D-driven biopharmaceutical leader headquartered in Japan.

Takeda now has an attractive, expanded geographic footprint and leading position in Japan and the U.S., bringing its highly-innovative medicines to approximately 80 countries/regions with dedicated employees worldwide. Takeda’s R&D efforts are focused on its four therapeutic areas of Oncology, Gastroenterology (GI), Neuroscience and Rare Diseases, with targeted R&D investment also committed to Plasma-Derived Therapies (PDT) and Vaccines. Takeda’s strengthened, highly innovative R&D engine enables the company to have a more global, robust and modality-diverse pipeline as well as to focus on breakthrough innovation.

The combined annual revenue of the company, exceeding \$30 billion USD, is mainly derived from the key business areas of Oncology, GI, Neuroscience, Rare Diseases and PDT.

In order to fund the acquisition, Takeda has secured permanent financing with highly competitive rates, resulting in an overall blended interest rate for Takeda’s total debt of approximately 2.3%. The company is confident that it will retain its investment grade credit rating and return to a net debt to EBITDA ratio of 2.0x or less within three to five years following completion.