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Update on Artios Pharma

RTW Biotech Opportunities Ltd (the "Company"), the London Stock Exchange-listed investment company focused on identifying transformative assets with high growth potential across the life sciences sector, is pleased to note the announcement by one of its private portfolio companies, **Artios Pharma** ("Artios"), of encouraging data in its ongoing Phase 1/2a study of lead candidate, ART0380.

Artios is a private UK-based pharmaceutical company whose mission is to develop new classes of medicines that exploit DNA damage response (DDR) pathways with the aim of improving outcomes for patients with hard-to-treat cancers. The Company first invested in Artios' Series C round in 2021 and subsequently increased its position significantly when it acquired the assets of Arix Bioscience in 2024. As at 31 March 2025, Artios represented 5.3% of the Company's NAV.

In an Artios presentation at the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) Annual Meeting 2025 in Chicago, ART0380 in combination with low-dose irinotecan was shown to demonstrate a 50% confirmed overall response rate (cORR) in patients with Ataxia-Telangiectasia Mutated (ATM)-negative¹ solid tumors at the recommended Phase 2 dose.

With ART0380, Artios is pursuing a differentiated clinical development path by selectively targeting the protein kinase Ataxia telangiectasia and Rad3-related (ATR) that plays a key role in the cellular response to replication stress, a process that can occur via chemotherapy. Artios' approach exploits replication stress to kill cancer cells through triple targeting: selecting cancers with high replication stress, inducing further replication stress with a low dose of irinotecan, and preventing cellular rescue by inhibiting ATR with ART0380.

Rod Wong, CIO of RTW Investments aid, "We are thrilled to see the promising results from the STELLA Phase 1/2a study of ART0380. The innovative approach of combining ART0380 with low-dose irinotecan to amplify replication stress is groundbreaking and validates Artios' unique strategy in targeting DNA damage response mechanisms. These unprecedented results not only highlight the potential of ART0380 to significantly improve patient outcomes but also reinforce our confidence in Artios' leadership in the field of targeted oncology. We were an early investor in Artios and materially increased our position through the Arix transaction. We look forward to the continued development and expansion of this promising therapy."

The full text of the announcement can be read at <u>https://artios.com</u>.

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