## LIGAND

Biopharma's Technology and Capital Partner

# 2024 Investor Day

## Agenda

10:30 am - 12:00 pm ET

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Business Overview, Strategy & 2024 Accomplishments

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**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE** 

Captisol, Zelsuvmi & NITRICIL

**INVESTOR & ANALYST Q&A** 

**LUNCH & DISCUSSION** 

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# **Ligand Strategy**

Business Overview, Strategy & 2024 Accomplishments

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## Ligand Today

Biopharmaceutical royalty aggregator focused on investing in highly differentiated clinical and commercial stage assets, as well as operating royalty-generating platform technologies

Royalty Portfolio	12 major commercial-stage revenue-generating royalty assets  Over 75 additional active programs with economic rights
Royalty-Generating Technology IP Platforms	Captisol platform improves solubility, stability, bioavailability & dosing NITRICIL™ platform facilitates creation of unique new chemical entities
Execution at Scale	Robust business development & investment capabilities Rapidly increased level of investment activity in 2024
Financial Performance	\$220 million of cash and investments as of the end of Q3 Lean operating structure Growing revenue and EPS guidance

## Definition & Benefits of Royalty Investing

### What are biopharmaceutical royalties?



A royalty is a percentage of topline pharmaceutical net revenue



Royalties are non-dilutable



Royalty cash flows can be protected in bankruptcy



Royalty acquisition requires minimal corporate infrastructure

Royalty investing offers high-margin, predictable, compounding growth, as well as superior returns



## Attractive Business Model



## **LIGAND**

- ✓ Small infrastructure
- ✓ Broad therapeutic focus
- ✓ Limited exposure to single asset PTRS



## TRADITIONAL BIOTECH COMPANY

- × Large infrastructure
- × Narrow therapeutic focus
- x High exposure to single asset PTRS



## Investment Tactics & Methods

## Ligand utilizes multiple investment approaches to add late-stage programs to the portfolio

### **Royalty Monetization**

Acquire existing royalty contracts

- Inventors
- Universities
- Non-strategic assets held by companies

#### M&A

Identify companies with attractive royalty contracts and technology

Significant discounts in current equity environment

Operational team capable of cutting costs and restructuring

#### **Project Finance**

Fund late-stage clinical trials for royalty interest

- Applicable in all market conditions
- De-risked late-stage assets
- \$10 40M per asset
- Favorable time to market

#### **Platforms**

Focus on infrastructurelight and leverageable platforms

- Scalable Limited operations
- Broad applicability
   Large market
   opportunity
- Enabling Higher royalties
- Commercially validated Existing royalties



# Leadership Team

## Differentiated Relationships & Biopharma Investment Experience

### Deep network of biopharma relationships enable proprietary deal sourcing and rigorous due diligence

#### **CORPORATE MANAGEMENT**



**Todd Davis** Chief Executive Officer















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Karen Reeves, M.D. SVP. Investments & Head of Clinical Strategy; General Manager, Captisol





**CLINICAL OPERATIONS & TECHNOLOGY** 





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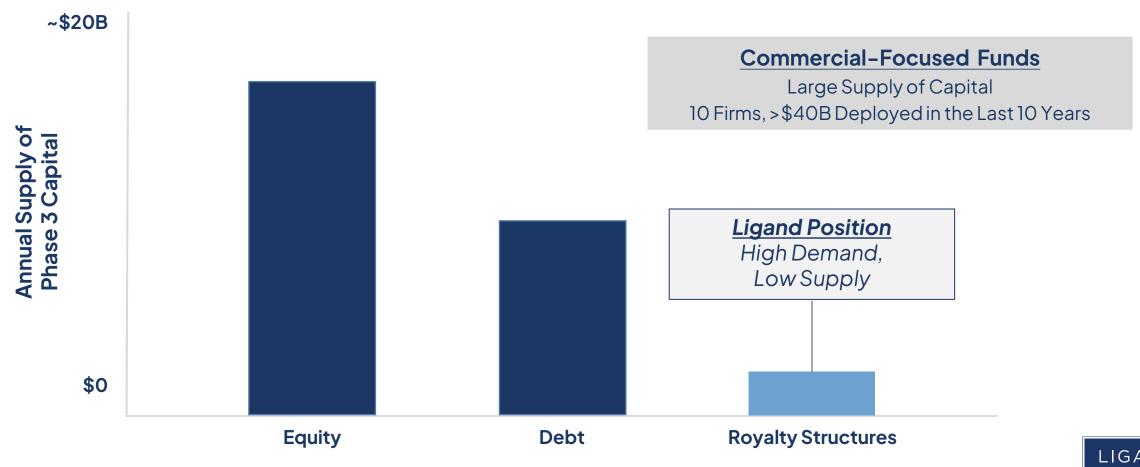
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## Ability To Scale Business Model

