



# Sygnature Discovery Overview

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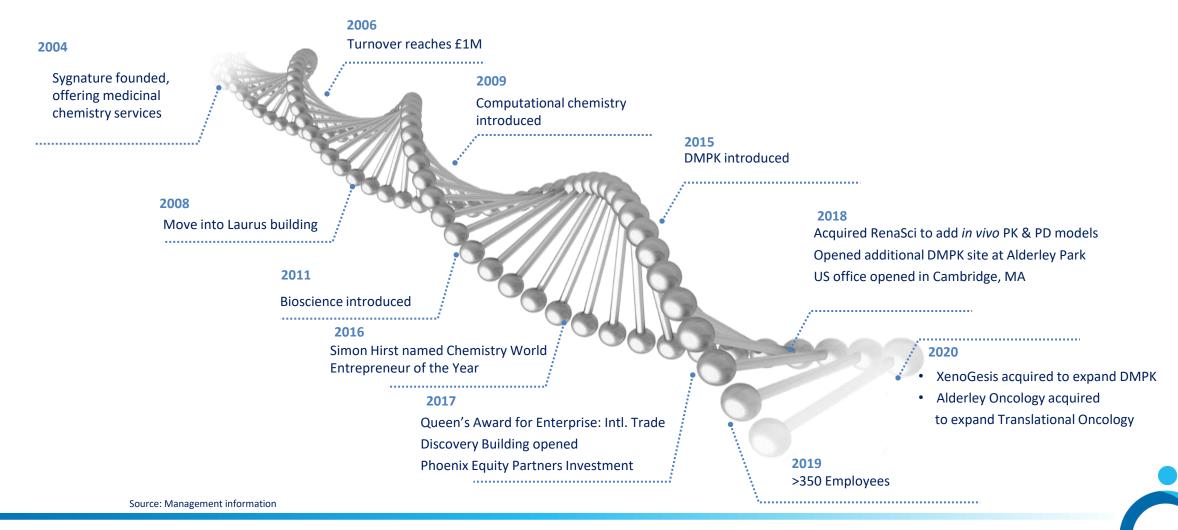


# **Company Overview**

- Founded in 2004 at BioCity (Nottingham, UK)
- Provide high-quality, co-located, integrated drug discovery and pre-clinical resource and expertise to:
  - Major pharma companies
  - VC-backed biotechs
  - Not-for-profit organisations
- >80% of scientists have PhDs and considerable pharmaceutical industry R&D experience
- Strong track record of success for our clients:
  - 33 compounds into pre-clinical development since 2011
  - 16 compounds have advanced into the clinic (Phases I, II and III)
  - 134 client patents which have Sygnature scientists as named inventors
- Private equity-backed (Phoenix Equity Partners) since September 2017
  - Sygnature's senior management team are co-investors
  - Financially very stable
  - Investment funding acquisitions and expansion of capabilities and capacity



# Company Timeline: Highlights







Dr Simon Hirst Chief Executive Officer

**AstraZeneca & OSI Pharmaceuticals** 

Dr Paul Clewlow Senior VP, Business Development

**Pharmaceutical Profiles & Argenta Discovery** 

Mrs Victoria Tabiner Chief Financial Officer Ethiprint & Tui Travel

**Dr Jonathan Williams Chief Operating Officer** 

**Aston Molecules & OSI Pharmaceuticals** 









Prof Andy Black Chairman

King's College London, MedInnovate & Kinapse

Mr Kevin Keck Non-Executive Director Phoenix Equity Partners

Mr Barry Robinson Non-Executive Director Phoenix Equity Partners









## **Our Characteristics**



### Consistent focus on delivering high quality, innovative science

 Highly-experienced teams providing problem-solving resource and intellectual input into clients' drug discovery programmes



### **Transparent communications with clients on project progress**

- Dedicated Project / Study Leader for each research project
- Rapid identification of potential issues and possible re-design solutions
- Open dialogue to ensure agreement on best route forward for project



#### **Excellent track record of success**

- 33 compounds advance into pre-clinical development
- 16 compounds have moved into the clinic (Phases I, II and III)
- RenaSci facilitated >30 NCEs into clinical development and 10 drugs to market



## Highly-motivated and well-trained staff

- Scientists recruited across the world (EU, USA, Canada, India, China, Japan and Australasia)
- Dynamic mix of youth and experience; training the next generation of drug-hunters
- Low turn-over in employees ensures client continuity and IP security





