UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2026

OR

☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File No. 1-6571

Merck & Co., Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey	**22-1918501**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

126 East Lincoln Avenue
Rahway New Jersey 07065
(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) **(908) 740-4000**

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

Securities Registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	*Trading Symbol(s)*	*Name of each exchange on which registered*
Common Stock ($0.50 par value)	MRK	New York Stock Exchange
3.250% Notes due 2032	MRK/32	New York Stock Exchange
2.500% Notes due 2034	MRK/34	New York Stock Exchange
1.375% Notes due 2036	MRK 36A	New York Stock Exchange
3.500% Notes due 2037	MRK/37	New York Stock Exchange
3.700% Notes due 2044	MRK/44	New York Stock Exchange
3.750% Notes due 2054	MRK/54	New York Stock Exchange

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company.

Large accelerated filer	☒	Accelerated filer	☐
Non-accelerated filer	☐	Smaller reporting company	☐
		Emerging growth company	☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of the close of business on October 31, 2026: 2,465,245,688

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MERCK & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited, $ in millions except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Sales	$ 18,085	$ 17,276	$ 50,978	$ 48,611
Costs, Expenses and Other				
Cost of sales	4,892	3,855	13,482	10,831
Selling, general and administrative	2,886	2,633	8,491	7,835
Research and development	4,537	4,234	26,871	11,903
Restructuring costs	184	47	530	676
Other (income) expense, net	27	(238)	262	(281)
	12,526	10,531	49,636	30,964
Income Before Taxes	5,559	6,745	1,342	17,647
Income Tax Provision	492	958	1,855	2,346
Net Income (Loss)	5,067	5,787	(513)	15,301
Less: Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	2	2	(3)	10
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	$ 5,065	$ 5,785	$ (510)	$ 15,291
Basic Earnings (Loss) per Common Share Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc. Common Shareholders	$ 2.05	$ 2.32	$ (0.21)	$ 6.09
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share Assuming Dilution Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc. Common Shareholders	$ 2.04	$ 2.32	$ (0.21)	$ 6.08

MERCK & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(Unaudited, $ in millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025	2026	2025
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	$ 5,065	$ 5,785	$ (510)	$ 15,291
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Net of Taxes:				
Net unrealized (loss) gain on derivatives, net of reclassifications	(47)	170	244	(457)
Benefit plan net gain and prior service credit, net of amortization	70	74	83	48
Cumulative translation adjustment	31	(25)	72	152
	54	219	399	(257)
Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	$ 5,119	$ 6,004	$ (111)	$ 15,034

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

MERCK & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(Unaudited, $ in millions except per share amounts)

	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 9,550	$ 14,565
Short-term investments	100	—
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $108 in 2026 and $97 in 2025)	12,744	11,775
Inventories (excludes inventories of $6,341 in 2026 and $5,681 in 2025 classified in Other assets - see Note 6)	6,164	6,658
Other current assets	10,383	10,518
Total current assets	38,941	43,516
Investments	1,603	956
Property, Plant and Equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation of $22,402 in 2026 and $21,914 in 2025	25,904	25,316
Goodwill	21,951	21,579
Other Intangibles, Net	24,476	26,681
Other Assets	19,898	18,818
	$ 132,773	$ 136,866
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities		
Loans payable and current portion of long-term debt	$ 4,088	$ 2,589
Trade accounts payable	5,031	4,404
Accrued and other current liabilities	13,239	14,468
Income taxes payable	4,309	4,726
Dividends payable	2,134	2,140
Total current liabilities	28,801	28,327
Long-Term Debt	49,689	46,750
Deferred Income Taxes	1,460	1,439
Other Noncurrent Liabilities	7,877	7,688
Merck & Co., Inc. Stockholders' Equity		
Common stock, $0.50 par value Authorized - 6,500,000,000 shares Issued - 3,577,103,522 shares in 2026 and 2025	1,788	1,788
Other paid-in capital	45,362	45,029
Retained earnings	66,223	73,075
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,888)	(4,287)
	109,485	115,605
Less treasury stock, at cost: 1,110,329,221 shares in 2026 and 1,102,476,756 shares in 2025	64,592	62,999
Total Merck & Co., Inc. stockholders' equity	44,893	52,606
Noncontrolling Interests	53	56
Total equity	44,946	52,662
	$ 132,773	$ 136,866

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this condensed consolidated financial statement.

MERCK & CO., INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited, $ in millions)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2026	2025
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net (loss) income	$ (513)	$ 15,301
Adjustments to reconcile net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization	2,972	1,820
Depreciation	1,906	1,552
Income from investments in equity securities, net	(811)	(563)
Charges for research and development asset acquisitions	13,811	—
Deferred income taxes	(1,471)	(846)
Share-based compensation	852	615
Other	219	393
Net changes in assets and liabilities	(1,119)	(4,657)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	15,846	13,615
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures	(2,924)	(3,079)
Purchases of securities and other investments	(522)	(1,207)
Proceeds from sales of securities and other investments	1,708	1,632
Acquisition of Cidara Therapeutics, Inc., net of cash acquired	(8,779)	—
Acquisition of Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc., net of cash acquired	(5,842)	—
Acquisition of TARGAN, net of cash acquired	(630)	—
Other	(142)	114
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(17,131)	(2,540)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Proceeds from term loan	6,000	—
Payments on term loan	(6,000)	—
Proceeds from issuance of debt	5,956	5,962
Payments on debt	(1,145)	(2,501)
Dividends paid to stockholders	(6,348)	(6,158)
Purchases of treasury stock	(2,284)	(3,832)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	447	45
Other	(277)	(189)
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(3,651)	(6,673)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	(102)	540
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash	(5,038)	4,942
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash at Beginning of Year (includes restricted cash of $125 and $76 at January 1, 2026 and 2025, respectively, included in *Other current assets*)	14,690	13,318
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash at End of Period (includes restricted cash of $102 and $91 at September 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively, included in *Other current assets*)	$ 9,652	$ 18,260

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this condensed consolidated financial statement.

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Merck & Co., Inc. (Merck or the Company) have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations for reporting on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S.) for complete consolidated financial statements are not included herein. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and notes thereto included in Merck's Form 10-K filed on February 24, 2026.

The results of operations of any interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations for the full year. In the Company's opinion, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of these interim statements have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature. Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year amounts to conform to the current year presentation.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

In November 2024, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued guidance intended to improve financial reporting by requiring entities to disclose additional information about specific expense categories for interim and annual reporting periods. The guidance is effective for 2027 annual reporting and 2028 interim reporting. Early adoption is permitted. The guidance, which can be applied on a prospective or retrospective basis, will result in incremental disclosures within the footnotes to the Company's financial statements.

In December 2025, the FASB issued guidance that includes requirements for the recognition of government grants in a company's financial statements as well as disclosure requirements, including the nature of the government grant received, the accounting policies used to account for the grant, and significant terms and conditions of the grant. The guidance is effective for 2029 interim and annual reporting on a modified prospective, modified retrospective or retrospective approach. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an annual reporting period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adoption on its consolidated financial statements.

2. Acquisitions, Research Collaborations and License Agreements

The Company continues to pursue acquisitions and the establishment of external alliances such as research collaborations and license agreements to complement its internal research capabilities. These arrangements often include upfront payments; expense reimbursements or payments to the third party; milestone, royalty or profit share arrangements contingent upon the occurrence of certain future events linked to the success of the asset in development; and can also include option and continuation payments. The Company also reviews its marketed products and pipeline to examine candidates which may provide more value through out-licensing and, as part of its portfolio assessment process, may also divest certain assets. Pro forma financial information for acquired businesses is not presented if the historical financial results of the acquired entity are not significant when compared with the Company's financial results.

2026 Transactions

In September 2026, Merck and SciBrunch Therapeutics Co., Ltd. (SciBrunch) closed an exclusive license agreement for MK-2690 (SPR2015), a potent and selective novel, investigational, preclinical, molecular glue KRAS G12D (ON) inhibitor, targeting cancers and tumors characterized by the KRAS G12D mutation. Under the agreement, SciBrunch granted Merck exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize MK-2690 (SPR2015) worldwide. The Company recorded a charge to *Research and development* expenses of $400 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 for the upfront payment, which is expected to be paid in the fourth quarter of 2026. SciBrunch is also eligible to receive future contingent development-related milestone payments of up to $170 million, regulatory milestone payments of up to $310 million, and, if approved, sales-based milestone payments of up to $1.25 billion.

In July 2026, Merck acquired TARGAN, a privately held company developing and commercializing biodevice solutions to improve performance outcomes for the poultry industry, for $647 million. The acquisition will broaden Merck Animal Health's portfolio in commercial poultry operations with WingScan, an automated solution that uses vision technology for gender identification. This acquisition also brings the capability for a high-speed precision ocular spray technology, which administers respiratory and coccidiosis vaccines, among others, to day-old chicks. In addition, TARGAN has the potential to develop additional biodevices within poultry and other livestock species. Merck recorded a realized gain of $68 million to *Other (income) expense, net* in the first nine months of 2026 related to an existing investment that Merck held in TARGAN. There are no future contingent payments associated with the acquisition, which was accounted for as a business combination. The estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the TARGAN business (which are considered preliminary) consist of an intangible asset of $275 million for the WingScan technology, goodwill of $362 million, and other net assets of $10 million. The estimated fair value of the intangible asset for the WingScan technology was determined using an income approach, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method. The future probability-weighted net cash flows were discounted to present value utilizing a discount rate of 9.25%. Actual cash flows are likely to be different than those assumed. The intangible asset related to the WingScan technology will be amortized over an estimated useful life of 13 years. The goodwill recognized, which was allocated to the Animal Health segment, is largely attributable to anticipated synergies expected to arise after the acquisition and is not deductible for tax purposes.