Significant capital is required in late-stage clinical development, and a small fraction of this funding is derived from royalty capital, offering meaningful opportunity for growth



# Progress Since 2023 Investor Day

What we said a year ago	What we did in 2024
2024 Initial revenue guidance: \$130- \$142M	Increased guidance twice during 2024 Latest total revenue guidance: \$160-\$165M
Active management of the current portfolio	Increased economics around Ohtuvayre and Palvella Invested in the Captisol business, a future growth driver Approval of 3 major commercial stage royalty generating assets:
Focused Investment Approach	<ul> <li>\$192M deployed in 2024 across 8 different investments:</li> <li>Qarziba</li> <li>invlOs</li> <li>Bot/Bal + 6 additional programs</li> <li>4 Ohtuvayre inventors</li> </ul>

Palvella

## Ligand 2022 To 2024 Comparison

	2022	2023	20241
Royalty Revenue	\$73 million	\$84 million	\$105 – 108 million
Cash OpEx	\$92 million	\$40 million	\$35 million
Adjusted EPS	\$2.44	\$4.062	\$5.50 – 5.702
Platforms	Captisol, OmniAb, Pelican	Captisol	Captisol, NITRICIL
FTEs	170	35	42

During the last two years, Ligand has transformed its business model to an operationally light strategy focused on a strategy of profitable and compounding growth

<sup>2.</sup> Adjusted EPS excluding VKTX stock sales. A reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP core adjusted earnings per diluted share to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable effort, as certain items cannot be reasonably predicted because of their high variability, complexity and low visibility. Specifically, non-cash adjustments that could be made for changes in contingent liabilities, changes in the market value of its investments in public companies, share-based compensation expense and the effects of any discrete income tax items, directly impact the calculation of our core adjusted earnings per diluted share.



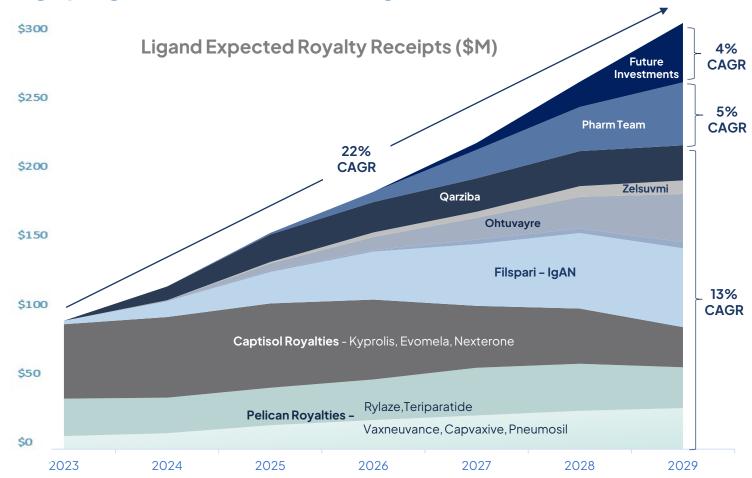
<sup>1.</sup> Aggregate amounts for 2024 are estimated based upon guidance provided during the third quarter 2024 earnings call, as set forth in our press release announcing financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2024 (furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to our Current Report on Form 8-K which was filed with the SEC on November 7, 2024).

## Updated 5 - Year Outlook

Expected Royalty Receipts CAGR 22% from 2024-2029

### Current portfolio of commercial and late-stage programs + new deals drive growth

- Long-term royalty receipt outlook on pace to meet or exceed 22% CAGR previously shared at analyst day in December 2023
- Existing commercial programs (13%) and late-stage pipeline ("Pharm Team") (5%) supports Royalty Receipts CAGR of 18%
- Pharm Team includes risk-adjusted development stage programs including Filspari for FSGS, Verona's Phase 2 Ohtuvayre, Agenus' BOT/BAL, Viking's VK-2809, Palvella's PTX-022 and other mid to late-stage programs





