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### Can-Fite BioPharma Ltd. (NYSE/CANF)

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### Raising to Buy from Neutral – \$6.0 Price Target

We are raising our rating to Buy from Neutral on what is principally a "valuation call". Can-Fite has fallen in 2023 and is reaching new lows at a time when Piclidenoson (now in a pivotal trial – moderate to severe psoriasis) is about to enter a second trial. Namodenoson is also in a pivotal study for liver cancer, The company reported \$8M in cash & equivalents at year's end.

## **Investment Highlights:**

Piclidenoson Plan: Can-Fite announced that the company has submitted registration plans for both the EMA and FDA and received back from AMA the "go-ahead". These plans include final efficacy and safety results from Can-Fite's COMFORT Phase III study and the protocol for the Company's upcoming pivotal trial together with a request for registration advice from the regulators. Current chemistry, manufacturing, and controls (CMC), nonclinical data, and human pharmacokinetic data are also included. Recall that Can-Fite reported topline results from the COMFORT study which met its primary endpoint, demonstrating a statistically significant improvement over placebo in psoriasis patients and an excellent safety profile for Piclidenoson. The data point towards a better safety profile for Piclidenoson as compared to Otezla, the leading oral therapy for psoriasis on the market today, as Otezla induced: 1) gastro-intestinal adverse events in 6% of patients compared with 1% in patients treated with placebo or Piclidenoson; and 2) 9.9% nervous system disorders in the Otezla vs. 0.7% in the Piclidenoson treated patients.

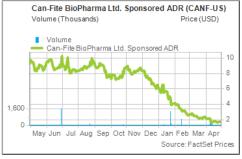
Namodenoson: Can-Fite has received agreement from both the U.S. FDA and European Medicines Agency (EMA) on its pivotal liver cancer study which is now open for enrollment. Namodenoson has Orphan Drug status with both the FDA and EMA, as well as Fast Track Status with the FDA for the treatment of HCC. The double-blind, placebocontrolled trial plans to enroll 450 patients diagnosed with HCC and underlying CPB7 through clinical sites worldwide. Patients will be randomized to oral treatment with either 25 mg Namodenoson or a matching placebo given twice daily.

**Valuation.** We evaluate Piclidenoson in Psoriasis, Namodenoson in HCC, and NAFLD. We apply a probability of success factor in these patient-based models. These metrics then flow into our valuation models. For Can-Fite, we use a 30% discount rate (in addition to the risk rate), as Can-Fite is not yet profitable, and most of the products are still dependent on the outcome of the clinical trials. Our valuation conclusion is an equally weighted average of our FCFF, EPS, and sum-of-the-parts analysis. We use a projected fully diluted end-year share count and assume multiple raises which results in our model.

Risks to our thesis include the following: (1) commercial; (2) regulatory; (3) clinical; (4) manufacturing; (5) financial; (6) liability; and (7) intellectual property.



Source: Can-Fite		
Stock Data		
52-Week Range	\$1.52 -	\$11.20
Shares Outstanding (mil.)		4.1
Market Capitalization (mil	.)	\$7.1
Enterprise Value (mil.)		-\$3.0
Debt to Capital		0.0%
Book Value/Share		\$45.18
Price/Book		3.7
Average Three Months Tra	ading Volume (M)	0.0
Insider Ownership		-
Institutional Ownership		1.2%
Short interest (mil.)		1.4%
Dividend / Yield		\$0.00/0.0%