## 'State-of-the-Art' Facilities

## **BioCity (Nottingham, UK)**

- Current building occupancy:
  - Discovery Building (purpose-built 2017)
  - Laurus Building (since 2008)
  - Innovation Building (since 2018)
- 'State-of-the-art' laboratories, latest equipment to accelerate clients' research and functionally-mixed to maximise interaction between service-offerings





## **Alderley Park (near Manchester, UK)**

- Opened new DMPK lab (Oct 2018)
- Acquisition of Alderley Oncology (May 2020)
- Plan to grow our chemistry and biology foot print in 2021





Designed for maximal scientific interaction and integrated drug discovery



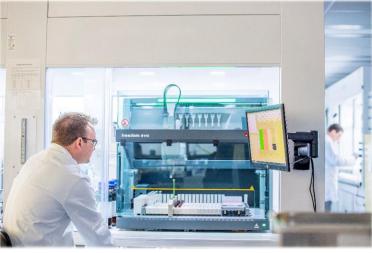














# Scope of our Integrated Services

## **Drug Discovery -> Pre-clinical**

## **Target Validation**

- Reproducing key literature experiments to confirm isolated reports
- Demonstration of target engagements and mechanism of action

### **Hit Identification**

- FBDD screening
- SPR, MST, NMR, X-ray crystallography
- Fragment Library
- HTS
- Cellular and biochemical
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- Biophysics, highcontent imaging, phenotypic and radiometric assays
- Virtual screening
- Commercial & Sygnature HTC-enabled virtual libraries

### **Hit-to-Lead**

- Hit Validation and ADMET profiling
- High Throughput Chemistry (HTC)
- Structure-based drug discovery
- Fast Follower –
   Knowledge based approaches
- Ligand based scaffold hopping (Brood, Sygnature scaffolds)

## **Lead Optimisation**

- Early DMPK profiling
- In vitro and in vivo
- Efficient design-maketest-analyse cycle
- Innovative chemistry to enable synthesis of complex target molecules
- In vivo efficacy, PK/PD and dose in man predictions

## **Translational Biology**

- Biomarker validation
- Gene Expression,
   Phosphoproteins, Cytokines,
   Neurotransmitters, Brain
   Microdialysis
- In vivo pharmacology
- Oncology
- Immuno-oncology
- Obesity
- Diabetes
- Drug abuse and addiction
- NASH and liver disease
- Kidney disease
- CNS disorders
- Rodent PK



# **Broad Drug Discovery Experience**

- Therapeutic Areas
  - Oncology
  - Immuno-oncology
  - Inflammation and Immunology
  - Respiratory
  - Neuroscience
  - Anti-infectives
  - Orphan diseases
  - Diabetes
  - Obesity
  - NASH and Kidney Disease
  - Drug abuse/dependence



- Biological Targets
  - Kinases
  - GPCRs
  - Epigenetic
  - Ion channels
  - NHRs
  - Proteases
  - PPIs

## Why is Sygnature different?

- In-depth disease area expertise and learning:
  - 300+ scientists (>80% PhD) + significant drug discovery expertise
  - Open and positive company culture
  - Pro-active problem-solving and data interpretation to drive decision-making and project progression
- Optimally-sized for drug research project delivery to clients:
  - Integrated & co-located project teams to deliver world-class science
  - Financially stable profits re-invested into growing the business
  - Direct and immediate local communication and interaction
- Reduced managerial overheads:
  - Integrated logistics and senior management oversight
  - Enhanced value for money by liberating internal resource within clients
- Track record of success for clients from the lab bench to the clinic:
  - 31 pre-clinical candidates
  - 16 candidate drugs in the clinic (Phases I, II and III)





# An Award Winning Company





1000 Europe's Fastest Growing Companies









Winner – Best CRO 2017 Finalist – Best CRO 2019



AWARDS 2018





Victoria Tabiner, CFO Female Executive of the Year









# Sygnature Group Summary

 UK-based independent provider of top quality integrated drug discovery and preclinical services

 Considerable scientific experience is structured to efficiently provide rapid problem solving input into clients' drug discovery and pre-clinical development projects

- Technically-advanced capabilities across a range of 'hot' therapeutic areas
- Excellent track record of success for our clients
  - Sygnature: 15 compounds in clinical studies (Phases I, II and III)
  - RenaSci: >30 NCEs into clinical development and 10 drugs on the market
- Peer level scientific collaborations which deliver drug candidates in a timely fashion









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