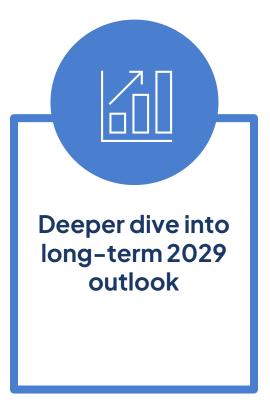
# Financial Update

Financial Review & Growth Expectations

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## Overview







# Reiterating 2024 Guidance 27% Royalty Revenue Growth, 38% Adjusted Core EPS Growth

	2023(A)	2024(G)	% Change
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Royalty Revenue	\$84M	\$105 – 108M	27%
Captisol Sales	\$28M	\$27 – 29M	-
Contract Revenue	\$19M	\$28M	47%
Total Revenue	\$131M	\$160 – 165M	24%
COGS	\$10M	\$11M	-
Core Cash OpEx*	\$39M	\$35M	(10%)
Cash Operating Profit*	\$82M	\$114 – 119M	38%
Share Count	17.6	19.0	8%
Adjusted Core EPS**	\$4.06	\$5.50 – 5.70	38%

- Royalty revenue growth driven by Kyprolis, Qarziba and Filspari
- Contract revenue is event driven/not linear given it's largely tied to earned regulatory milestone payments. Travere approval in 2023 resulted in \$15M milestone, Ohtuvayre approval and launch resulted in \$20M milestone
- Increase in share count driven by ATM issuance and higher stock price
- Increase in Adjusted Core EPS driven by increase in operating profit, offset by increase in share count

<sup>\*\*</sup>For 2023, see the non-gaap reconciliation included in our fourth quarter and full-year 2023. For 2024 projected financial results, reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP core adjusted earnings per diluted share to the most directly comparable GAAP measure is not available without unreasonable effort, as certain items cannot be reasonably predicted because of their high variability, complexity and low visibility.



<sup>\*</sup>Excludes costs incurred to incubate the Pelthos business and Viking stock gains.

## Strong Tailwinds Heading Into 2025

New commercial programs and a strong balance sheet sets up well heading into 2025 and beyond

- ✓ Captisol business Gilead will take shipments in 2025 for Captisol enabled Veklury
  - -Expected to be part of our recurring commercial business going forward
- ✓ Travere's Filspari obtained full FDA approval and label expansion, Ligand earns 9% royalty
  - -\$230 million assumed sales in 2025
  - -Potential indication expansion into FSGS presents significant upside beyond 2025
- ✓ Acquisition of Qarziba will add \$1 in adjusted EPS on an annualized basis
- √ Verona's Ohtuvayre FDA Approved in June
  - -Consensus peak sales of \$1.5B can be surpassed by capturing 2% of 8.5M patient US market
- ✓ Merck's Capvaxive FDA Approved in June
  - -Obtained CDC recommendation for patients over 50, positioned to lead the segment

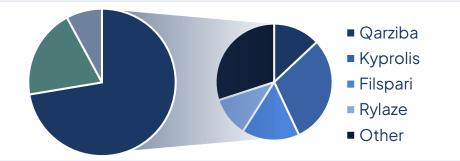


## 2025 Revenue Guidance - 17% Growth over 2024

# Forecasting Total Revenue of \$180-\$200M (in millions) \$10-20 Contract \$35-40 Captisol \$135-140 Royalties Royalty Revenue Expected to Grow 30% over 2024



30% Growth driven by Filspari, Qarziba and Ohtuvayre



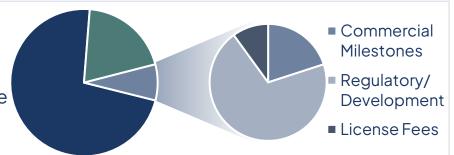
#### **Captisol**

Demand from existing customers and orders for Gilead's Veklury drive 33% growth in 2025



#### Contract

Guidance range due to \$10M VK-2809 Phase 3 milestone that may come at end of 2025



## 2025 Financial Guidance

	2024 Guidance	2025 Guidance
Total Revenue	\$160 – 165M	\$180-200M
COGS	\$11M	\$11 – 15M
Core Cash OpEx	\$35M	\$37 – 39M
Cash Operating Profit*	\$114-119M	\$132-146M
Other Income**	\$17M	\$9-10M
Adjusted Net Income*	\$105-108M	\$114-125M
Share Count	19.0	19.0 – 20.0
Adjusted Core EPS*	\$5.50 – 5.70	\$6.00-6.25

