

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549
Form 10-K

(Mark One)

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number: 001-35299



ALKERMES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

Connaught House
1 Burlington Road
Dublin 4, Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

98-1007018
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

(Zip code)

+353-1-772-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Ordinary shares, \$0.01 par value
Title of each class

Nasdaq Global Select Market
Name of each exchange on which registered

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files): Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§ 229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the registrant's ordinary shares held by non-affiliates of the registrant (without admitting that any person whose shares are not included in such calculation is an affiliate) computed by reference to the price at which the ordinary shares were last sold as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter was \$8,819,125,952.

As of February 2, 2018, 156,144,366 ordinary shares were issued and outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the definitive proxy statement for our 2018 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This document contains and incorporates by reference “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). In some cases, these statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “may,” “will,” “could,” “should,” “would,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “continue,” “believe,” “plan,” “estimate,” “intend,” or other similar words. These statements discuss future expectations, and contain projections of results of operations or of financial condition, or state trends and known uncertainties or other forward-looking information. Forward-looking statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K (“Annual Report”) include, without limitation, statements regarding:

- our expectations regarding our financial performance, including revenues, expenses, gross margins, liquidity, capital expenditures and income taxes;
- our expectations regarding our products, including the development, regulatory (including expectations about regulatory filing, regulatory approval and regulatory timelines), therapeutic and commercial scope and potential of such products and the costs and expenses related thereto;
- our expectations regarding the initiation, timing and results of clinical trials of our products;
- our expectations regarding the competitive landscape, and changes therein, related to our products, including our development programs, and our industry generally;
- our expectations regarding the financial impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations and valuations;
- our expectations regarding future amortization of intangible assets;
- our expectations regarding our collaborations, licensing arrangements and other significant agreements with third parties relating to our products, including our development programs;
- our expectations regarding the impact of new legislation and related regulations, including the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, and the adoption of new accounting pronouncements;
- our expectations regarding near-term changes in the nature of our market risk exposures or in management’s objectives and strategies with respect to managing such exposures;
- our ability to comply with restrictive covenants of our indebtedness and our ability to fund our debt service obligations;
- our expectations regarding future capital requirements and capital expenditures and our ability to finance our operations and capital requirements; and
- other factors discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

Actual results might differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements because these forward-looking statements are subject to risks, assumptions and uncertainties. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Annual Report. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning the matters addressed in this Annual Report and attributable to us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements contained or referred to in this section. Except as required by applicable law or regulation, we do not undertake any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In light of these risks, assumptions and uncertainties, the forward-looking events discussed in this Annual Report might not occur. For more information regarding the risks and uncertainties of our business, see “Item 1A—Risk Factors” in this Annual Report.

This Annual Report includes data that we obtained from industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies. Industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies generally indicate that their information has been obtained from sources believed to be reliable, although they do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of such information. This Annual Report also includes data based on our own internal estimates and research. Our internal estimates and research have not been verified by any independent source, and, while we believe the industry publications and third-party research, surveys and studies are reliable, we have not independently verified such data. Such third-party data and our internal estimates and research are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in “Item 1A—Risk Factors” in this Annual Report. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates included in this Annual Report.

NOTE REGARDING COMPANY AND PRODUCT REFERENCES

Use of the terms such as “us,” “we,” “our,” “Alkermes” or the “Company” in this Annual Report is meant to refer to Alkermes plc and its consolidated subsidiaries. Except as otherwise suggested by the context, (a) references to

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“products” or “our products” in this Annual Report include our marketed products, marketed products using our proprietary technologies, our product candidates, product candidates using our proprietary technologies, development products and development products using our proprietary technologies, (b) references to the “biopharmaceutical industry” in this Annual Report are intended to include reference to the “biotechnology industry” and/or the “pharmaceutical industry” and (c) references to “licensees” are used interchangeably with references to “partners.”