In June 2026, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved *Welireg* (belzutifan) in combination with *Keytruda* (pembrolizumab) or *Keytruda Qlex* (pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa) for the adjuvant treatment of certain adult patients with clear cell renal cell carcinoma (RCC) following nephrectomy. The approval of this combination therapy triggered a $50 million regulatory milestone payment to former Peloton Therapeutics, Inc. (Peloton) shareholders, which was made in the third quarter of 2026. Additionally, following FDA approval, the Company determined that it was probable that sales of *Welireg* in the future would trigger a $100 million sales-based milestone payment from Merck to former Peloton shareholders. Also, in September 2026, the FDA approved *Welireg* in combination with Lenvima (lenvatinib) for the treatment of certain previously treated adult patients with advanced clear cell RCC. Following this FDA approval, the Company determined it was probable that sales of *Welireg* would trigger an additional $200 million sales-based milestone payment from Merck to former Peloton shareholders. Accordingly, the Company has recorded $300 million of non-current liabilities for these potential future sales-based milestone payments. In addition, Merck recorded a $447 million increase to the intangible asset related to *Welireg* (included in *Other Intangibles, Net*) associated with these regulatory and sales-based milestones. The intangible asset is being amortized over its estimated useful life through August 2031. Merck also recorded $123 million and $182 million of cumulative amortization catch-up expense to *Cost of sales* in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, related to the recognition of the sales-based milestones. Former Peloton shareholders remain eligible to receive up to $700 million of sales-based milestones, which are not deemed by the Company to be probable at this time.

In May 2026, Merck acquired Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Terns), a clinical-stage oncology company, for $6.8 billion (including $606 million of payments to settle share-based equity awards of which $433 million related to unvested equity awards). Through this acquisition, Merck acquired Terns' lead candidate, MK-4208 (formerly TERN-701), a novel investigational oral allosteric BCR::ABL1 tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) currently being evaluated in a Phase 1/2 trial for patients with Philadelphia chromosome-positive, chronic phase chronic myeloid leukemia previously treated with at least one prior TKI and who experienced treatment failure, suboptimal response or treatment intolerance. The transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition because MK-4208 accounted for substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (excluding cash and deferred income taxes). Merck recorded a charge of $5.7 billion to *Research and development* expenses (which primarily represented acquired in-process research and development [IPR&D] with no alternative future use) in the first nine months of 2026, as well as net assets of $1.1 billion, including cash of $505 million, investments of $487 million, deferred tax assets of $190 million, and other net liabilities of $105 million. There are no future contingent payments associated with the acquisition.

In January 2026, Merck acquired Cidara Therapeutics, Inc. (Cidara), a biotechnology company developing drug-Fc conjugate (DFC) therapeutics, for $9.2 billion (including $570 million of payments to settle share-based equity awards of which $406 million related to unvested equity awards). Cidara's lead DFC candidate, MK-1406 (formerly CD388), is a long-acting antiviral designed to prevent seasonal and pandemic influenza. MK-1406 is currently being evaluated in a Phase 3 trial among adult and adolescent participants who are at higher risk of developing complications from influenza. The transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition because MK-1406 accounted for substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (excluding cash and deferred income taxes). Merck recorded a charge of $9.0 billion to *Research and development* expenses (which primarily represented acquired IPR&D with no alternative future use) in the first nine months of 2026, as well as net assets of $332 million. Under a previous license agreement between Cidara and J&J Innovative Medicine (a Johnson & Johnson company, previously Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), which was assumed by Merck, J&J Innovative Medicine is eligible to receive up to $105 million in regulatory milestones and up to $455 million in sales-based milestones related to MK-1406.

2025 Transactions

In October 2025, Merck and Blackstone Life Sciences (Blackstone) entered into a funding arrangement under which Blackstone will pay Merck $700 million in the fourth quarter of 2026 (which is non-refundable, subject to the termination provisions of the agreement) to fund a portion of the Company's development costs for MK-2870, sacituzumab tirumotecan (sac-TMT), expected to be incurred throughout 2026. Under the terms of the agreement, Merck recognized $200 million and $600 million of funding in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, as a reduction to *Research and development* expenses, as well as a corresponding $600 million receivable from Blackstone, which is included in *Other current assets.* Upon receipt of regulatory approval for an indication in the U.S. for first-line triple-negative-breast cancer (TroFuse-011 trial), Blackstone will be eligible to receive low-to-mid single-digit royalties on net sales of sac-TMT subsequent to such approval across all approved indications in Merck's marketing territories. Sac-TMT is an investigational trophoblast cell-surface antigen 2 (TROP2)-directed antibody drug conjugate (ADC) being developed as part of an exclusive license and collaboration agreement with Sichuan Kelun-Biotech Biopharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Kelun-Biotech) that is currently in clinical development for the treatment of a variety of cancers. The agreement between Merck and Kelun-Biotech with respect to sac-TMT is unchanged by the agreement with Blackstone. Merck retained decision-making authority and control over the development, manufacturing, and commercial activities relating to sac-TMT provided for in the agreement with Kelun-Biotech, and Blackstone did not receive any rights to sac-TMT.

In July 2025, the technology transfer for MK-2010 (LM-299), a novel investigational PD-1/vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) bispecific antibody that was licensed from LaNova Medicines Ltd (LaNova) in 2024, was completed. Accordingly, Merck made a $300 million payment to LaNova (which has been acquired by Sino Biopharmaceutical Limited) that was recorded as a charge to *Research and development* expenses in the third quarter and first nine months of 2025.

In May 2025, Merck and Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (Hengrui Pharma) closed an exclusive license agreement for MK-7262 (HRS-5346), an investigational oral small molecule Lipoprotein(a) inhibitor. Under the agreement, Hengrui Pharma granted Merck exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize MK-7262 (HRS-5346) worldwide, excluding the Greater China region. The agreement provided for an upfront payment of $200 million, which was recorded as a

charge to *Research and development* expenses in the first nine months of 2025. Hengrui Pharma is also eligible to receive contingent developmental milestone payments of up to $92.5 million (of which $30 million was triggered and recorded as a charge to *Research and development* expenses in the third quarter of 2026), regulatory milestone payments of up to $177.5 million and, if approved, sales-based milestone payments of up to $1.5 billion, as well as tiered royalties ranging from a mid-single-digit rate to a low-double-digit rate on future net sales of MK-7262 (HRS-5346).

In March 2025, Merck acquired the Dundalk, Ireland facility of WuXi Vaccines (a wholly owned subsidiary of WuXi Biologics), which was accounted for as an asset acquisition. Merck paid $437 million at closing which, combined with previous consideration transferred under a prior manufacturing arrangement with WuXi Vaccines related to this facility, resulted in $759 million being recorded as assets under construction within *Property, Plant and Equipment*. There are no future contingent payments associated with the acquisition.

3. Collaborative Arrangements

Merck has entered into collaborative arrangements that provide the Company with varying rights to develop, produce and market products together with its collaborative partners. Both parties in these arrangements are active participants and exposed to significant risks and rewards dependent on the commercial success of the activities of the collaboration. Merck's more significant collaborative arrangements are discussed below.

AstraZeneca PLC

In 2017, Merck and AstraZeneca PLC (AstraZeneca) entered into a global strategic oncology collaboration to co-develop and co-commercialize AstraZeneca's Lynparza (olaparib) for multiple cancer types. Independently, Merck and AstraZeneca are developing and commercializing Lynparza in combinations with their respective PD-1 and PD-L1 medicines, *Keytruda* and Imfinzi. Under the terms of the agreement, AstraZeneca and Merck share the development and commercialization costs for Lynparza monotherapy and non-PD-1/PD-L1 combination therapy opportunities.

Profits from Lynparza product sales generated through monotherapies or combination therapies are shared equally. AstraZeneca is the principal in Lynparza sales transactions. Merck records its share of Lynparza product sales, net of cost of sales and commercialization costs, as alliance revenue, and its share of development costs associated with the collaboration as part of *Research and development* expenses. Reimbursements received from AstraZeneca for research and development expenses are recognized as reductions to *Research and development* costs.

The initial collaboration agreement also included the joint development and commercialization of AstraZeneca's Koselugo (selumetinib) for multiple indications, with revenues, costs and profits being accounted for similar to Lynparza. In August 2025, Merck and AstraZeneca amended the terms of the original collaboration agreement, which resulted in the discontinuation of the revenue and cost sharing provisions of the collaboration and the simplification of the governance structure related to Koselugo. In exchange, Merck received a $150 million upfront payment (which was recorded within *Sales* as alliance revenue in the third quarter of 2025) and $150 million in February 2026 (which was recorded within *Sales* as alliance revenue in the first quarter of 2026). Merck may also receive $150 million in the first quarter of 2027 and $100 million in the first quarter of 2028, subject to an annual election by AstraZeneca in January of each year as discussed below. Additionally, the amended agreement provided for Merck to receive contingent regulatory milestone payments of up to $175 million in the aggregate, all of which were triggered in 2025 and recorded within *Sales* as alliance revenue. Of these milestone amounts, $50 million was received from AstraZeneca in the second quarter of 2026, $50 million is due in the third quarter of 2027, and $75 million is due in the third quarter of 2028. The Company also receives tiered royalties ranging from 6% to 7% on net sales (which are included within *Sales* as alliance revenue). Merck remains eligible to receive future contingent payments for the achievement of sales-based milestones of up to $235 million. AstraZeneca has the option in January 2027 or January 2028 to revert to the income and cost sharing terms of the original agreement (in which case any future annual, contingent milestone, and royalty payments referenced above would no longer be due) although Merck would retain any payments made by AstraZeneca prior to the exercise of that option and any amounts due from AstraZeneca would remain payable to Merck.

As part of the initial collaboration agreement, Merck made an upfront payment to AstraZeneca and also made payments over a multi-year period for certain license options. In addition, the initial collaboration agreement provides for contingent payments from Merck to AstraZeneca related to the successful achievement of sales-based and regulatory milestones. In the first nine months of 2025, Merck made sales-based milestone payments aggregating $700 million to AstraZeneca (related to the original collaboration agreement) of which $600 million related to Lynparza and $100 million related to Koselugo (both of which had been previously accrued for). Potential future sales-based milestone payments of $2.0 billion have not yet been accrued as they are not deemed by the Company to be probable at this time. The partners have agreed that no future regulatory milestone payments from Merck to AstraZeneca are likely.

The intangible asset balances related to Lynparza and Koselugo (which reflect the capitalized sales-based and regulatory milestone payments attributed to each product) were $599 million and $30 million, respectively, at September 30, 2026 and are included in *Other Intangibles, Net*. The assets are being amortized over their estimated useful lives (through 2028 for Lynparza and through 2029 for Koselugo) as supported by projected future cash flows, subject to impairment testing.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2025
Alliance revenue - Lynparza	$ 352	$ 379	$ 1,059	$ 1,061
Alliance revenue - Koselugo [1]	13	214	183	301
Total alliance revenue	$ 365	$ 593	$ 1,242	$ 1,362
Cost of sales [2]	84	84	253	253
Selling, general and administrative	21	31	70	103
Research and development	5	3	19	31

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Receivables from AstraZeneca included in *Other current assets* [3]	$ 417	$ 451
Receivables from AstraZeneca included in *Other assets* [3]	75	125
Payables to AstraZeneca included in *Accrued and other current liabilities*	4	6

[1] *Amount in the first nine months of 2026 includes $150 million related to an amendment of the collaboration agreement noted above. Amounts in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2025 include a $150 million upfront payment and a $50 million regulatory milestone triggered as a result of the collaboration agreement amendment noted above.*

[2] *Represents amortization of capitalized milestone payments.*

[3] *Includes milestone receivables.*

Eisai Co., Ltd.