- Royalty revenue and Captisol sales drive revenue growth at 30% and 33%, respectively
- Increase in Core cash opex driven by investments made to build the Business Development and Investments team
- Core cash opex excludes stock-based compensation and costs incurred to incubate the Pelthos business.
- Other income decrease driven primarily by lower forecasted interest income due to lower interest rates
- Increase in share count places some pressure on Adjusted Core EPS



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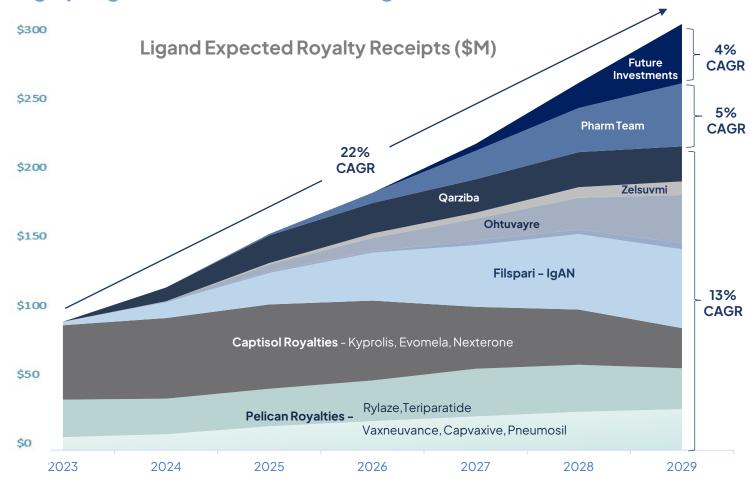
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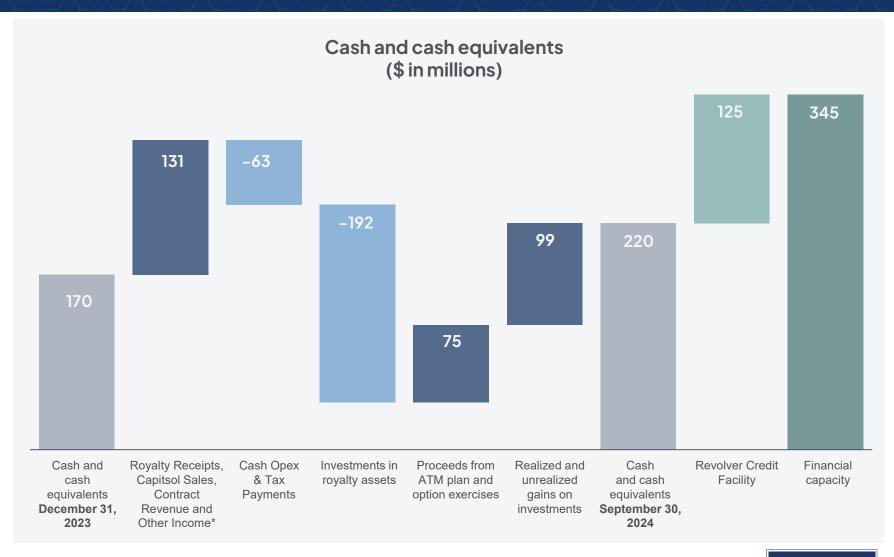
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## Significant Financial Capacity

- \$220 million of cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2024
- \$125 million available under credit facility (expandable to \$175M)
- Financial capacity of ~\$350 million with cash on hand and credit facility
- Other sources of capital include the debt and equity markets including ATM with ~\$65 million remaining under existing program





# **Investment Activity**

Recent Transactions & Deal Pipeline

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## Ligand Investment Team Progress

