

EVOTEC'S ACADEMIC BRIDGE LAB282 WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF IMPACT

▶ *THE £ 13 M DRUG DISCOVERY PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN OXFORD UNIVERSITY, OXFORD SCIENCES INNOVATION AND EVOTEC SUPPORTED 12 NEW PROJECTS IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION*

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Evotec AG (Frankfurt Stock Exchange: EVT, TecDAX, ISIN: DE0005664809) announced today that **LAB282**, the £ 13 m drug discovery partnership between Oxford University, Oxford Sciences Innovation and Evotec, is celebrating its first year of operation after successfully accelerating 12 drug discovery and development projects at the University.

In its recent fourth and latest round of awards, **LAB282** backed the following Oxford projects:

- ▶ *Validation of novel targets for myelofibrosis, a severe bone marrow disorder.*
- ▶ *Development of glucosidase II interface inhibitors; towards a novel class of broad-spectrum antivirals.*
- ▶ *Discovery of potent inhibitors to DarG antitoxins as a first-in-class anti-microbial concept.*
- ▶ *Advancing the development of evasins, a novel class of chemokine-traps to treat inflammatory disorders.*

The **LAB282** approach is an innovative approach to combining critical translational funding and focused expertise for early-stage projects that have demonstrated commercial promise and can be accelerated towards the market. Started in Oxford, the **LAB282** model has now been exported to Canada in a partnership between Evotec and MaRS Innovation, and Evotec plans to unveil similar partnerships in the coming months.

A highly experienced Expert-in-Residence from Evotec works closely with Oxford academics to assess life sciences projects for their commercial potential. Once selected, Evotec continues to work closely with researchers to develop their ideas,

providing essential technological validation, while leveraging the resources of Oxford Sciences Innovation, the £ 600 m university venture fund manager for the University.

Thomas Hanke, Expert-in-Residence at Evotec, said: “The first year of LAB282 has been a smooth integration into the Oxford ecosystem, generating an unprecedented number of projects compared to other virtual life sciences accelerators. The success to date speaks both to the quality of Oxford research and the Oxford/Evotec partnership.”

Adam Stoten, Chief Operating Officer at Oxford University Innovation, added: “We’ve seen an explosion of innovative ideas and companies from the University in the past couple of years. The success so far of LAB282 mirrors the progress made within the wider Oxford tech cluster, and should provide a pipeline of new, commercially validated therapeutic candidates to ensure that the Oxford Boom continues for many years to come.”

Andrew McLean, Principal at Oxford Sciences Innovation, added: “LAB282’s ability to find and scale ideas in the University underlines what can be accomplished by bringing together the technical expertise of Evotec, the scientific strength of the University, and the resources of the world’s largest university fund aimed at a single institution. We expect that many of the projects will evolve into companies that will ensure that revolutionary science is translated to medicines that treat human disease.”

ABOUT OXFORD UNIVERSITY INNOVATION

Oxford University Innovation supports innovation activities across all University Divisions, managing technology transfer and consulting activities, and providing an innovation management service to clients around the world.

We provide access to technology from Oxford researchers through intellectual property licensing, spinout company formation and material sales, and to academic expertise through our Consulting Services team. The New Venture Support & Funding team supports investors or donors with an interest in early-stage ventures, and manages the Oxford Angels Network.

Our Startup Incubator supports members and ex-members of the University who wish to start or grow entrepreneur-driven ventures that are not University spinouts.

Oxford University Innovation is the highest university patent filer in the UK and is ranked 1st in the UK for university spinouts, having created over 160 new companies since 1988. In the last reported financial year we completed more than 45 licenses and consulting agreements every month. Oxentia, our innovation management consultancy, works with university, government and industrial clients from offices around the world.

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ABOUT EVOTEC AG

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industry's need for innovation and efficiency in drug discovery (EVT Execute). The Company has established a unique position by assembling top-class scientific experts and integrating state-of-the-art technologies as well as substantial experience and expertise in key therapeutic areas including neuroscience, diabetes and complications of diabetes, pain and inflammation, oncology and infectious diseases. On this basis, Evotec has built a broad and deep pipeline of more than 80 partnered product opportunities at clinical, pre-clinical and discovery stages (EVT Innovate). Evotec has established multiple long-term discovery alliances with partners including Bayer, CHDI, Sanofi or UCB and development partnerships with e.g. with Sanofi in the field of diabetes, with Pfizer in the field of tissue fibrosis and Celgene in the field of neurodegenerative diseases. For additional information please go to www.evotec.com and follow us on Twitter [@EvotecAG](https://twitter.com/EvotecAG).

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