In 2018, Merck and Eisai Co., Ltd. (Eisai) announced a strategic collaboration for the worldwide co-development and co-commercialization of Lenvima, an orally available TKI discovered by Eisai. Under the agreement, Merck and Eisai are developing and commercializing Lenvima jointly, both as monotherapy and in combination with *Keytruda* or *Welireg*. Eisai records Lenvima product sales globally (Eisai is the principal in Lenvima sales transactions) and Merck and Eisai share applicable profits equally. Merck records its share of Lenvima product sales, net of cost of sales and commercialization costs, as alliance revenue. Expenses incurred during co-development are shared by the two companies in accordance with the collaboration agreement and reflected in *Research and development* expenses. Certain expenses incurred solely by Merck or Eisai are not shareable under the collaboration agreement, including costs incurred in excess of agreed upon caps, and costs related to certain combination studies of *Keytruda* and Lenvima, as well as *Welireg* and Lenvima.

Under the agreement, Merck made an upfront payment to Eisai and also made payments over a multi-year period for certain option rights. In addition, the agreement provides for contingent payments from Merck to Eisai related to the successful achievement of sales-based and regulatory milestones. Potential future sales-based milestone payments of $2.3 billion have not yet been accrued as they are not deemed by the Company to be probable at this time. There are no regulatory milestone payments remaining under the agreement.

The intangible asset balance related to Lenvima (which includes capitalized sales-based and regulatory milestone payments) was $162 million at September 30, 2026 and is included in *Other Intangibles, Net*. The amount is being amortized over its estimated useful life through 2029 as supported by projected future cash flows, subject to impairment testing.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2025
Alliance revenue - Lenvima	$ 287	$ 258	$ 826	$ 781
Cost of sales [1]	13	60	39	181
Selling, general and administrative	29	33	84	99
Research and development	—	2	2	10

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Receivables from Eisai included in *Other current assets*	$ 287	$ 271

[1] *Represents amortization of capitalized milestone payments.*

Bayer AG

In 2014, the Company entered into a worldwide clinical development collaboration with Bayer AG (Bayer) to market and develop soluble guanylate cyclase (sGC) modulators including Bayer's Adempas (riociguat) and Verquvo (vericiguat). The two companies have implemented a joint development and commercialization strategy. Under the agreement, Bayer commercializes Adempas in the Americas, while Merck commercializes in the rest of the world. For Verquvo, Merck commercializes in the U.S. and Bayer commercializes in the rest of the world. Both companies share in development costs and

profits on sales. Merck records sales of Adempas and Verquvo in its marketing territories, as well as alliance revenue. Alliance revenue represents Merck's share of profits from sales of Adempas and Verquvo in Bayer's marketing territories, which are product sales net of cost of sales and commercialization costs. Cost of sales includes Bayer's share of profits from sales in Merck's marketing territories. The agreement provided for contingent payments from Merck to Bayer related to the successful achievement of sales-based milestones. There are no such payments remaining under this collaboration.

The intangible asset balances related to Adempas (which includes the acquired intangible asset balance, as well as capitalized sales-based milestone payments attributed to Adempas) and Verquvo (which reflects the portion of the final sales-based milestone payment that was attributed to Verquvo) were $169 million and $33 million, respectively, at September 30, 2026 and are included in *Other Intangibles, Net*. The assets are being amortized over their estimated useful lives (through 2027 for Adempas and through 2031 for Verquvo) as supported by projected future cash flows, subject to impairment testing.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Alliance revenue - Adempas/Verquvo	$ 118	$ 112	$ 353	$ 340
Net sales of Adempas recorded by Merck	78	82	234	229
Net sales of Verquvo recorded by Merck	10	12	28	33
Total sales	$ 206	$ 206	$ 615	$ 602
Cost of sales [1]	68	71	202	190
Selling, general and administrative	11	22	34	80
Research and development	9	11	36	55

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Receivables from Bayer included in *Other current assets*	$ 174	$ 167
Payables to Bayer included in *Accrued and other current liabilities*	89	81

[1] *Includes amortization of intangible assets, cost of products sold by Merck, as well as Bayer's share of profits from sales in Merck's marketing territories.*

Ridgeback Biotherapeutics LP

In 2020, Merck and Ridgeback Biotherapeutics LP (Ridgeback), a closely held biotechnology company, entered into a collaboration agreement to develop *Lagevrio* (molnupiravir), an investigational orally available antiviral candidate for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Merck gained exclusive worldwide rights to develop and commercialize *Lagevrio* and related molecules. Under the terms of the agreement, Ridgeback received an upfront payment and is eligible to receive future contingent payments dependent upon the achievement of certain developmental and regulatory approval milestones. The agreement also provides for Merck to reimburse Ridgeback for a portion of certain third-party contingent milestone payments and royalties on net sales, which is part of the profit-sharing calculation. Merck is the principal in sales transactions, recognizing sales and related costs, with profit-sharing amounts recorded within *Cost of sales*. Profits from the collaboration are split equally between the partners. Reimbursements from Ridgeback for its share of research and development costs (deducted from Ridgeback's share of profits) are reflected as decreases to *Research and development* expenses.

Following initial authorizations in certain markets in 2021, *Lagevrio* has since received multiple additional authorizations. In the U.S., where *Lagevrio* remains in Phase 3 development and is marketed under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided advance notice on June 29, 2026 that the declaration supporting the EUAs pursuant to which *Lagevrio* and certain other COVID-19 drug and biologic products are marketed will terminate, effective June 29, 2027. Based on the Secretary's June 2026 determination and advance notice of termination, the Company worked with the FDA to develop a plan for disposition of *Lagevrio* in the U.S. by June 29, 2027.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Net sales of *Lagevrio* recorded by Merck	$ 17	$ 138	$ 49	$ 323
Cost of sales [1]	3	81	71	178
Selling, general and administrative	8	11	28	39
Research and development	10	11	20	25

[1] *Includes cost of products sold by Merck, Ridgeback's share of profits, royalty expense, amortization of capitalized milestone payments and inventory reserves.*

Daiichi Sankyo

In 2023, Merck and Daiichi Sankyo entered into a global development and commercialization agreement for three of Daiichi Sankyo's DXd ADC candidates: patritumab deruxtecan (MK-1022), ifinatamab deruxtecan (MK-2400) and raludotatug deruxtecan (MK-5909). All three potentially first-in-class DXd ADCs are in various stages of clinical development for the treatment of multiple solid tumors both as monotherapy and/or in combination with other treatments. The companies will jointly develop and potentially commercialize these ADC candidates worldwide, except in Japan where Daiichi Sankyo will maintain exclusive rights. Daiichi Sankyo will be solely responsible for manufacturing and supply.

Under the terms of the agreement, Merck made payments to Daiichi Sankyo totaling $4.0 billion in 2023. These payments included $1.0 billion ($500 million each for patritumab deruxtecan and ifinatamab deruxtecan), which may be refundable on a pro-rated basis in the event of early termination of development with respect to either program. In addition, the agreement provided for a continuation payment of $750 million related to patritumab deruxtecan (which Merck paid in October 2024) and a continuation payment of $750 million related to raludotatug deruxtecan (which Merck paid in October 2025). The agreement also provides for contingent payments from Merck to Daiichi Sankyo of up to an additional $5.5 billion for each DXd ADC upon the successful achievement of certain sales-based milestones.

Merck and Daiichi Sankyo equally share research and development costs, except for raludotatug deruxtecan, for which Merck is responsible for 75% of the first $2.0 billion of research and development expenses. Merck includes its share of development costs associated with the collaboration as part of *Research and development* expenses. Following regulatory approval, Daiichi Sankyo will generally record sales worldwide (Daiichi Sankyo will be the principal in sales transactions) and the companies will equally share expenses as well as profits worldwide except for Japan where Daiichi Sankyo retains exclusive rights and Merck will receive a 5% sales-based royalty. Merck will record its share of product sales, net of cost of sales and commercialization costs, as alliance revenue. In July 2026, Merck and Daiichi Sankyo amended their agreement, whereby certain clinical development expenses may be incurred solely by Merck and are not shareable under the collaboration agreement, but may be partially reimbursed subject to certain conditions.

In 2024, Merck and Daiichi Sankyo expanded their agreement to include gocatamig (MK-6070), an investigational DLL3 targeting T-cell engager, which Merck obtained through its acquisition of Harpoon Therapeutics, Inc. The companies are evaluating gocatamig in combination with ifinatamab deruxtecan in certain patients with small cell lung cancer, with plans to evaluate other potential combinations. Merck received an upfront cash payment of $170 million from Daiichi Sankyo (recorded within *Other (income) expense, net)* and has also satisfied a contingent quid obligation from the original collaboration agreement. The companies will jointly develop and commercialize gocatamig worldwide and share research and development costs, as well as commercialization expenses. Research and development expenses related to gocatamig in combination with ifinatamab deruxtecan will be shared in a manner consistent with the original agreement for ifinatamab deruxtecan. Merck will be solely responsible for manufacturing and supply of gocatamig. If approved, Merck will generally record sales for gocatamig worldwide (Merck will be the principal in sales transactions) and the companies will equally share expenses as well as profits worldwide, except for Japan where Merck retains exclusive rights and Daiichi Sankyo will receive a 5% sales-based royalty.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2025
Cost of sales [1]	$ —	$ 67	$ —	$ 67
Selling, general and administrative	9	8	33	21
Research and development	185	110	525	379

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Receivables from Daiichi Sankyo included in *Other current assets*	$ 22	$ 15
Payables to Daiichi Sankyo included in *Accrued and other current liabilities*	108	113

[1] *Represents Merck's share of certain inventory-related costs.*

Moderna, Inc.