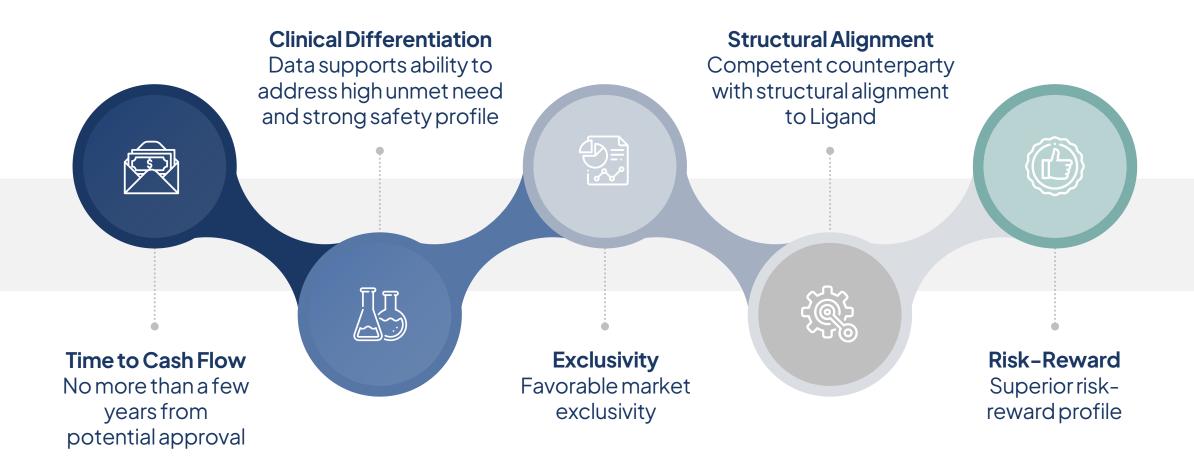
## Ligand continued to strengthen its investment team and deal activity in 2024

	2022	2023	2024
Investment Team Locations	San Diego	San Diego, Boston	San Diego, Boston, Jupiter
Investment Team Professionals	3	8	12
Capital Invested	_	\$82M	\$192M
Total Investments	_	5	8

## Origination Strengths

01 Seasoned investment team with decades of experience 02 Robust outbound efforts driven by focused investment criteria 03 Relationships with multiple potential royalty sellers Structural flexibility to participate across the capital structure 04 Nimble organization and ability to move quickly 05

## Investment Criteria



## Diligence Process

# Clinical & Regulatory

Ligand's scientific expertise is supplemented with **therapeutic area-specific consultant** input on PTRS

KOLs are interviewed to understand the **treatment paradigm**, **product selection drivers**, **competitive**landscape, unmet needs, and asset opportunity

#### CMC

Ligand engages deep subject matter experts to review and validate all CMC processes and protocols and provide comprehensive insights into **potential risks of delayed approval or post-approval supply chain disruption** 

#### Commercial

Highly specialized disease experts are engaged across three major commercial areas: Sales and Marketing, Forecasting, and Market Access

## Intellectual Property

Counsel conducts a thorough **review of all IP** protecting the asset

Diligence first quickly focuses on any potential **dealbreakers** on patent term and strength, followed by a more **fulsome review of the IP estate** 

#### Legal

Initial focus is on **underlying contracts**, as well as definitions of **valuation criteria** 

Subsequent focus involves **contracting**, seeking to protect Ligand from any contractual risks

## 2024 Investment Activity

## 200+ Investments Reviewed

Leveraged team's extensive experience across therapeutic categories and technologies to facilitate quick kills and focus on highest value opportunities

## 50 CDAs Signed

Initiated in-depth research and engaged external consultants to rapidly identify and focus on key opportunities, risks, and diligence questions. Evaluated revenue and valuation dynamics

8 Investments Closed

Conducted thorough due diligence across clinical, regulatory, commercial, IP, and legal categories to qualitatively and quantitatively characterize the investment opportunity

## Ligand 2024 Investments

### Our 2024 investments reflect the diverse strategic approaches we can pursue

#### **Investment Approach and Counterparties**

Royalty Monetization

Project Finance

M&A

Special Situations

January 2024

July 2024

Ongoing

APEIRON
BIOLOGICS

May 2024

Agenus

Ligand invested ~\$200M in capital during 2024



## 2025 Investment Outlook



#### **INVESTMENT PIPELINE**

Ligand's Q4 pipeline has over 30+ actionable opportunities representing in excess of \$1B of potential investments



#### **2025 OUTLOOK**

Ligand is well positioned and resourced to close multiple investments in 2025, depending on the size and quality of the opportunities

# Portfolio Update

Commercial Portfolio, Pipeline Progress, & Operational Updates

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## Portfolio Management Process

Ligand's robust process was designed to efficiently manage and identify new opportunities within the company's portfolio of over 90 therapeutic assets

### Approach:

- Ol Align assets to four tiers relative to portfolio contribution
- O2 Assign Ligand Alliance Manager and support team to each asset
- O3 Conduct quarterly portfolio review meetings with the full investment team

