



## This week's additions and highlights

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### 1. SPIN-OFFS

- **MiniMed Group, Inc. (MMED US).** MiniMed recently started trading independently after spinning from Medtronic (MDT). As previously mentioned, this is an interesting spin to keep an eye on, as the unit is ~10% of total revenues but is one of the key growth drivers of the group, and also just a fraction of MDT's market cap. Shares are down c. 6% so far.

### 2. STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES and REVIEWS (potential take-outs, divestments, M&A, etc.) (one year rolling)

- **Roots Corp. (ROOT CN).** Roots has announced a strategic review that could include a full sale of the company. They've hired JPM to look for buyers (basically). Roots has struggled for years, including the 2020 bankruptcy of its US unit and a multiyear plan focused on closing weak stores and rebuilding profitability. Recent results show some modest sales growth. Still decent EBITDA margins (high-teens) and FCF generation, but debt is still annoying while manageable. <5x EV/EBITDA.
- **DSM-Firmenich AG (DSFIR NA).** dsm-firmenich finally sold its ANH unit. While the €2.2bn + €0.5bn earn-out was pretty much in line with what we expected, the market didn't like. Sell the news? Or is the announced buyback too low? Whatever the reason, a reminder that this divestment significantly alters the financial profile of the company, pushing it all to more growth, higher margins, more pricing power. Cyclical headwinds have pushed the share price to strong lows.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026)** A heads-up for the upcoming Investor Day this Thursday, which could be an interesting catalyst. Dsm-firmenich still has to provide its 2026 outlook, and with the current market turmoil on top of an already very weak sentiment, we would not be surprised if the story will be quite bullish.

- **Team Internet Group PLC (TIG LN).** Team Internet (the old Centralvic) launched a strategic review to unlock its SOTP, mentioning it has received ‘multiple approaches’ and is now seeing what offers it can receive for several parts of the business. Management also mentioned that discussions are ongoing for its Domains, Identity & Software arm and that ‘this segment alone could be worth more than the group’s entire current market value’.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) A reminder that TIG is undergoing a strategic review, basically intending to unlock the large SOTP value. The company updated the markets a few months ago, stating that the sale of DIS is progressing well, with TIG reiterating that it expects a value above the current market cap. Meanwhile the rest of the business seems to have stabilized and ready to grow again. In the meantime the shares are down ~12% on the market volatility. Just sayin’.**

- **Theravance Biopharma, Inc. (TBPH US).** Up ~25% since our flag a few months ago, but perhaps even more interesting today. Theravance shares recently dropped almost 30% on the failure of its Phase 3 CYPRESS study. While clearly disappointing, this might create an opportunity with more visibility. The company is now accelerating its strategic review and cutting costs aggressively, shrinking its operations to focus on Yupelri, a growing COPD asset with a long patent life. The cost savings and growing products will push the company to generate \$60-70m cash flow per annum. They expect to have a \$400m net cash position by Q1, with an additional \$100m from Trelegy-related milestones. So, in short, \$500m net cash and an asset generating \$60-70m in cash flow, on a \$690m market cap.

### 3. NOTICEABLE LARGE BUYBACKS & TENDER OFFERS (six months rolling)

- **MFS High Yield Municipal Trust (CMU US).** CMU announced a tender offer of up to 50% of total shares at 99% of NAV (roughly 3% below the current price). It’s a small fund, and we won’t be surprised to see this one merged at some point. To note that Bulldog Investors continues to add to their stake, now at ~16%.
- **MarineMax, Inc. (HZO US).** 4% shareholder Donerail is pushing the company to sell itself or replace the CEO. Perhaps too early, but might be worth keeping an eye once the sector turns. UPDATE (February 17, 2026) Donerail sent MM a letter, reiterating its \$35p/s offer and also pushing to oust the CEO. Nice way to engage in friendly discussions. MarineMax pushed back, arguing that Donerail’s claims are false and misleading. Fight! Fight! Fight!

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) MarineMax announced a \$100m buyback, roughly 17% of its market cap. A reminder that the company has seen activists becoming louder, with recently Levin Cap joining in pushing for board changes.**

- **Shriro Holdings Ltd (SHM AU).** Always happy to flag beer money. The company will repurchase ~25% of shares outstanding at A\$0.81, roughly 4% above the current price. The offering contains an odd-lot provision. Eligibility requires owning shares by March 17, with settlement on May 1.