In 2022, Merck exercised its option to jointly develop and commercialize intismeran autogene (V940/mRNA-4157), an investigational individualized neoantigen therapy, pursuant to the terms of an existing collaboration and license agreement with Moderna, Inc. (Moderna). Intismeran autogene is currently being evaluated in combination with *Keytruda* or *Keytruda Qlex* in multiple clinical trials. If approved, Moderna will be responsible for manufacturing intismeran autogene. Merck will record worldwide product sales and related cost of sales (as the principal in third-party sales transactions) and the companies will generally share expenses and profits or losses equally worldwide. Merck records its share of development costs associated with the collaboration as part of *Research and development* expenses. Any reimbursements received from Moderna for research and development expenses are recognized as reductions to *Research and development* costs. Merck has also capitalized a net $223 million of shared facility costs at September 30, 2026, primarily reflected within *Other Assets*. These costs are amortized over the assets' estimated useful lives.

Summarized financial information related to this collaboration is as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	Three Months Ended September 30, 2025	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2025
Cost of sales	$ —	$ —	$ 1	$ —
Selling, general and administrative	11	7	29	19
Research and development [1]	88	96	272	272

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Receivables from Moderna included in *Other current assets*	$ 9	$ —
Payables to Moderna included in *Accrued and other current liabilities*	—	13

[1] *Includes amortization of shared facility costs.*

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company

Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt) is a first-in-class erythroid maturation recombinant fusion protein that is being commercialized through a global collaboration with Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMS). Reblozyl is approved in the U.S., Europe and certain other markets for the treatment of anemia in certain rare blood disorders and is also being evaluated for additional indications for hematology therapies. BMS is the principal in sales transactions for Reblozyl. Merck receives tiered royalties ranging from 20% to 24% based on sales levels. This royalty will be reduced by 50% upon the earlier of patent expiry or generic entry on an indication-by-indication basis in each market. Additionally, Merck is eligible to receive future contingent sales-based milestone payments of up to $80 million. Alliance revenue related to this collaboration, consisting of royalties (recorded within *Sales*), was $177 million and $448 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, compared with $136 million and $361 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, respectively.

4. Restructuring

In July 2025, the Company approved a restructuring program (2025 Restructuring Program) designed to position the Company for its next chapter of growth and to successfully advance its pipeline and launch new products across multiple therapeutic areas. As part of this program, the Company expects to eliminate certain positions in sales and administrative organizations, as well as research and development. The Company will, however, continue to hire employees into new roles across all strategic growth areas of the business. In addition, the Company will reduce its global real estate footprint and continue to optimize its manufacturing network, aligning the geography of its global manufacturing footprint to its customers and reflecting changes in the Company's business. Most actions contemplated under the 2025 Restructuring Program are expected to be largely completed by the end of 2027, with the exception of certain manufacturing actions, which are expected to be substantially completed by the end of 2029. The cumulative pretax costs to be incurred by the Company to implement the program are estimated to be approximately $3.0 billion, of which approximately 60% will be cash, relating primarily to employee separation expense and contractual termination costs. The remainder of the costs will be non-cash, relating primarily to the accelerated depreciation of facilities. The Company recorded total pretax costs of $347 million and $302 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $838 million and $951 million in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively, related to the 2025 Restructuring Program. Since inception of the 2025 Restructuring Program through September 30, 2026, Merck has incurred total cumulative pretax costs of $2.8 billion.

In January 2024, the Company approved a restructuring program (2024 Restructuring Program) intended to continue the optimization of the Company's Human Health global manufacturing network as the future pipeline shifts to new modalities and also optimize the Animal Health global manufacturing network to improve supply reliability and increase efficiency. The actions contemplated under the 2024 Restructuring Program are expected to be substantially completed by the end of 2031, with the cumulative pretax costs to be incurred by the Company to implement the program estimated to be approximately $4.0 billion. Approximately 50% of the cumulative pretax costs will be non-cash, relating primarily to the accelerated depreciation of facilities to be closed or divested. The remainder of the costs will result in cash outlays, relating primarily to facility shut-down costs. The Company recorded total pretax costs of $234 million and $88 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $543 million and $323 million in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively, related to the 2024 Restructuring Program. Since inception of the 2024 Restructuring Program through September 30, 2026, Merck has incurred total cumulative pretax costs of $2.2 billion.

For segment reporting, restructuring charges are unallocated expenses.

The following tables summarize the charges related to restructuring program activities by type of cost:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026			
	Accelerated Depreciation	Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total	Accelerated Depreciation	Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total
2025 Restructuring Program								
Cost of sales	$ 220	$ —	$ 5	$ 225	$ 308	$ —	$ 147	$ 455
Research and development	—	—	1	1	—	—	34	34
Restructuring costs	—	95	26	121	—	281	68	349
	220	95	32	347	308	281	249	838
2024 Restructuring Program								
Cost of sales	52	—	119	171	187	—	175	362
Restructuring costs	—	10	53	63	—	9	172	181
	52	10	172	234	187	9	347	543
	$ 272	$ 105	$ 204	$ 581	$ 495	$ 290	$ 596	$ 1,381

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2025				Nine Months Ended September 30, 2025			
	Accelerated Depreciation	Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total	Accelerated Depreciation	Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total
2025 Restructuring Program								
Cost of sales	$ —	$ —	$ 72	$ 72	$ —	$ —	$ 172	$ 172
Research and development	—	—	233	233	—	—	286	286
Restructuring costs	—	—	(3)	(3)	—	481	12	493
	—	—	302	302	—	481	470	951
2024 Restructuring Program								
Cost of sales	56	—	(18)	38	152	—	(13)	139
Selling, general and administrative	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Restructuring costs	—	6	44	50	—	13	170	183
	56	6	26	88	152	13	158	323
	$ 56	$ 6	$ 328	$ 390	$ 152	$ 494	$ 628	$ 1,274

Accelerated depreciation costs primarily relate to manufacturing, research, and administrative facilities to be fully or partially closed or divested, and equipment to be disposed of, as part of the programs. Accelerated depreciation costs represent the difference between the depreciation expense to be recognized over the revised useful life of the asset, based upon the anticipated date the site will be closed or divested or the equipment disposed of, and depreciation expense as determined utilizing the useful life prior to the restructuring actions. All the sites will continue to operate up through the respective closure dates and, because future undiscounted cash flows are sufficient to recover the respective book values, Merck is recording accelerated depreciation over the revised useful life of the site assets. Anticipated site closure dates, particularly related to manufacturing locations, have been and may continue to be adjusted to reflect changes resulting from regulatory or other factors.

Separation costs are associated with actual headcount reductions, as well as involuntary headcount reductions which were probable and could be reasonably estimated.

Other exit costs in 2026 and 2025 include asset impairment, facility shut-down, contractual termination, and other related costs, as well as pretax gains and losses resulting from the sales of facilities and related assets. Additionally, other activity includes certain employee-related costs associated with pension and other postretirement benefit plans (see Note 10) and share-based compensation.

The following table summarizes the charges and spending related to restructuring program activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2026:

($ in millions)	Accelerated Depreciation	Separation Costs	Other Exit Costs	Total
2025 Restructuring Program				
Restructuring reserves January 1, 2026	$ —	$ 502	$ 288	$ 790
Expenses	308	281	249	838
(Payments) receipts, net	—	(389)	(233)	(622)
Non-cash activity	(308)	(11)	(299)	(618)
Restructuring reserves September 30, 2026	$ —	$ 383	$ 5	$ 388
2024 Restructuring Program				
Restructuring reserves January 1, 2026	$ —	$ 506	$ —	$ 506
Expenses	187	9	347	543
(Payments) receipts, net	—	(137)	(177)	(314)
Non-cash activity	(187)	12	(170)	(345)
Restructuring reserves September 30, 2026	$ —	$ 390	$ —	$ 390

5. Financial Instruments

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company manages the impact of foreign exchange rate movements and interest rate movements on its earnings, cash flows and fair values of assets and liabilities through operational means and through the use of various financial instruments, including derivative instruments.

A significant portion of the Company's revenues and earnings in foreign affiliates is exposed to changes in foreign exchange rates. The objectives of and accounting related to the Company's foreign currency risk management program, as well as its interest rate risk management activities are discussed below.

Foreign Currency Risk Management

The Company has established revenue hedging, balance sheet risk management and net investment hedging programs to protect against volatility of future foreign currency cash flows and changes in fair value caused by changes in foreign exchange rates.

The objective of the revenue hedging program is to reduce the variability caused by changes in foreign exchange rates that would affect the U.S. dollar value of future cash flows derived from foreign currency denominated sales, primarily the euro, Japanese yen and Chinese renminbi. To achieve this objective, the Company will hedge a portion of its forecasted foreign currency denominated third-party and intercompany distributor entity sales (forecasted sales) that are expected to occur over its planning cycle, typically no more than two years into the future. The Company will layer in hedges over time, increasing the portion of forecasted sales hedged as it gets closer to the expected date of the forecasted sales. The portion of forecasted sales hedged is based on assessments of cost-benefit profiles that consider natural offsetting exposures, revenue and foreign exchange rate volatilities and correlations, and the cost of hedging instruments. The Company manages its anticipated transaction exposure principally with purchased local currency put options, forward contracts, and purchased collar options.

The fair values of these derivative contracts are recorded as either assets (gain positions) or liabilities (loss positions) in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. Changes in the fair value of derivative contracts are recorded each period in either current earnings or *Other comprehensive income* (*OCI)*, depending on whether the derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction and, if so, the type of hedge transaction. For derivatives that are designated as cash flow hedges, the unrealized gains or losses on these contracts are recorded in *Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss* (*AOCL)* and reclassified into *Sales* when the hedged anticipated revenue is recognized. The amount reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuation of cash flow hedges because it was no longer deemed probable the forecasted hedged transactions would occur was not material for the third quarter or first nine months of either 2026 or 2025. For those derivatives which are not designated as cash flow hedges, but serve as economic hedges of forecasted sales, unrealized gains or losses are recorded in *Sales* each period. The cash flows from both designated and non-designated contracts are reported as operating activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The Company does not enter into derivatives for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company manages operating activities and net asset positions at each local subsidiary in order to mitigate the effects of foreign exchange on monetary assets and liabilities. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of a given subsidiary are remeasured at spot rates in effect on the balance sheet date with the effects of changes in spot rates reported in *Other (income) expense, net*. The Company also uses a balance sheet risk management program to mitigate the exposure of such assets and liabilities from the effects of volatility in foreign exchange. Merck principally utilizes forward exchange contracts to offset the effects of foreign exchange on exposures when it is deemed economical to do so based on a cost-benefit analysis that considers the magnitude of the exposure, the volatility of the foreign exchange rate and the cost of the hedging instrument (primarily the euro, Swiss franc, Japanese yen, and Chinese renminbi). The forward contracts are not designated as hedges and are marked to market through *Other (income) expense, net*.