NOTE REGARDING TRADEMARKS

We are the owner of various United States (“U.S.”) federal trademark registrations (“®”) and other trademarks (“™”), including ALKERMES[®], ARISTADA[®], CODAS[®], IPDAS[®], LinkeRx[®], MXDAS[®], NanoCrystal[®], SECA[™], SODAS[®], VERELAN[®] and VIVITROL[®].

The following are trademarks of the respective companies listed: ABILIFY[®] and ABILIFY MAINTENA[®]—Otsuka Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (“Otsuka Pharm. Co.”); AMPYRA[®], FAMPYRA[®]—Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. (“Acorda”); ANTABUSE[®]—Teva Women’s Health, Inc.; AUBAGIO[®] and LEMTRADA[®]—Sanofi Societe Anonyme France; AVONEX[®], PLEGRIDY[®], TECFIDERA[®], and TYSABRI[®]—Biogen MA Inc. (together with its affiliates, “Biogen”); BETASERON[®]—Bayer Pharma AG; BUNAVAIL[™]—BioDelivery Sciences; BYDUREON[®] and BYETTA[®]—Amylin Pharmaceuticals, LLC (“Amylin”); BYDUREON BCise[™]—AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP;—CAMPRAL[®]—Merck Sante; COPAXONE[®]—Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.; FOCALIN XR[®], EXTAVIA[®], GILENYA[®] and RITALIN LA[®]—Novartis AG; INVEGA SUSTENNA[®], RISPERDAL CONSTA[®] INVEGA TRINZA[®], TREVICTA[®] and XEPLION[®]—Johnson & Johnson (or its affiliates); NOVANTRONE[®] and REBIF[®]—Ares Trading S.A.; OCREVUS[®]—Genentech, Inc. (“Genentech”); SUBOXONE[®], SUBUTEX[®] and SUBLOCADE[®]—Indivior plc; TRICOR[®]—Fournier Industrie et Sante Corporation; VICTOZA[®]—Novo Nordisk A/S LLC; ZOHYDRO[™]—Zogenix, Inc.; ZUBSOLV[®]—Orexo US, Inc.; and TRULICITY[®], ZYPREXA[®] and ZYPREXA[®] RELPREVV[®]—Eli Lilly and Company. Other trademarks, trade names and service marks appearing in this Annual Report are the property of their respective owners. Solely for convenience, the trademarks and trade names in this Annual Report are referred to without the ® and ™ symbols, but such references should not be construed as any indicator that their respective owners will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, their rights thereto.

PART I

Item 1. Business

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ significantly from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements. See “Cautionary Note Concerning Forward-Looking Statements” on page 3 of this Annual Report. Factors that might cause future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in “Item 1A—Risk Factors” and elsewhere in this Annual Report.



Overview

Alkermes plc is a fully integrated, global biopharmaceutical company that applies its scientific expertise and proprietary technologies to research, develop and commercialize, both with partners and on its own, pharmaceutical products that are designed to address unmet medical needs of patients in major therapeutic areas. Alkermes has a diversified portfolio of marketed drug products and a clinical pipeline of products that address central nervous system (“CNS”) disorders such as schizophrenia, depression, addiction and multiple sclerosis (“MS”). Headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, Alkermes has a research and development (“R&D”) center in Waltham, Massachusetts; an R&D and manufacturing facility in Athlone, Ireland; and a manufacturing facility in Wilmington, Ohio.

Marketed Products

The key marketed products discussed below are expected to generate significant revenues for us. Refer to the “Patents and Proprietary Rights” section of this Annual Report for information with respect to the intellectual property protection for these marketed products.

Summary information regarding our proprietary products:

Product	Indication(s)	Licensee	Territory
 ARISTADA [®] aripiprazole lauroxil extended-release injectable suspension 441 mg · 662 mg · 882 mg · 1064 mg	Schizophrenia	None	Commercialized by Alkermes in the U.S.
 Vivitrol [®] (maltrexone for extended-release injectable suspension) 380 mg/vial	Alcohol dependence and Opioid dependence	None Cilag GmbH International (“Cilag”)	Commercialized by Alkermes in the U.S. Russia and Commonwealth of Independent States (“CIS”)

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