### **Exhibit 1. Income Statement**

Can-Fite Biopharma.: Income Statement (\$000)												
.: YE December 31	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Revenue:	2,032	763	853	810								
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Rheumatoid Arthritis U.S.	_,-,			-	-	_	_	_	_	_	-	-
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Rheumatoid Arthritis EU				_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Psoriasis U.S.				_	_	_	_	_	53,044	110,375	172,251	238,947
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Psoriasis EU				_	_	_	_	_	51,199	106,536	166,260	230,635
Namodenoson HCC U.S.				_	_	_	8,261	17,189	26,825	37,212	48,394	60,419
Namodenoson HCC EU				_	-	_	11,543	24,019	37,484	51,998	67,624	84,427
Namodenoson NASH/NAFLD U.S.				_	-	_	-	-	_	-	-	
Namodenoson NASH/NAFLD EU				_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	-
Total Product Sales	2,032	763	853	810	_	_	19,804	41,208	168,553	306,121	454,529	614,428
Milestone From Gebro Holdings	_,						, , , , , ,	,	,		,	
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Rheumatoid Arthritis U.S.												
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership												
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Rheumatoid Arthritis EU												
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership												
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Psoriasis U.S.							_		13,261	27,594	43,063	59,737
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership									26%	26%	26%	26%
Piclidenoson (CF-101), Psoriasis EU							_		13,261	27,594	43,063	59,737
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership									26%	26%	26%	26%
Namodenoson HCC U.S.							2,065	4,297	6,706	9,303	12,099	15,105
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership							25%	25%	25%	25%	25%	25%
Namodenoson HCC EU							2,886	6,485	10,121	14,040	18,258	22,795
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership							25%	27%	27%	27%	27%	27%
Namodenoson NASH/NAFLD U.S.												
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership												
Namodenoson NASH/NAFLD EU				_	_						_	_
Royalty Rate from Global Partnership												
Total royalties, collaborative revenue												
Total Revenue	2,032	763	853	810	-	-	4,951	10,782	43,349	78,530	116,482	157,373
Expenses:												
Partnership Costs including COGS	-	-	-	-	-	-	990	2,060	8,428	15,306	22,726	30,721
%CO				0%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Research and Development	10,976	11,951	9,850	7,763	7,918	8,077	8,238	8,403	8,571	8,742	8,917	9,096
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General and Administrative	3,059	2,951	3,845	3,143	12,000	12,600	13,230	13,892	14,586	15,315	16,081	16,885
%SG	&A											
Total Expenses	14,035	14,902	13,695	10,906	19,918	20,677	22,458	24.355	31,585	39,364	47,725	56,702
Operating Income (Loss)	(12,003)	(14,139)	(12,842)	(10,096)	(19,918)	(20,677)	(17,507)	(13,572)	11,765	39,166	68,758	100,671
Finance expenses	693	(,)	(,)	(,,	(,,	(==,=,	(,,	(,)	,		,	,
Finance income	3,109	(304)	227	(77)								
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Total Other Income	2,416	(304)	227	(77)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pretax Income	(9,587)	(13,835)	(12,615)	(10,173)	(19,918)	(20,677)	(17,507)	(13,572)	11,765	39,166	68,758	100,671
Taxes on income												
Taxes		(715)	(2,590)			(1,034)	(1,401)	-	588	3,917	11,001	25,168
Remeasurement loss from defined benefit plans			1									
Tax Rate			l			0%	0%	0%	5%	10%	16%	25%
GAAP Net Income (Loss)	(9,587)	(14,443)	(12,615)	(10,173)	(19,918)	(20,677)	(17,507)	(13,572)	11,176	35,250	57,756	75,503
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GAAP-EPS	(1.77)	(1.02)	(0.58)	(0.28)	(3.33)	(1.84)	(1.37)	(1.06)	0.87	2.72	4.44	5.78
GAAP-EPS												
GAAP-EPS (Dil)	(1.35)	(0.48)	(0.33)	(0.13)	(1.89)	(1.15)	(0.87)	(0.67)	0.55	1.73	2.83	3.68
	(1.35) 5,833	(0.48) 17,191	(0.33) 21,416	(0.13) 37,202	(1.89) 5,977	(1.15) 11,258	(0.87) 12,807	(0.67) 12,858	0.55 12,910	1.73 12,962	2.83 13,014	3.68 13,066

Source: Dawson James Securities estimates, company reports



#### **Risk Analysis**

In addition to the typical risks associated with development-stage specialty pharmaceutical companies, potential risks specific to Can-Fite are as follows:

**Financial risk.** The Company may need to raise capital in the marketplace, and there can be no assurances that the Company will be able to successfully raise capital and/or do so on favorable terms.