Accordingly, fair value changes in the forward contracts help mitigate the changes in the value of the remeasured assets and liabilities attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates, except to the extent of the spot-forward differences. These differences are not significant due to the short-term nature of the contracts, which typically have average maturities at inception of less than six months. The cash flows from these contracts are reported as operating activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

In the second quarter of 2026, the Company implemented a non-qualified deferred compensation hedging program to reduce earnings volatility associated with certain deferred compensation obligations. The Company utilizes total return swap contracts, which are not designated as hedges, to economically offset changes in the fair value of the related liabilities and the associated compensation expense.

The Company also uses forward exchange contracts to hedge a portion of its net investment in foreign operations against movements in foreign exchange rates. The forward contracts are designated as hedges of the net investment in a foreign operation. The unrealized gains or losses on these contracts are recorded in foreign currency translation adjustment within *OCI* and remain in *AOCL* until either the sale or complete or substantially complete liquidation of the subsidiary. The Company excludes certain portions of the change in fair value of its derivative instruments from the assessment of hedge effectiveness (excluded components). Changes in fair value of the excluded components are recognized in *OCI*. The Company recognizes in earnings the initial value of the excluded components on a straight-line basis over the life of the derivative instrument, rather than using the mark-to-market approach. The cash flows from these contracts are reported as investing activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

Foreign exchange risk is also managed through the use of foreign currency debt. Certain of the Company's senior unsecured euro-denominated notes have been designated as, and are effective as, economic hedges of the net investment in a foreign operation. Accordingly, foreign currency transaction gains or losses due to spot rate fluctuations on the euro-denominated debt instruments are included in foreign currency translation adjustment within *OCI*.

The effects of the Company's net investment hedges on *OCI* and the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income are shown below:

	Amount of Pretax Loss (Gain) Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income [1]				Amount of Pretax Gain Recognized in *Other (income) expense, net* for Amounts Excluded from Effectiveness Testing			
	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
Net Investment Hedging Relationships								
Foreign exchange contracts	$ 23	$ (20)	$ (1)	$ 45	$ (8)	$ (3)	$ (18)	$ (11)
Euro-denominated notes	(13)	(1)	(208)	540	—	—	—	—

[1] *No amounts were reclassified from AOCL into income related to the sale of a subsidiary.*

Interest Rate Risk Management

The Company may use interest rate swap contracts on certain investing and borrowing transactions to manage its net exposure to interest rate changes and to reduce its overall cost of borrowing. The Company does not use leveraged swaps and, in general, does not leverage any of its investment activities that would put principal at risk.

At September 30, 2026, the Company was a party to 11 pay-floating, receive-fixed interest rate swap contracts designated as fair value hedges of a portion of fixed-rate notes as detailed in the table below.

	September 30, 2026		
($ in millions)	Par Value of Debt	Number of Interest Rate Swaps Held	Total Swap Notional Amount
4.50% notes due 2033	$ 1,500	6	$ 1,500
4.75% notes due 2035	1,500	2	500
5.20% notes due 2036	1,500	1	250
5.00% notes due 2053	1,500	2	500

The interest rate swap contracts are designated hedges of the fair value changes in the notes attributable to changes in the benchmark Secured Overnight Financing Rate (SOFR) swap rate. The fair value changes in the notes attributable to changes in the SOFR swap rate are recorded in interest expense along with the offsetting fair value changes in the swap contracts. The cash flows from these contracts are reported as operating activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows.

The table below presents the location of amounts recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet related to cumulative basis adjustments for fair value hedges:

	Carrying Amount of Hedged Liabilities		Cumulative Amount of Fair Value Hedging Adjustment (Decrease) Increase Included in the Carrying Amount	
($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Balance Sheet Caption				
Long-Term Debt	$ 2,604	$ 1,810	$ (127)	$ 70

Presented in the table below is the fair value of derivatives on a gross basis segregated between those derivatives that are designated as hedging instruments and those that are not designated as hedging instruments:

		September 30, 2026			December 31, 2025		
		Fair Value of Derivative		U.S. Dollar Notional	Fair Value of Derivative		U.S. Dollar Notional
($ in millions)		Asset	Liability		Asset	Liability	
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments	*Balance Sheet Caption*						
Interest rate swap contracts	Other Assets	$ —	$ —	$ —	$ 71	$ —	$ 1,750
Interest rate swap contracts	Other Noncurrent Liabilities	—	126	2,750	—	—	—
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current assets	221	—	7,709	113	—	6,430
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Assets	37	—	1,565	32	—	1,793
Foreign exchange contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	33	2,657	—	131	4,726
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Noncurrent Liabilities	—	1	63	—	1	13
		$ 258	$ 160	$ 14,744	$ 216	$ 132	$ 14,712
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	*Balance Sheet Caption*						
Total return swap contracts	Other current assets	$ 1	$ —	$ 21	$ —	$ —	$ —
Total return swap contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	16	553	—	—	—
Foreign exchange contracts	Other current assets	161	—	8,851	107	—	11,643
Foreign exchange contracts	Accrued and other current liabilities	—	238	11,838	—	191	13,579
Foreign exchange contracts	Other Noncurrent Liabilities	—	—	—	—	1	357
		$ 162	$ 254	$ 21,263	$ 107	$ 192	$ 25,579
		$ 420	$ 414	$ 36,007	$ 323	$ 324	$ 40,291

As noted above, the Company records its derivatives on a gross basis in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company has master netting agreements with several of its financial institution counterparties (see *Concentrations of Credit Risk* below). The following table provides information on the Company's derivative positions subject to these master netting arrangements as if they were presented on a net basis, allowing for the right of offset by counterparty and cash collateral exchanged per the master agreements and related credit support annexes:

	September 30, 2026		December 31, 2025	
($ in millions)	Asset	Liability	Asset	Liability
Gross amounts recognized in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	$ 420	$ 414	$ 323	$ 324
Gross amounts subject to offset in master netting arrangements not offset in the condensed consolidated balance sheet	(252)	(252)	(245)	(245)
Cash collateral received	(28)	—	(1)	—
Net amounts	$ 140	$ 162	$ 77	$ 79

The table below provides information regarding the location and amount of pretax gains and losses of derivatives designated in fair value or cash flow hedging relationships:

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,					
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025	2026	2025
Financial Statement Caption in which Effects of Fair Value or Cash Flow Hedges are Recorded	Sales		Other (income) expense, net [1]		Other comprehensive income (loss)		Sales		Other (income) expense, net [1]		Other comprehensive income (loss)	
	$ 18,085	$ 17,276	$ 27	$ (238)	$ 54	$ 219	$ 50,978	$ 48,611	$ 262	$ (281)	$ 399	$ (257)
(Gain) loss on fair value hedging relationships:												
Interest rate swap contracts												
Hedged items	—	—	(152)	4	—	—	—	—	(197)	62	—	—
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments	—	—	152	(5)	—	—	—	—	197	(63)	—	—
Impact of cash flow hedging relationships:												
Foreign exchange contracts												
Amount of (loss) gain recognized in *OCI* on derivatives	—	—	—	—	(25)	113	—	—	—	—	184	(630)
Increase (decrease) in *Sales* as a result of *AOCL* reclassifications	32	(85)	—	—	(32)	85	(100)	(35)	—	—	100	35
Interest rate contracts												
Amount of gain recognized in *Other (income) expense, net* on derivatives	—	—	(1)	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	(1)	—	—
Amount of (loss) gain recognized in *OCI* on derivatives	—	—	—	—	(1)	18	—	—	—	—	25	17

[1] *Interest expense is a component of* Other (income) expense, net.

The table below provides information regarding the income statement effects of derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:

		Amount of Derivative Pretax Loss (Gain) Recognized in Income			
		Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)		2026	2025	2026	2025
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments	*Income Statement Caption*				
Foreign exchange contracts [1]	Other (income) expense, net	$ 164	$ 39	$ 308	$ (217)
Foreign exchange contracts [2]	Sales	6	(8)	26	26
Total return swap contracts [3]	Selling, general and administrative	8	—	1	—

[1] *These derivative contracts primarily mitigate changes in the value of remeasured foreign currency denominated monetary assets and liabilities attributable to changes in foreign currency exchange rates.*

[2] *These derivative contracts serve as economic hedges of forecasted transactions.*

[3] *These derivative contracts are utilized to offset changes in the fair value of certain deferred compensation.*

At September 30, 2026, the Company estimates $102 million of pretax net unrealized gains on derivatives maturing within the next 12 months that hedge foreign currency denominated sales over that same period will be reclassified from *AOCL* to *Sales*. The amount ultimately reclassified to *Sales* may differ as foreign exchange rates change. Realized gains and losses are ultimately determined by actual foreign exchange rates at maturity.

Investments in Debt and Equity Securities

Information on investments in debt and equity securities is as follows:

	September 30, 2026				December 31, 2025			
		Gross Unrealized				Gross Unrealized		
($ in millions)	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value	Amortized Cost	Gains	Losses	Fair Value
Foreign government bonds	$ 33	$ —	$ —	$ 33	$ 1	$ —	$ —	$ 1
Commercial paper	15	—	—	15	—	—	—	—
U.S. government and agency securities	—	—	—	—	100	—	—	100
Total debt securities	$ 48	$ —	$ —	$ 48	$ 101	$ —	$ —	$ 101
Publicly traded equity securities [1]				1,655				1,392
Total debt and publicly traded equity securities				$ 1,703				$ 1,493

[1] *Unrealized net gains of $381 million and $656 million were recorded in* Other (income) expense, net *in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, on equity securities still held at September 30, 2026. Unrealized net gains of $367 million and $630 million were recorded in* Other (income) expense, net *in the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, respectively, on equity securities still held at September 30, 2025.*

At September 30, 2026 and September 30, 2025, the Company also had $777 million and $834 million, respectively, of equity investments without readily determinable fair values included in *Other Assets*. The Company records unrealized gains on these equity investments based on favorable observable price changes from transactions involving similar investments of the

same investee and records unrealized losses based on unfavorable observable price changes, which are included in *Other (income) expense, net*. During the first nine months of 2026, the Company recorded unrealized gains of $43 million and unrealized losses of $4 million related to certain of these equity investments still held at September 30, 2026. During the first nine months of 2025, the Company recorded unrealized gains of $1 million and unrealized losses of $33 million related to certain of these equity investments still held at September 30, 2025. Cumulative unrealized gains and cumulative unrealized losses based on observable price changes for investments in equity investments without readily determinable fair values still held at September 30, 2026 were $323 million and $146 million, respectively.

