

# **TERN PLC**SOFTWARE AND COMPUTER SERVICES

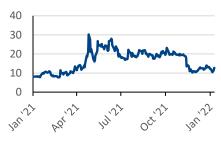
1 February 2022

### TERN.L

12.8p

Market Cap: £44.8m

# SHARE PRICE (p)



30.3p/7.7p

Source: LSE Data

12m high/low

KEY DATA	
Net (Debt)/Cash	£0.4m (at 30/06/21)
Enterprise value	£44.4m
Index/market	AIM
Next news	Full Year, March '22
Shares in Issue (m)	351.6
Chairman	lan Ritchie
Chief Executive	Albert E Sisto
Finance Director	Sarah Pavne

### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Tern predominantly invests in software companies, with proven technology, based in the UK but with global ambition.

www.ternplc.com

TERN PLC IS A RESEARCH CLIENT OF PROGRESSIVE

## **ANALYSTS**

# **Gareth Evans**

+44 (0) 20 7781 5301

gevans@progressive-research.com



+44 (0) 20 7781 5303

tstarmer@progressive-research.com



# £1.59m Talking Medicines fundraise at material valuation uplift

Tern's portfolio company Talking Medicines, the digital health data company, has announced a successful £1.59m fundraise at a significant uplift to Tern's book valuation. The announcement demonstrates the success of the group's investment strategy, delivering value from the portfolio and reducing dependence on Tern for future funding. Tern's holding in Talking Medicines' equity has increased from 23.4% to 23.8%, with a book value of £1.79m, up 62% on the amount invested by Tern since November 2020.

- Tern invested £0.4m in the syndicated £1.59m fundraise, with £1.19m coming from Boston-based life science investor Mark Bamforth, alongside existing investors including the Scottish Investment Bank (Scottish Enterprise's investment arm) and SIS Ventures.
- Talking Medicines has continued the roll-out of its PatientMetRx® platform, which provides a systematic measure of the patient experience of medicines. The raise will provide funding for the next stage of development and planned expansion into the US. Talking Medicines has already established an office in New Jersey, with a view to recruiting a US-based sales team.
- The string of recent fundraisings announced by Tern will help its portfolio companies grow monthly recurring revenues, a key metric used in exit valuations, which should in turn help to maximise shareholder value. In late 2021, Tern introduced a strategic investor to Device Authority and also undertook a value-enhancing syndicated funding round for Konektio (previously INVMA).

This portfolio company fundraise forms part of Tern's strong focus on maximising shareholder value and, in our view, is a positive signal of success. We expect significant developments for Talking Medicines in 2022 through expansion of its PatientMetRx® subscription base amongst pharma brand teams and pharma marketing agencies.

We also look forward to news flow more broadly on the progress of the other portfolio companies during 2022, as Tern continues to build on its position as a leading investment company in the highly attractive IoT sector.

# **INVESTEE COMPANIES**



Wyld Networks

FUNDAMENTAL VR KONEKTIO



Source: Company Information

### **Disclaimers and Disclosures**

Copyright 2022 Progressive Equity Research Limited ("PERL"). All rights reserved. Progressive's research is commissioned by the subject company under contract and is freely available to the public and all institutional investors. Progressive does not offer investors the ability to trade securities. Our publications should not, therefore, be considered an inducement under MiFID II regulations. PERL provides professional equity research services, and the companies researched pay a fee in order for this research to be made available. This report has been commissioned by the subject company and prepared and issued by PERL for publication in the United Kingdom only. All information used in the publication of this report has been compiled from publicly available sources that are believed to be reliable; however, PERL does not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this report. Opinions contained in this report represent those of the research department of PERL at the time of publication, and any estimates are those of PERL and not of the companies concerned unless specifically sourced otherwise. PERL is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) of the United Kingdom (registration number 697355).

This document is provided for information purposes only, and is not a solicitation or inducement to buy, sell, subscribe, or underwrite securities or units. Investors should seek advice from an Independent Financial Adviser or regulated stockbroker before making any investment decisions. PERL does not make investment recommendations. Any valuation given in a research note is the theoretical result of a study of a range of possible outcomes, and not a forecast of a likely share price. PERL does not undertake to provide updates to any opinions or views expressed in this document.

This document has not been approved for the purposes of Section 21(2) of the Financial Services & Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom. It has not been prepared in accordance with the legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research. It is not subject to any prohibition on dealing ahead of the dissemination of investment research.

PERL does not hold any positions in the securities mentioned in this report. However, PERL's directors, officers, employees and contractors may have a position in any or related securities mentioned in this report. PERL or its affiliates may perform services or solicit business from any of the companies mentioned in this report.

The value of securities mentioned in this report can fall as well as rise and may be subject to large and sudden swings. In addition, the level of marketability of the shares mentioned in this report may result in significant trading spreads and sometimes may lead to difficulties in opening and/or closing positions. It may be difficult to obtain accurate information about the value of securities mentioned in this report. Past performance is not necessarily a guide to future performance.

# **Breadth of coverage**

# Financials Financials Healthcare Industrials Investment Trusts Mining Oil & Gas Property Retail Technology Telecoms Utilities

# **Analyst calibre**



with average experience of over

20 years