Clinical and regulatory risk. Lead products must start and complete clinical trials. Trials may not produce results sufficient for regulatory approval.

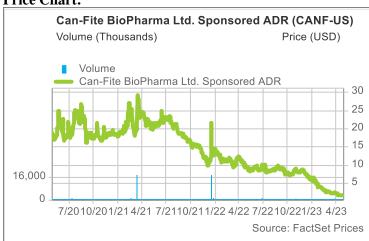
**Partnership risk.** Can-Fite may seek partnerships for clinical development support and commercialization. We have no specific knowledge of any discussions with possible partners today, and there can be no assurances that the Company will be able to secure a favorable partnership.

**Commercial risk.** There are no assurances that the Company will be able to secure favorable pricing, commercially launch products, and achieve significant market share to become profitable.

**Legal and intellectual property risk.** The Company may have to defend its patents and technical know-how, and there can be no assurances that the patents will not be infringed or will be held as valid if challenged, and or that the Company may infringe on third parties' patents.

### **Important Disclosures:**

#### **Price Chart:**



#### Price target and rating changes over the past three years:

Initiated – Buy – December 13, 2018 – Price Target \$7

Update - Buy - March 26, 2019 - Price Target \$6

Update - Buy - May 21, 2019 - Price Target \$9 (adjusted down after reverse stock split).

Update – Buy – August 7, 2019 – Price Target \$9

Update – Buy – September 11, 2019 – Price Target \$9

Update - Buy - September 18, 2019 - Price Target \$9

Update – Buy – September 23, 2019 – Price Target \$9

Update – Buy – October 15, 2019 – Price Target \$9

Update - Buy - October 31, 2019 - Price Target \$9

Update - Buy - November 4, 2019 - Price Target \$9

Update – Buy – December 2, 2019 – Price Target \$9

Update - Buy - December 11, 2019 - Price Target \$9

Update – Buy – February 3, 2020 – Price Target \$9

Update - Buy - February 19, 2020 - Price Target \$9



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Update – Buy – March 5, 2020 – Price Target $9
Update - Buy - April 13, 2020 - Price Target $9
Update - Buy - April 20, 2020 - Price Target $9
Update - Buy - May 19, 2020 - Price Target $9
Update – Buy – June 1, 2020 – Price Target $9
Update - Buy - June 9, 2020 - Price Target $9
PT Change – Buy – June 10, 2020 – Price Target lowered from $9 to $7.0
Update - Buy - June 30, 2020 - Price Target $7
Update - Buy - July 30, 2020 - Price Target $7
Update - Buy - August 31, 2020 - Price Target $7
PT Change – Buy – October 6, 2020 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – November 16, 2020 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - December 1, 2020 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – January 25, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – February 23, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – March 5, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - March 29, 2021 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – April 22, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - April 29, 2021 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – May 27, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – June 4, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - July 8, 2021 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – August 27, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – December 7, 2021 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - December 20, 2021 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - January 5, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - January 31, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - March 8, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – March 25, 2022 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – May 26, 2022 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - June 29, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - July 11, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - August 22, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - August 23, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – September 1, 2022 – Price Target $5
Update - Buy - September 12, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - September 21, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update - Buy - October 14, 2022 - Price Target $5
Update – Buy – October 25, 2022 – Price Target $5
Update – Buy – November 29, 2022 – Price Target $5
Price Target Change – Buy – December 12, 2022 – Price Target $8
Update – Buy – December 28, 2022 – Price Target $8
Rating Change - Buy to Neutral - January 3, 2023 - Price Target NA
Update - Neutral - January 12, 2023 - Price Target NA
Update - Neutral - March 14, 2023 - Price Target NA
Update - Neutral - April 10, 2023 - Price Target NA
Rating Change – Neutral to Buy – May 1, 2023 – Price Target $6.0
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	Company Coverage		Investment Banking	
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Ratings Distribution	# of Companies	% of Total	# of Companies	Totals
Market Outperform (Buy)	26	72%	2	6%
Market Perform (Neutral)	10	28%	1	3%
Market Underperform (Sell)	0	0%	0	0%
Total	36	100%	3	9%

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