At September 30, 2026 and September 30, 2025, the Company also had $267 million and $226 million, respectively, recorded in *Other Assets* for equity securities held through ownership interests in investment funds. (Gains) losses recorded in *Other (income) expense, net* relating to these investment funds were $(21) million and $2 million for the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and were $(33) million and $53 million for the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively.

Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. The Company uses a fair value hierarchy which maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. There are three levels of inputs used to measure fair value with Level 1 having the highest priority and Level 3 having the lowest:

Level 1 - Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 - Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity. Level 3 assets or liabilities are those whose values are determined using pricing models, discounted cash flow methodologies, or similar techniques with significant unobservable inputs, as well as assets or liabilities for which the determination of fair value requires significant judgment or estimation.

If the inputs used to measure the financial assets and liabilities fall within more than one level described above, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Financial Assets and Liabilities Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	Fair Value Measurements Using				Fair Value Measurements Using			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
($ in millions)	September 30, 2026				December 31, 2025			
Assets								
Investments								
Foreign government bonds	$ —	$ 33	$ —	$ 33	$ —	$ 1	$ —	$ 1
Commercial paper	—	15	—	15	—	—	—	—
Publicly traded equity securities	1,655	—	—	1,655	955	—	—	955
	1,655	48	—	1,703	955	1	—	956
Other assets [1]								
U.S. government and agency securities	—	—	—	—	100	—	—	100
Publicly traded equity securities	—	—	—	—	437	—	—	437
	—	—	—	—	537	—	—	537
Derivative assets [2]								
Forward exchange contracts	—	232	—	232	—	168	—	168
Purchased currency options	—	187	—	187	—	84	—	84
Total return swap contracts	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
Interest rate swap contracts	—	—	—	—	—	71	—	71
	—	420	—	420	—	323	—	323
Total assets	$ 1,655	$ 468	$ —	$ 2,123	$ 1,492	$ 324	$ —	$ 1,816
Liabilities								
Derivative liabilities [2]								
Forward exchange contracts	$ —	$ 260	$ —	$ 260	$ —	$ 293	$ —	$ 293
Interest rate swap contracts	—	126	—	126	—	—	—	—
Total return swap contracts	—	16	—	16	—	—	—	—
Written currency options	—	12	—	12	—	31	—	31
Total liabilities	$ —	$ 414	$ —	$ 414	$ —	$ 324	$ —	$ 324

[1] *Investments included in other assets are restricted as to use, including for the payment of benefits under employee benefit plans.*

[2] *The fair value determination of derivatives includes the impact of the credit risk of counterparties to the derivatives and the Company's own credit risk, the effects of which were not significant.*

As of September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, *Cash and cash equivalents* included $8.6 billion and $13.8 billion of cash equivalents, respectively (which would be considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy).

Other Fair Value Measurements

Some of the Company's financial instruments, such as cash and cash equivalents, receivables and payables, are reflected in the balance sheet at carrying value, which approximates fair value due to their short-term nature.

The estimated fair value of loans payable and long-term debt (including current portion) at September 30, 2026, was $47.0 billion compared with a carrying value of $53.8 billion and at December 31, 2025, was $45.6 billion compared with a carrying value of $49.3 billion. Fair value was estimated using recent observable market prices and would be considered Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Concentrations of Credit Risk

On an ongoing basis, the Company monitors concentrations of credit risk associated with corporate and government issuers of securities and financial institutions with which it conducts business. Credit exposure limits are established to limit a concentration with any single issuer or institution. Cash and investments are placed in instruments that meet high credit quality standards as specified in the Company's investment policy guidelines.

The majority of the Company's accounts receivable arise from product sales in the U.S. and Europe and are primarily due from drug wholesalers, distributors and retailers, hospitals and government agencies. The Company monitors the financial performance and creditworthiness of its customers so that it can properly assess and respond to changes in their credit profile. The Company also continues to monitor global economic conditions, including the volatility associated with international sovereign economies, and associated impacts on the financial markets and its business.

The Company has accounts receivable factoring agreements with financial institutions in certain countries to sell accounts receivable. The Company factored $1.7 billion and $1.6 billion of accounts receivable as of September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, respectively, under these factoring arrangements, which reduced outstanding accounts receivable. The cash received from the financial institutions is reported within operating activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. In certain of these factoring arrangements, for ease of administration, the Company will collect customer payments related to the factored receivables, which it then remits to the financial institutions, generally within thirty days after receipt. As of September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, the Company had collected $55 million and $45 million, respectively, on behalf of the financial institutions, which is reflected as restricted cash in *Other current assets,* and the related obligation to remit the cash is recorded in *Accrued and other current liabilities*. The net cash flows related to these collections are reported as financing activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows. The cost of factoring such accounts receivable was *de minimis*.

Derivative financial instruments are executed under International Swaps and Derivatives Association master agreements. The master agreements with several of the Company's financial institution counterparties also include credit support annexes. These annexes contain provisions that require collateral to be exchanged depending on the value of the derivative assets and liabilities, the Company's credit rating, and the credit rating of the counterparty. Cash collateral received by the Company from various counterparties was $28 million and $1 million at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, respectively. The obligation to return such collateral is recorded in *Accrued and other current liabilities*.

6. Inventories

Inventories consisted of:

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Finished goods	$ 2,144	$ 2,275
Raw materials and work in process	11,242	10,645
Supplies	312	331
Total	13,698	13,251
Decrease to LIFO cost	(1,193)	(912)
	$ 12,505	$ 12,339
Recognized as:		
Inventories	$ 6,164	$ 6,658
Other Assets	6,341	5,681

Amounts recognized as *Other Assets* are comprised almost entirely of raw materials and work in process inventories. At September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, these amounts included $6.1 billion and $5.5 billion, respectively, of inventories not expected to be sold within one year. In addition, these amounts included $282 million and $211 million at September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025, respectively, of inventories produced in preparation for product launches.

7. Loans Payable and Long-Term Debt

In April 2026, Merck entered into a delayed draw term loan credit agreement (Credit Agreement) pursuant to which the lenders committed (subject to satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement) to provide Merck with financing under a 364-day term loan facility in an aggregate amount not to exceed $6.0 billion. The Company drew down the full $6.0 billion of funds under the facility to fund a portion of the approximately $6.8 billion cash consideration for the acquisition of Terns. The Company has since repaid borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

In May 2026, the Company issued $6.0 billion aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes consisting of $500 million of floating rate notes due 2028, $1.0 billion of 4.30% notes due 2028, $500 million of 4.65% notes due 2031, $1.0 billion of 4.95% notes due 2033, $1.5 billion of 5.20% notes due 2036, $500 million of 5.75% notes due 2046, and $1.0 billion of 5.85% notes due 2056. The Company used the net proceeds from the offering to repay borrowings under the Credit Agreement as noted above.

8. Contingencies

The Company is involved in various claims and legal proceedings of a nature considered normal to its business, including product liability, intellectual property, commercial litigation, and securities litigation, as well as certain additional matters including governmental and environmental matters. In the opinion of the Company, the resolution of these matters is not expected to be material to the Company's financial condition. However, the resolution of, or an increase in accruals for, one or more of these matters may have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and/or cash flows in the period recorded.

Given the nature of the litigation discussed below and the complexities involved in these matters, the Company is unable to reasonably estimate a possible loss or range of possible loss for such matters until the Company knows, among other factors, (i) what claims, if any, will survive dispositive motion practice, (ii) the extent of the claims, including the size of any potential class, particularly when damages are not specified or are indeterminate, (iii) how the discovery process will affect the litigation, (iv) the settlement posture of the other parties to the litigation and (v) any other factors that may have a material effect on the litigation.

The Company records accruals for contingencies when it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. These accruals are adjusted periodically as assessments change or additional information becomes available. Generally, for product liability claims, a portion of the overall accrual is actuarially determined and considers such factors as past experience, number of claims reported and estimates of claims incurred but not yet reported. Individually significant contingent losses are accrued when probable and reasonably estimable. Legal defense costs expected to be incurred in connection with a loss contingency are accrued when probable and reasonably estimable.

The Company's decision to obtain insurance coverage is dependent on market conditions, including cost and availability, existing at the time such decisions are made. The Company has evaluated its risks and has determined that the cost of obtaining product liability insurance outweighs the likely benefits of the coverage that is available and, as such, has no insurance for most product liabilities.

Product Liability Litigation

Dr. Scholl's Foot Powder

As previously disclosed, Merck is a defendant in product liability lawsuits in the U.S. arising from consumers' alleged exposure to talc in Dr. Scholl's foot powder, which Merck acquired through its merger with Schering-Plough Corporation and sold as part of the divestiture of Merck's consumer care business to Bayer in 2014. In these actions, plaintiffs allege that they were exposed to asbestos-contaminated talc and developed mesothelioma as a result. As of September 30, 2026, approximately 830 cases were pending against Merck in various state courts.

The Company was recently the defendant in a trial in Chicago, Illinois, in which it was found to be not liable for the plaintiff's mesothelioma. The Company anticipates that there will be additional trials in the Dr. Scholl's litigation in the future.

Gardasil/Gardasil 9

As previously disclosed, Merck is a defendant in product liability lawsuits in the U.S. involving *Gardasil* (Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent [Types 6, 11, 16 and 18] Vaccine, Recombinant) and *Gardasil* 9 (Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant).

As previously disclosed, in October 2025, Merck entered into a proposed agreement with plaintiffs' counsel to substantially resolve the *Gardasil* product liability litigation. The agreement set forth various terms and conditions under which Merck would resolve the bulk of all pending *Gardasil* product liability claims in the U.S. in exchange for a total payment that was considerably less than Merck's anticipated costs of defense in the litigation and that was not material to Merck. The agreement required that several conditions be met within specified time periods, including participation thresholds, in order for the agreement to result in a final resolution of any pending litigation. Those conditions in the agreement were met, the agreement is now final, and Merck has satisfied its obligations under the agreement.

As previously disclosed, there are fewer than 15 product liability cases pending outside the U.S.

Governmental Proceedings

Civil Investigative Demands

As previously disclosed, in August 2025, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand (CID) from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), pursuant to a False Claims Act investigation, seeking documents, information, and testimony related to the Company's programs and practices concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion. The CID states that the DOJ is investigating whether, in connection with the Company's claims for payments under its federal contracts, the Company falsely certified compliance with federal antidiscrimination laws. The Company is cooperating with the investigation.