### Portfolio Management Objectives



# Qarziba Background





Indication	High-risk neuroblastoma
Phase of Development	Ex-US approval May 2017
Investment Background	Ligand acquired Apeiron Biologics in July 2024 for ~\$100M and received rights to Qarziba royalties
Royalty Rate	Tiered mid-teen royalty
Recent Sales	Recordati reported €176M YTD through Q3 2024 for Oncology franchise (17% growth vs. the same period in 2023)

## Qarziba Updates

# Product Value Proposition

- Very high unmet need in rare pediatric indication
- Well-established in ex-US treatment paradigm
- Geographically well-diversified across > 35 countries
- Strong commercial partner in Recordati Rare Disease

#### **Recent News**

- June 2024: Qarziba receives approval in South Korea
- July 2024: Recordati completed Type C meeting with FDA regarding potential BLA path for Qarziba

#### **Key Upcoming Catalysts**

- Mid-2025: Meeting with FDA on further analysis and discussion of additional data for BLA in relapsed/refractory setting
- 2025: Continued geographic expansion

# Ohtuvayre Background





Indication	Maintenance treatment of COPD
Phase of Development	US approval June 2024
Investment Background	Ligand acquired Vernalis in 2018 Ligand acquired additional rights from Ohtuvayre inventors during the course of 2024
Royalty Rate	~3% royalty
Recent Sales	>\$11M in first 4 months following approval

## Ohtuvayre Updates

# Product Value Proposition

- First inhaled product with novel mechanism in over 20 years for COPD
- Addresses high unmet need for patients uncontrolled on current therapies
- Blockbuster sales potential with ~8.6M maintenance treated COPD patients, 50% of whom remain persistently symptomatic
- Potential for indication expansion in non-cystic fibrosis bronchiectasis, cystic fibrosis, asthma, and other respiratory diseases

#### **Recent News**

- June 2024: FDA approval
- Nov 2024: Verona reports \$5.6M in Q3 and > \$5.6M in October 2024 sales
- Nov 2024: Added to GOLD guidelines

#### **Key Upcoming Catalysts**

- Jan 2025: Permanent J-code
- **2025:** Build on strong launch momentum
- 2025: Potential ex-US partnership



# Filspari Background





Indication	Primary Immunoglobulin A Nephropathy (IgAN) Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS)
Phase of Development / Approval Date	<u>IgAN:</u> Full FDA approval September 2024 <u>FSGS:</u> Type-C meeting scheduled with FDA
Investment Background	Pharmacopeia acquisition
Royalty Rate	9%
Recent Sales	\$35.6M in Q3 2024 (31% growth from Q2 2024)

### Filspari Updates

# Product Value Proposition

- First and only non-immunosuppressive therapy approved for IgAN, a rare kidney disease that leads to diminished kidney filtering, proteinuria, and progressive kidney function loss
- Potential to be the first FDA approved treatment for FSGS

#### **Recent News**

- **Sept 2024:** FDA full approval and label expansion to slow kidney function decline in adults with IgAN at risk for disease progression
- Oct 2024: PARASOL working group meeting, which recommended a potential proteinuria-based endpoint for FSGS
- Oct 2024: Travere announced it has scheduled a Type C meeting with the FDA to discuss a regulatory pathway in FSGS

#### Key Upcoming Catalysts

- Q12025: Results from FDA Type C meeting on FSGS regulatory path
- 2025: Potential sNDA approval of modification to REMS liver monitoring requirement in IgAN

# Capvaxive Background





Indication	Pneumococcal prophylactic vaccine
Phase of Development / Approval Date	Approved June 2024
Investment Background	Pfenex acquisition (Pelican)
Royalty Rate	Low single-digit
Recent Sales	Launching

### Capvaxive Updates

# Product Value Proposition

- Capvaxive protects against strains that cause 84% of invasive pneumococcal disease vs. just 52% from other pneumococcal conjugate vaccines
- Merck expects Capvaxive will achieve majority market share in the adult setting

#### **Recent News**

- June 2024: CDC's ACIP recommended Capvaxive for all adults age 65+ who have not previously received a pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
- Oct 2024: ACIP voted to expand the age-based recommendations for Capvaxive to all adults 50+

#### **Key Upcoming Catalysts**

• **2025:** Continued commercial launch which began in Q3 2024



### PTX-022 Background

PTX-022

QTORIN™ rapamycin 3.9%



Indication Microcystic Lymphatic Malformations (MLM) Venous Malformations (VM)

Phase of Development / Approval Date

MLM: Phase 3
VM: Phase 2

Investment Background

Project Finance (2018, 2023)
Convertible Note (2024)