#### 4. INTERESTING INSIDER & OTHER LARGE PURCHASES (six months rolling)

- **Nozawa Corp. (5237 JP).** Capital Management continues to increase its stake in Nozawa, and is now the #1 shareholder behind the company itself. Pretty clean register. Not much to say here; we get it. Not much growth, but steady profitability and cash flow generation, with over 70% of the market cap in current assets and investments, net of total liabilities. Cheap.
- **ACV Auctions Inc. (ACVA US).** The insider buying behaviour at ACV Auctions remains very interesting. Years of only open market sales, and suddenly its buying time. The heavy selling in the past are no surprise given the relatively large SBC, but operating earnings are inflecting. The company is confident that DD revenue growth can continue, which should push earnings much higher on the back of 50+% gross margins and operating leverage. low teens EV/EBITDA for 40%+ EBITDA growth p.a. over the medium-term; certainly not much if realised.
- **The Korea Fund, Inc. (KF US).** Saba disclosed a 5.1% stake in Korea Fund. You know the drill. Roughly 12% discount to NAV.
- **Barco NV (BAR BB).** The chairman and main shareholder has been aggressively buying stock via its various trading vehicles. He's already at ~30% and if the current valuation stays where it is today (<6x EV/EBITDA and 8-9% FCF yield) we might see a takeout offer sooner rather than later. Barco is an interesting case: not much growth, but coming out of a tough period, very solid products and market shares in some markets (mainly high-end cinema projectors, e.g., iMax is Barco), strong cash flow generation. They recently made a nice acquisition with their cash, moving into the premium consumer space. Logitech is trading at over 13x EV/EBITDA, which arguably makes for the best comp.
- **CS Disco, Inc. (LAW US).** Insiders have been smashing that Buy button recently after the big price correction on AI fears. At first sight, you'd think this one is prime material to be disrupted by AI. But insiders apparently don't think so. Topline growth is accelerating, and at 75%+ gross margins, operating leverage should now come in heavy. Almost 40% of the market cap in net cash, with cash burn close to being mitigated.

#### 5. LIQUIDATIONS

- **Australian Unity Office Fund (AOF AU).** AOF disclosed that it is close to selling what is left of the properties for \$40m, and that they will return cash to shareholders after. The company estimates a \$0.39 NAV vs a share price of \$0.35 today so ~11% gross return for a few months it seems.
- **Star Holdings (STHO US).** Star announced a debt extension and a \$10m buyback (roughly 9% of its market cap). Star is interesting because it owns ~19% of Safehold (SAFE US), worth over \$240m. This compares to Star's market cap of \$107m and \$310m EV.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) It might be STHO time. A reminder that Star is basically a slow-motion liquidation. It was spun out of iStar a few years ago to wind down non-core real estate and now mainly owns development land plus a large stake in Safehold. Progress seems to have accelerated over the past year: assets have been sold above book value, liabilities have been reduced, and buybacks have begun. The next big catalyst is monetizing or spinning off the Safehold stake, which is worth roughly twice Star's market cap. Trading at less than 0.4x BV on the current SAFE stake.**

- **Lithium South Development Corp (LIS CN).** Lithium South signed an agreement to sell its Argentine subsidiary, NRG Metals Argentina (holder of the Hombre Muerto North lithium project and Hydra X/XI claims) to POSCO Argentina for US\$65m plus taxes and closing costs. A shareholder vote is scheduled for February 19, 2026, with a January 5 record date. If approved, Lithium South will redeem all outstanding shares at C\$0.505 per share, returning sale proceeds to investors. Current share price is C\$0.41.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) LIS is redeeming all shares at \$0.505 over the next few weeks. This is still almost 9% gross return in a pretty short timeframe.**

- **Cordoba Minerals Corp (CDB CN).** Cordoba sold its remaining 50% interest in the Alacrán Project (Columbian copper-gold development assets) back in May for US\$88m cash at closing, US\$12m deferred payment and US\$8-28m in contingent payments. It will distribute US\$65-70m within roughly six months after closing, which should happen over the next few months. Not bad for a current market cap of US\$55m.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) Cordoba sold the remaining 50% for US\$128m in cash. The company will retain US\$10m and will pretty much distribute the rest. That's still 15-20% gross upside for a few months. This has already been such a crazy, easy win.**