As previously disclosed, in June 2024, Merck received a CID from the DOJ, pursuant to a False Claims Act investigation, seeking documents and materials related to *Steglatro* (ertugliflozin), *Januvia* (sitagliptin) and certain related drugs. The CID states that it is investigating Merck's price reporting under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program as well as compliance with anti-kickback requirements in connection with patient assistance programs. The Company is cooperating with the investigation.

Inflation Reduction Act

As previously disclosed, in June 2023, Merck filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against the U.S. government regarding the Inflation Reduction Act's "Drug Price Negotiation Program" for Medicare (Program). This litigation sought relief from the Program by challenging its constitutionality as violative of the First and Fifth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution. On August 24, 2026, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted summary judgment for the U.S. Government.

Other Matters

As previously disclosed, from time to time, the Company's subsidiaries in China receive inquiries regarding their operations from various Chinese governmental agencies. Some of these inquiries may be related to matters involving other multinational pharmaceutical companies, as well as Chinese entities doing business with such companies. The Company's policy is to cooperate with these authorities and to provide responses as appropriate.

As previously disclosed, from time to time, the Company receives inquiries and is the subject of preliminary investigation activities from competition and other governmental authorities in markets outside the U.S. These authorities may include regulators, administrative authorities, and law enforcement and other similar officials, and these preliminary investigation activities may include site visits, formal or informal requests or demands for documents or materials, inquiries or interviews and similar matters. Certain of these preliminary inquiries or activities may lead to the commencement of formal proceedings. Should those proceedings be determined adversely to the Company, monetary fines and/or remedial undertakings may be required.

Securities Litigation

As previously disclosed, in 2025, a putative class action was filed against Merck and certain of its officers in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, captioned *Cronin v. Merck & Co., Inc., et al.*, purportedly on behalf of all purchasers of Merck common stock between October 26, 2023, and February 3, 2025. Plaintiff alleges that Merck violated federal securities laws by making materially false and misleading statements and omissions regarding demand for *Gardasil*/*Gardasil* 9 in China. In 2025, the court appointed AMF Tjänstepension AB, KBC Asset Management NV, and Wayne County Employees' Retirement System as lead plaintiffs (Lead Plaintiffs). Lead Plaintiffs filed an amended complaint on February 20, 2026, seeking unspecified damages allegedly caused by the purported false or misleading statements. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss on May 1, 2026. The opposition brief was filed on June 30, 2026. The reply brief was filed on August 14, 2026. The district court scheduled oral argument on the motion to dismiss for December 14, 2026.

As previously disclosed, various derivative lawsuits were filed in New Jersey state and federal court against certain current and former Merck officers and board members. The derivative lawsuits assert claims under state and federal securities statutes, as well as New Jersey common law, based on the same allegations as those made in the putative securities class action. These derivative lawsuits seek unspecified monetary damages, corporate governance reforms, injunctive relief, disgorgement of profits, restitution, fees, and costs. All the derivative proceedings are stayed pending further developments in the class action.

Commercial and Other Litigation

RotaTeq Antitrust Litigation

As previously disclosed, in March 2023, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore filed a putative class action against Merck in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania on behalf of all third-party payers in states that indirectly purchased, paid, and/or provided reimbursement for some or all of the purchase price of *RotaTeq* (Rotavirus Vaccine, Live Oral, Pentavalent), other than for resale, from March 3, 2019 to the present. Plaintiff alleges that Merck violated federal and state antitrust laws and state consumer protection laws. Plaintiff alleges that Merck has implemented an anticompetitive vaccine bundling scheme whereby Merck leverages its alleged monopoly power in certain pediatric vaccine markets to maintain its alleged monopoly power in the U.S. market for rotavirus vaccines in order to charge supracompetitive prices for *RotaTeq*. Plaintiff seeks permanent injunctive relief and unspecified monetary damages on purchases of *RotaTeq*, trebled, and fees and costs. In May 2023, Merck moved to dismiss the complaint. In November 2023, the court granted in part and denied in part the motion to dismiss, dismissing plaintiff's Idaho and Utah consumer law claims and allowing all other claims to proceed.

As previously disclosed, in January 2026, plaintiff filed a motion to certify the proposed class. On February 10, 2026, Merck filed an opposition to plaintiff's motion to certify the proposed class and a motion to exclude plaintiff's expert's class certification opinions. Plaintiff filed a reply in support of its request to certify the class and an opposition to the motion to exclude on March 17, 2026. On March 31, 2026, Merck filed a reply in support of the motion to exclude plaintiff's expert's opinions. Merck also filed a sur-reply to the class certification motion. Oral argument on the motion to certify the class action was held on August 26, 2026.

Bravecto Litigation

As previously disclosed, in January 2020, the Company was served with a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. Following motion practice, the plaintiffs filed a third amended complaint in August 2024, seeking to certify a nationwide class as well as five statewide classes of purchasers or users of *Bravecto* (fluralaner) products from its launch through the present. Plaintiffs contend *Bravecto* causes neurological events in dogs and cats and alleges violations of the consumer fraud statutes of certain of their home states (Connecticut, New York, Florida and Texas), Breach of Warranty, Product Liability, and related theories. The Company moved to dismiss or, alternatively, to strike the class allegations from the third amended complaint, and that motion was granted in part and denied in part. The plaintiffs served a motion for class certification in May 2026 seeking certification of several statewide classes of *Bravecto* purchasers and the Company has served an opposition to that motion. The plaintiffs' motion remains pending. A similar case was filed in Quebec, Canada in May 2019. The Superior Court certified a class of dog owners in Quebec who gave *Bravecto* Chew to their dogs between February 16, 2017 and November 2, 2018 whose dogs experienced one of the conditions in the post-marketing adverse reactions section of the labeling approved on November 2, 2018. The Company and plaintiffs each appealed the class certification decision. The Court of Appeal of Quebec amended the class period to start July 2, 2014, allowed the second plaintiff to serve as a class representative, and modified the list of conditions in the class definition. The Company sought leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which was denied. The case is proceeding in the Superior Court.

Patent Litigation

From time to time, generic and biosimilar manufacturers of pharmaceutical products file Abbreviated New Drug Applications (ANDAs) and Biologics License Applications, respectively, with the FDA seeking to market generic and biosimilar forms of the Company's products prior to the expiration of relevant patents owned by the Company. To protect its patent rights, the Company may file patent infringement lawsuits against such generic and biosimilar companies. Similar lawsuits defending the Company's patent rights may exist in other countries. The Company intends to vigorously defend its patents, which it believes are valid, against infringement by companies attempting to market products prior to the expiration of such patents. As with any litigation, there can be no assurance of the outcomes, which, if adverse, could result in significantly shortened periods of exclusivity for these products and, with respect to products acquired through acquisitions, potentially significant intangible asset impairment charges. In addition to these matters, the Company may be involved in other litigation involving its intellectual property and intellectual property owned or licensed by other companies.

Keytruda — As previously disclosed, in November 2022, the Company filed a complaint against The Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in the U.S. District Court of Maryland. This action concerns a joint research collaboration between Merck and JHU regarding the use of *Keytruda* in certain indications. Merck and JHU partnered to design and conduct a clinical study administering *Keytruda* to cancer patients having tumors that had the genetic biomarker known as microsatellite instability-high (MSI-H) (the Joint Clinical Study). Subsequently, JHU obtained a number of U.S. patents specifically relying on the Joint Clinical Study. Merck alleges that JHU breached the collaboration agreement by obtaining issuance of these patents without informing or involving Merck, which were licensed to others, and then trying to enforce these patents against Merck. Merck, therefore, brought an action for breach of contract, declaratory judgment of noninfringement, and promissory estoppel. JHU answered the complaint in April and May 2023, denying Merck's claims, and counterclaiming for willful infringement of nine issued U.S. patents, including a demand for damages. Between November 30, 2023, and March 13, 2024, the Company filed *inter partes* review (IPR) petitions with the U.S. Patent Office's Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB), challenging the patentability of all nine patents asserted in the district court. Between June 2024 and October 2024, the PTAB instituted a review of all nine challenged patents. In June 2024, the district court granted Merck's motion to stay the case in its entirety pending the outcome of the PTAB proceeding instituted in June 2024.

As previously disclosed, between June and November 2025, the PTAB issued Final Written Decisions (FWDs) finding all challenged claims of the nine patents unpatentable. JHU has filed notices of appeal to the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The district court's stay is expected to continue until at least the issuance of the Federal Circuit decision.

Subcutaneous Pembrolizumab — As previously disclosed, Halozyme, Inc. (Halozyme) has publicly alleged that certain patents in its modified hyaluronidase (MDASE) portfolio cover an ingredient in the Company's subcutaneous pembrolizumab product. In November 2024, the Company began filing a series of post grant review (PGR) petitions before the PTAB alleging that certain patents in the MDASE portfolio are invalid. In June 2025, the PTAB instituted the first petition filed by the Company, and in the following months instituted 13 additional petitions. The PTAB has since issued FWDs regarding eleven of the instituted PGR petitions finding every challenged claim unpatentable. Four Director Review requests filed by Halozyme have been denied and one remains pending. Separately, the PTAB denied institution of one PGR petition against a patent not asserted by Halozyme in the district court litigation discussed below due to discretionary and non-merit considerations.

In April 2025, Halozyme filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey alleging that the Company's activities related to subcutaneous pembrolizumab infringe or will infringe 15 patents belonging to the MDASE portfolio, all of which are the subject of either the Company's already filed PGR petitions or separately filed IPR petitions, all of

which have been instituted by the PTAB. The Company believes the three patents challenged via IPR petitions are invalid and suffer from at least the same defects as the patents currently being challenged by the PGR process.