Royalty Rate 8 – 9.8%

Recent Sales N/A

### PTX-022 Updates

# Product Value Proposition

- Novel targeted topical therapy, using the QTORIN platform to deliver rapamycin to deep layers of the skin to locally treat a broad spectrum of rare skin diseases
- Breakthrough Therapy Designation
- No FDA-approved therapies indicated for MLM or VM, both rare genetic skin diseases

#### **Recent News**

- July 2024: Palvella and Pieris Pharma announce merger agreement, with \$80M in PIPE financing
- Oct 2024: Palvella awarded grant by FDA Office of Orphan Product Development up to \$2.6M
- Nov 2024: First patient dosed in Phase 3 SELVA trial of PTX-022 for MLM

#### **Key Upcoming Catalysts**

 Q12026: Data readout from Phase 3 SELVA trial

# Ligand Strategy

Captisol & NITRICIL™ Platforms

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## Ligand Captisol IP-Enabling Platform Technology



Acquired through CyDex investment in 2011

Solvent-free, all-aqueous processed modified cyclodextrin to improve formulation solubility and stability

### Captisol Platform Technology Strategic Focus Update



Ol Expand team for growth: Karen Reeves, MD & Ben Perrone, PhD

O2 IP-enabling vs infrastructure-enabling

Leverage and expand upon our partnerships, licenses, & asset management

Advance expanded marketing and outreach

Pursue science and explore opportunities

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### Captisol Overview



#### Infrastructure Light



Ligand owns and operates the Captisol technology platform with a lean and experienced scientific and commercial operational team

Captisol requires only 6 FTEs and ~\$5M of annual operational spend

#### **Broad Applicability**



Captisol addresses a consistent and enduring industry need: formulation solubility and stability

An estimated 40% of small molecule drug candidates have low solubility

#### **IP-Enabling**



Ability to enable licensing of IP: Captisol's recurring customer base generates material revenue, as well as royalty interests in partnered programs

Ligand is entitled to receive royalties ranging from single digit to low double digit on many Captisol enabled products

# Commercially Validated

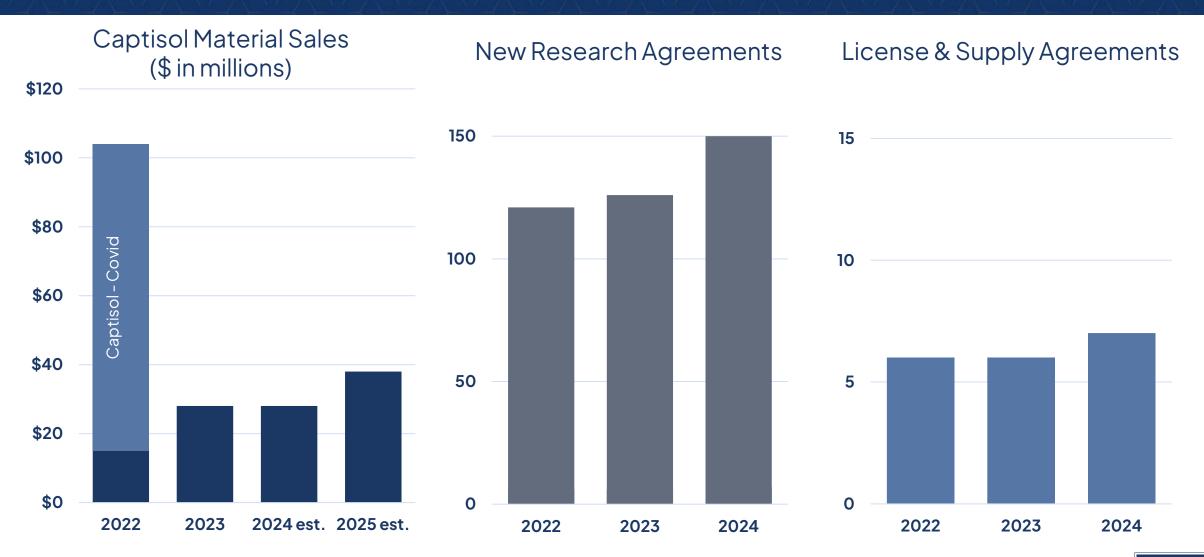


Captisol is used in 16 (15 FDA & 1 Japan) approved products

Clinical and regulatory success, plus a vast safety database, have significantly increased awareness, visibility, and use of the technology, positioning it for growth

