Ajinomoto (2802)

Forge Biologics visit: To start commercial production from FY2027, CDMO could become second growth driver

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Price Target (Dec-27):¥6,800

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We visited Forge Biologics (US), which handles Ajinomoto's gene therapy CDMO business, on October 13. Forge was established in 2020 and acquired by Ajinomoto in 2023. Projects are steadily increasing, and Forge is on track to achieve positive EBITDA in FY2026 and start commercial production in FY2027. Ajinomoto conservatively forecasts FY2030 sales at around ¥57 billion (converted at ¥158/$), up three-fold from FY2025, and the business profit margin at around 30%. We forecast sales at ¥75.5 billion and the business profit margin at 29%. We take a positive view of Forge transitioning to a phase of full-fledged profit growth. Given that Forge has a relatively asset-light business, we anticipate high capital efficiency in addition to high growth and earnings. In addition to gene therapy, the nucleic acid drug CDMO business is also strong. Ajinomoto forecasts overall CDMO sales at a minimum of around ¥170 billion in FY2030, and the business profit margin at 20% or higher (we forecast sales at ¥190.4 billion and the business profit margin, including amino acids, at 22%). We expect the stock market's attention to focus on Ajinomoto build-up film (ABF) due to growing AI demand, but believe the CDMO business is set to increase its presence as a second growth driver after ABF.

- **Shift to sales quality with start of commercial production:** We estimate Forge's sales have roughly tripled from $34 million in FY2023, when it was acquired by Ajinomoto, to over $100 million in FY2025. We expect Forge to achieve positive EBITDA in FY2026 and start commercial production in FY2027, possibly reaching a higher stage of business growth. Forge's sales can be broadly separated into non-good manufacturing process (GMP) sales for initial R&D, GMP sales for clinical trails, and commercial sales after drug approval. Ajinomoto expects sales to increase in FY2030 based on 5–10 commercial projects in addition to non-GMP and GMP projects. We expect the transition to commercial projects to contribute to long-term sustained earnings as compared to a business centered on development and clinical trials. We believe the start of commercial production in FY2027 will mark a turning point that adds sales quality to sales volume, and will contribute to improving earnings visibility and reducing earnings volatility. Ajinomoto plans to increase capacity according to demand growth, but expects only about $70 million (about ¥10 billion) in additional capex through FY2030. If capacity utilization for existing facilities increases on growth in commercial projects, we think profit margins should improve as this absorbs fixed costs, and we focus on the potential for high incremental ROIC.
- **High AAV yield reflects competitiveness and synergies with Ajinomoto:** Adeno-associated virus (AAV) yield is an important factor when considering Forge's competitiveness. AAV yield affects production costs and profitability

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for gene therapy CDMO. Forge said during our visit that its AAV yield is 3–15x above the industry average. This high yield is supported by a combination of Forge's unique production expertise and Ajinomoto's culture media and supplement technologies. Synergies are not limited to technology. Ajinomoto's financial backing helps reassure customers and contributes positively to project acquisition. Forge is also reducing procurement costs by leveraging the purchasing power of the Ajinomoto group. Forge has increased competitiveness further after the acquisition, based on a combination of its AAV production technology, Ajinomoto's AminoScience and culture medium technology, and Ajinomoto's capital capacity and scale.

- **CDMO to become second growth driver after ABF:** The stock market is currently focused on the semiconductor material ABF due to growing AI demand. Ajinomoto's functional materials business, centered on ABF, is driving overall profit growth, with FY2025 sales of ¥100.7 billion, business profit of ¥54.6 billion, and business profit margin of 54%. However, our Forge visit reconfirmed that the CDMO business has ample potential to serve as the next profit growth driver towards FY2030. We think Forge's profit contribution is likely to gradually increase due to the start of commercial projects in FY2027, high AAV productivity, profit margin improvement from rising capacity utilization, and limited additional investment. Given that growth expectations for ABF are already high, we believe the question of the next growth driver is important, and focus on the possibility of the CDMO business being viewed as a second growth driver after ABF and as a business with high ROIC.

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Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Ajinomoto (2802) *(Overweight; Price Target: ¥6,800)*

Investment Thesis

Our investment thesis for Ajinomoto is based on its growth potential and capital efficiency, which are among the best among large-cap food stocks. We expect the two core business segments (seasonings & foods and healthcare & others) to drive 19% annualized business profit growth from FY2026 to FY2030, and substantial shareholder payouts should boost ROE to 40% in FY2030.

Valuation

We set our December 2027 price target of ¥6,800 by applying a P/E of 37x to our FY2027 EPS estimate. Ajinomoto's P/E has been in the 25-40x range over the past year, and we think basing our price target on a P/E near the high end of this range is fair, given the rising likelihood of growth at the healthcare & others segment, which includes ABF and CDMO.

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17-Oct-25	OW	4166	5,100
17-Nov-25	OW	3825	4,500
16-Feb-26	OW	4436	5,100
29-May-26	OW	5142	6,500
17-Aug-26	OW	5566	6,800

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