## 6. NOTABLE 'RUMORS' AND REPORTED INTEREST (one year rolling)

- **Whitestone REIT (WSR US).** Long time shareholder Emmett IM is gearing up for its first proxy fight, seeking board changes over at WSR. The funds is frustrated over the company's capital allocation decisions and governance. WSR rejected a \$15 p/s offer in the recent past (current share price \$12.8). UPDATE (January 6, 2026) Pillerstone is adding to the pressure, calling for a brand new board at the company's annual meeting, and pushing for a full sale or liquidation of the properties.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) Reports are out that Blackstone and TPG are chatting with Whitestone re a buy-out. No surprises here based on the previous action. WSR rejected a previous offer of \$15 p/s, and shares were trading at over \$15 pre-rumor (vs roughly \$15.8 today); seems like an interesting risk-reward.**

- **InMode Ltd. (INMD US).** DOMA Perpetual is a.o. pushing the company to immediately execute a tender offer for 30% of the company and a 10% buyback. InMode is interesting because while growth died out, this is clearly reflected in the valuation (~5x ev/ebitda on FY24e), while cash flow generation is expected to remain extremely strong, which would come on top of a net cash position of ~50% of the market cap. UPDATE (February 10, 2025) Inmode approved another buyback, this time 10%, to be completed over the next 3-6 months. That would be 27% in <15 months. UPDATE (February 10, 2026) InMode confirmed it received an offer from Steel Partners for 51% of the shares at \$18 and is now running a strat review. Just sayin'.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) InMode shares are drifting lower on poor markets but mainly after the company mentioned that it found the takeover proposals inadequate. Interestingly, in the meantime, the CEO and largest shareholder has been adding shares, now at over 6%. Overall strategic review still ongoing.**

## 7. M&A / MERGER ARB (incl. CVRs, SPACs, etc.)

- **Modiv Industrial, Inc. (MDV US)**. Hilarious statement from Modiv Industrial's CEO: "We have managed to increase the dividend as we exert more control over that variable; however, our share price is candidly, and please pardon my language, way too f-cking low. Like 20%, 30%, 40% plus too low. [...] HOWEVER, if we do not think it makes sense to raise capital after we have completed our transformation (because we don't think it will properly increase your net worth), THEN you have my word that I will go to our Board of Directors and recommend that we explore the sale of the company, either in whole or parts, to realize the maximum value to investors."
- **Lisata Therapeutics, Inc. (LSTA US)**. Kuva Labs is offering \$4.00 per share in cash for Lisata, and two CVRs that could add another \$2.00 if certain milestones are hit. No idea here, but with the stock at \$4.07, you're not paying much for the CVRs.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) Improved deal terms on the acquisition by Kuva Labs. Kuva is now offering \$5.0 p/s and a CVR potentially worth \$1.0 per share. Still interesting with the shares trading at \$5.04 p/s.**

## 8. ACTIVIST ACTION (1 year rolling)

- **Monroe Capital Corporation (MRCC US)**. Bulldog Investors (100 points for the name) is calling Monroe to reconsider its merger with Horizon Technology (HRZN) and to review strategic alternatives, mainly selling assets and returning capital (basically calling for a liquidation). Both company's shares have dropped significantly over the past few weeks. MRCC recently reported ~\$7.7 p/s NAV (vs a \$4.2 share price).
- **TKH Group N.V. (TWEKA NA)**. HAL recently crossed the 10% threshold just as long-term holder Janus Henderson exits. That shift looks like weak hands giving way to a patient, strategic owner. Given HAL's history of steadily increasing stakes, and often leading to control or full take-outs, it's reasonable to assume there is more to come. A reminder that TKH recently decided to embark on a huge divestment program, intending to divest Digitization, Electrification and other (non-core) businesses. This is a pretty big deal, with proceeds potentially generating €600-700m, most of which are expected to be invested in buybacks.
- **Humm Group Limited (HUM AU)**. The Abercrombie Group, the family office of Humm Group chairman and founder Andrew Abercrombie, lobbed a \$286m non-binding indicative offer to acquire BNPL company Humm. We know very little about this company but it looks like a pretty low-balled offer. Indeed, activists (i.c.) Raper Capital are opposing the potential deal. Makes sense as Humm seems to be trading at ~5x p/e for pretty decent growth.