# Captisol Material Sales Research, Supply & License Agreements





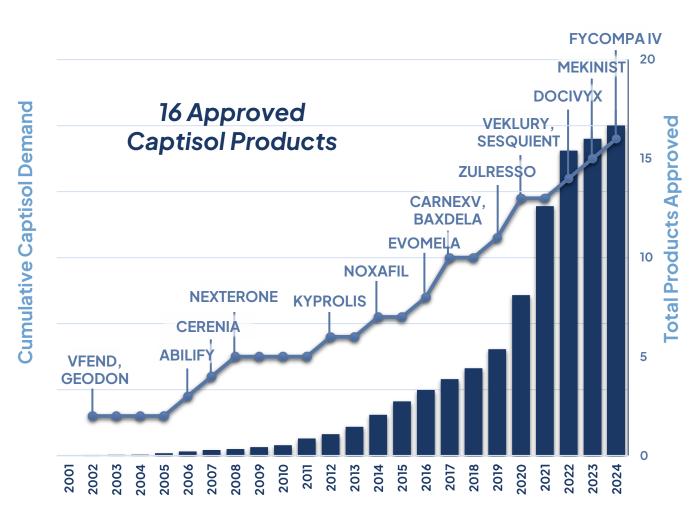
### Captisol Platform Technology



#### Highly productive technology platform

- Significant royalty revenue generated across multiple programs
- Minimal cash operating expense
- Strong breadth of applicability across 16 approved products and many more in clinical development

Ligand continuously focuses on quality, reliability, and customer service



### Pelthos & NITRICIL IP-Enabling Platform





Acquired through Novan investment in 2023

First FDA-approved at-home treatment for molluscum contagiosum



Acquired through Novan investment in 2023

Leverages nitric oxide's naturally occurring antimicrobial and immunomodulatory effects to develop new therapies for unmet medical needs across multiple therapeutic areas



# Zelsuvmi Commercial Positioning & Opportunity

- Pelthos' lead product, Zelsuvmi, is an FDA-approved, novel product for Molluscum contagiosum, a highlyinfectious viral dermatological infection, indicated for patients > 1 year
  - Molluscum affects 17 million patients with an annual incidence of ~6 million patients in the US, primarily children
- Zelsuvmi is the 1<sup>st</sup> and only at-home treatment for molluscum that can be administered by patients, parents or other caregivers rather than by medical professionals in multiple visits to an office or other medical setting
- ~\$200M peak net sales opportunity, which Ligand believes will be exceeded





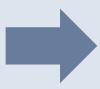
### Pelthos 2024 Accomplishments

Q1 Q2 **Q3 Q4** Validation of 1st Establishment of FDA Approval of Execution of key commercial batches in Zelsuvmi for at-home Pelthos Therapeutics pre-launch process ahead of H1 and Board of Directors commercial activities use in molluscum '25 partnering & launch Zelsuvmi **Zelsuvmi**™ **Pelthos** (berdazimer) topical gel, 10.3% **Therapeutics** 

### NITRICIL<sup>TM</sup> Overview



Infrastructure Light



Ligand owns the NITRICIL platform, which is operated by Pelthos Therapeutics NITRICIL can be leveraged as desired, enabling cost and time efficient product candidate development and manufacturing

**Broad Applicability** 



Nitric oxide platform allows for tunable dosing, permitting an adjustable drug release profile to allow proprietary formulations that target a broad range of indications

**Enabling** 



NITRICIL's capability to generate multiple therapeutic products generates royalty interests for Ligand on any commercialized programs, including Zelsuvmi

Commercially Validated



NITRICIL is leveraged in 1 FDA approved product, Zelsuvmi

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Clinical development success positions the NITRICIL platform well for future expansions into other skin conditions

# **Closing Remarks**

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## Ligand's Future Is Bright

- The New Ligand Business Model:
  - **Diversified Growth:** Strong foundation of ~90 partnerships to build upon
  - Compounding Growth: Our cash flow is reinvested, compounding our growth over time
  - Uncapped Growth: Unique investment strategy in a very large market where demand for capital is well is excess of supply
  - Favorable Operating Leverage: Lean corporate cost structure scales into a very large business opportunity
  - Advantageous Business Model: While avoiding the concentration risk and heavy infrastructure requirements
    of the typical biotech business model
- Results oriented focus:
  - Royalties projected to grow at a CAGR > 20% from 2024 to 2029



# Investor & Analyst Q&A

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