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) The company provided an update on the engagement with Credit Corp. Good to see things are moving and the company doing at least something positive without acting like complete noobs. Humm expects the confidentiality agreement with Credit Corp to be executed, and CC to get access to the due diligence data room soon. ~17% spread to CC's offer.**

- **Goldcrest Co Ltd (8871 JP)**. Funds (ao Strategic Cap) continue to add shares over at Goldcrest, with some becoming more vocal. Sapphireterra is calling for more action, estimating the stock to be worth roughly 70% more vs today. Sapphireterra wants the company to stay listed (Strat. Cap has been calling for a delisting) and improve returns by leveraging up, raising dividends and improving employee incentives through share-based pay. ~90% of Goldcrest's market cap is reflected in current assets and investments, net of total liabilities.

#### 9. 'INTERESTING' SITUATIONS - but not exactly event-driven or special sit (9 months rolling)

- **Flow Traders Ltd. (FLOW NA)**. With oil wreaking havoc and volatility spiking, of course we keep an eye on good old Flow Traders. This one has been good for plenty of nice trades in the past. A reminder that Flow benefits from prolonged high volatility and strong vol spikes. With record high exchange volumes (across the product board), the spike in volatility and higher than average volumes and volatility in crypto (where FLOW has been expanding into), the current share price moves does not seem to price it all in (in our view!).

#### 10. MISCELLANEOUS (asset sales, out-of-bankruptcy, IPOs, uplistings, etc.) (1 year rolling)

- **Vistance Networks, Inc. (VISN US)**. We could see quite some action soon at Vistance Networks. After selling almost all of its legacy businesses, the company used the proceeds to wipe out debt and preferred equity, and now holds a very large cash balance (almost \$12 p/s on a \$17 share price) that is about to be returned to shareholders (mgt guided for \$10 p/s). The published financials do not reflect this yet. Also, once cash is paid out, the remaining business is being valued extremely cheaply (the trading at low single-digit EBITDA multiples), despite being asset-light, cash-generative, and still growing.
- **Gabler Group AG (XK4 GR)**. Love to see it! European defense company Gabler group is just pushing ahead with its IPO. Who cares that the markets are going down? We do! Let's see. At the mid-range (€37-47 p/s) the company is expected to have a roughly €250m market cap. Revenues are growing 20%+ yoy, €360m backlog, EBIT margins close to 30%, Euro defense, bad trading conditions -> top of the watchlist!

**UPDATE (March 10, 2026) Gabler started trading on Monday. After an initial jump to €50 p/s (roughly +14%), the shares drifted down and even closed down. Again - we seldom see IPOs of interesting companies in extremely weak markets and at decent valuations. Definitely one we'll be doing more work on.**

- **Vincorion**. And talking about small-cap European defence companies, Vincorion is the next one on the list preparing to IPO over the next months. The company (owned by Star Capital since 2022), is seeing a surge in orders driven by geopolitical tensions, especially in the Middle East, and is strongly scaling up operations. Vincorion had €240m revenues in 2025, up from about €200m in 2024 and €145m in 2021 (pre-Ukraine war). Current order backlog stands at a whopping €1.1bn. Another one to keep an eye on.

- **Colt CZ Group SE (CZG CP).** And staying with the Euro defence theme, Czech arms maker Colt CZ is looking for a dual listing on Euronext Amsterdam. The Czech arms maker is already listed in Prague and wants broader investor visibility and improve liquidity. The company has grown through major deals, but is seeing organic growth ramp up as well. The move makes a LOT of sense; Colt has a \$2.7bn market cap and is trading at ~13x EV/EBITDA on 2025 numbers, despite have similar growth and margins as other Euro peers trading at over 20x. Worth checking out.
- **Pedevco Corp. (PED US).** Interesting times for Pedevco. Pedevco (reverse) merged with Juniper-controlled assets in October, turning it into a much more oil-weighted operator. The company now has a large acreage position, a deep drilling inventory, and production that's set to step up as recently completed wells come online. The balance sheet is levered but manageable. There is a 1-20 reverse split coming up (March 12), which will bring the company out of penny-stock world. That and production growth finally visible, with oil spiking, this one seems quite cheap on a pro-forma basis (>100% upside in our view).

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