Between August and June 2026, the Company filed revocation actions against EP Patent No. 2 797 622 (the '622 patent) owned by Halozyme in the UK, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, and Switzerland. Halozyme counterclaimed for an injunction in the UK under the '622 patent as well as EP Patent No. 3 130 347 (the '347 patent) but agreed not to pursue any type of preliminary injunctive relief. In May 2026, Halozyme consented to revocation of the '622 patent in the UK, and a trial is scheduled to begin on November 30, 2026, to consider validity and infringement of the '347 patent. In October 2025, the Company accepted service of a preliminary injunction filed by Halozyme under the '622 patent in Germany. Following a one day hearing in December 2025, a preliminary injunction was awarded against the Company, prohibiting sales in Germany. The Company has appealed the preliminary injunction decision, and the appeal hearing is set for November 19, 2026. In September 2026, Halozyme filed a preliminary injunction application in Italy against the Company's Italian subsidiary and a third-party manufacturer which manufactures subcutaneous *Keytruda* under contract. An initial hearing is set for December 2, 2026. In the Dutch action, in February 2026, Halozyme counterclaimed for infringement. The Dutch action was heard at the end of July 2026 and an injunction against the Company was handed down on October 7, 2026, prohibiting continued sales of *Keytruda SC* in Denmark and Italy and preventing product launches in The Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, and France.

Lenvima — As previously disclosed, between 2019 and 2024, Eisai Inc (Eisai) received Paragraph IV Certification Letters under the Hatch-Waxman Act, providing notice that Sun Pharmaceuticals (Sun), Shilpa Medicare Ltd. (Shilpa), Dr. Reddy's Laboratories (DRL), and Torrent Pharmaceuticals (Torrent) filed separate applications to the FDA seeking pre-patent expiry approval to sell generic versions of Lenvima (lenvatinib) tablets. Between 2019 and 2024, Eisai and the Company filed a series of patent infringement lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against each generic company asserting several Orange-Book listed patents. The Lenvima compound patent expired in April 2026 (including pediatric exclusivity) and was not challenged. Eisai and the Company settled with Sun, DRL, and Torrent regarding the remaining asserted patents covering Lenvima. Eisai has announced publicly that these generic companies can bring their generic versions of Lenvima to the market in the U.S. in July 2030 or earlier under certain circumstances. In May 2025, Eisai and the Company received a favorable trial decision against Shilpa from the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey. As a result of the decision, Shilpa is unable to receive approval from the FDA to sell its generic version of Lenvima until February 2036. Shilpa has appealed the district court's decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the appeal is currently pending.

In July and August 2026, Eisai received a Paragraph IV Certification Letter under the Hatch-Waxman Act, providing notice that Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc, Zydus Lifesciences Global FZE, and Zydus Lifesciences Limited (collectively, Zydus) is seeking pre-patent approval to sell a generic version of Lenvima tablets. On September 10, 2026, Eisai and the Company filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against Zydus asserting several Orange-Book listed patents. The filing of the infringement suit stays FDA approval of Zydus's application for 30 months from the date of the Paragraph IV notice, or until an adverse court decision, if any, whichever may occur earlier.

Lynparza — As previously disclosed, between December 2022 and November 2024, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP received Paragraph IV Certification Letters under the Hatch-Waxman Act notifying AstraZeneca that Natco Pharma Limited, Sandoz Inc., Cipla USA, Inc and Cipla Limited (collectively, Cipla), and Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA) Inc. have filed separate applications to the FDA seeking pre-patent expiry approval to sell generic versions of Lynparza (olaparib) tablets. Between February 2023 and January 2025, AstraZeneca and the Company filed a series of patent infringement lawsuits in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey against each generic company asserting a number of Orange-Book listed patents. None of the generic companies are challenging the patent specifically claiming the olaparib compound which expires in September 2027. Thus, the earliest date the FDA can approve any of the currently pending generic applications is September 2027. All of the cases have been consolidated. Trial has been scheduled to begin in January 2027.

On June 12, 2026, AstraZeneca and the Company received a second Paragraph IV notice from Cipla stating that it is seeking pre-patent expiry approval to sell generic versions of Lynparza tablets based on a second ANDA filing and asserting that certain patents covering Lynparza are invalid or will not be infringed. The Company and AstraZeneca filed a patent infringement lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey in July 2026 asserting a number of Orange-Book listed patents. The FDA will stay approval of Cipla's second ANDA for 30 months from the date of the Paragraph IV notice unless an adverse court decision is received earlier than that date.

Capvaxive — As previously disclosed, in September 2025, Pogona, LLC (Pogona) filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey alleging that the Company's activities related to *Capvaxive* (Pneumococcal 21-valent Conjugate Vaccine) infringe U.S. Patent No. 11,058,757 ('757 patent). Pogona is asserting the Company's infringement is willful and is seeking monetary damages. The Company believes the asserted patent is invalid and not infringed. On January 26, 2026, the Company filed an IPR petition with the PTAB, challenging the validity of Pogona's '757 patent. That petition was denied institution for discretionary and non-merits based reasons. The Company, however, has filed a motion requesting to join an already instituted IPR proceeding filed by a third party. The Company has filed a motion to stay the district court proceedings pending the outcome of the third party IPR petition.

Other Litigation

There are various other pending legal proceedings involving the Company, principally product liability and intellectual property lawsuits. While it is not feasible to predict the outcome of such proceedings, in the opinion of the Company, either the likelihood of loss is remote or the resolution of such proceedings is not expected to be material to the Company's financial

condition. However, the resolution of, or an increase in accruals for, one or more of these matters may have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and/or cash flows in the period recorded.

Legal Defense Reserves

Legal defense costs expected to be incurred in connection with a loss contingency are accrued when probable and reasonably estimable. Some of the significant factors considered in the review of these legal defense reserves are as follows: the actual costs incurred by the Company; the development of the Company's legal defense strategy and structure in light of the scope of its litigation; the number of cases being brought against the Company; the costs and outcomes of completed trials; and the most current information regarding anticipated timing, progression, and related costs of pre-trial activities and trials in the associated litigation. The amount of legal defense reserves as of September 30, 2026 and December 31, 2025 of approximately $280 million and $245 million, respectively, represents the Company's best estimate of the minimum amount of defense costs to be incurred in connection with its outstanding litigation; however, events such as additional trials and other events that could arise in the course of its litigation could affect the ultimate amount of legal defense costs to be incurred by the Company. The Company will continue to monitor its legal defense costs and review the adequacy of the associated reserves and may determine to increase the reserves at any time in the future if, based upon the factors set forth, it believes it would be appropriate to do so.

9. Equity

	Three Months Ended September 30,								
	Common Stock		Other Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock		Non-controlling Interests	Total
($ and shares in millions except per share amounts)	Shares	Par Value				Shares	Cost		
Balance at July 1, 2025	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 44,644	$ 68,477	$ (5,421)	1,074	$ (60,495)	$ 67	$ 49,060
Net income attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	—	—	—	5,785	—	—	—	—	5,785
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	219	—	—	—	219
Cash dividends declared on common stock ($0.81 per share)	—	—	—	(2,031)	—	—	—	—	(2,031)
Treasury stock shares purchased	—	—	—	—	—	16	(1,324)	—	(1,324)
Share-based compensation plans and other	—	—	188	—	—	—	20	—	208
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Distributions attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(12)	(12)
Balance at September 30, 2025	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 44,832	$ 72,231	$ (5,202)	1,090	$ (61,799)	$ 57	$ 51,907
Balance at July 1, 2026	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 44,950	$ 63,269	$ (3,942)	1,108	$ (64,132)	$ 51	$ 41,984
Net income attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	—	—	—	5,065	—	—	—	—	5,065
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	54	—	—	—	54
Cash dividends declared on common stock ($0.85 per share)	—	—	—	(2,111)	—	—		—	(2,111)
Treasury stock shares purchased	—	—	—	—	—	5	(657)	—	(657)
Share-based compensation plans and other	—	—	412	—	—	(3)	197	—	609
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Balance at September 30, 2026	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 45,362	$ 66,223	$ (3,888)	1,110	$ (64,592)	$ 53	$ 44,946

	Nine Months Ended September 30,								
	Common Stock		Other Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock		Non-controlling Interests	Total
($ and shares in millions except per share amounts)	Shares	Par Value				Shares	Cost		
Balance at January 1, 2025	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 44,704	$ 63,069	$ (4,945)	1,049	$ (58,303)	$ 59	$ 46,372
Net income attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	—	—	—	15,291	—	—	—	—	15,291
Other comprehensive loss, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	(257)	—	—	—	(257)
Cash dividends declared on common stock ($2.43 per share)	—	—	—	(6,129)	—	—	—	—	(6,129)
Treasury stock shares purchased	—	—	—	—	—	46	(3,832)	—	(3,832)
Share-based compensation plans and other	—	—	128	—	—	(5)	336	—	464
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	10
Distributions attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(12)	(12)
Balance at September 30, 2025	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 44,832	$ 72,231	$ (5,202)	1,090	$ (61,799)	$ 57	$ 51,907
Balance at January 1, 2026	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 45,029	$ 73,075	$ (4,287)	1,102	$ (62,999)	$ 56	$ 52,662
Net loss attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	—	—	—	(510)	—	—	—	—	(510)
Other comprehensive income, net of taxes	—	—	—	—	399	—	—	—	399
Cash dividends declared on common stock ($2.55 per share)	—	—	—	(6,342)	—	—	—	—	(6,342)
Treasury stock shares purchased	—	—	—	—	—	19	(2,294)	—	(2,294)
Share-based compensation plans and other	—	—	333	—	—	(11)	701	—	1,034
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(3)	(3)
Balance at September 30, 2026	3,577	$ 1,788	$ 45,362	$ 66,223	$ (3,888)	1,110	$ (64,592)	$ 53	$ 44,946

10. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

The Company has defined benefit pension plans covering eligible employees in the U.S. and in certain of its international subsidiaries. The net periodic benefit cost (credit) of such plans consisted of the following components:

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2026		2025		2026		2025	
($ in millions)	U.S.	International	U.S.	International	U.S.	International	U.S.	International
Service cost	$ 98	$ 46	$ 100	$ 57	$ 293	$ 144	$ 279	$ 171
Interest cost	145	79	143	78	435	239	425	225
Expected return on plan assets	(197)	(157)	(210)	(159)	(610)	(477)	(630)	(454)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service credit	—	(4)	—	(4)	—	(11)	—	(12)
Net loss (gain) amortization	32	(1)	16	3	86	(3)	42	8
Termination benefits	1	—	—	—	5	14	1	—
Curtailments	—	—	9	(16)	—	—	8	(16)
	$ 79	$ (37)	$ 58	$ (41)	$ 209	$ (94)	$ 125	$ (78)

The Company provides medical benefits, principally to its eligible U.S. retirees and similar benefits to their dependents, through its other postretirement benefit plans. The net credit of such plans consisted of the following components:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Service cost	$ 10	$ 9	$ 32	$ 29
Interest cost	15	15	47	46
Expected return on plan assets	(13)	(13)	(41)	(39)
Amortization of unrecognized prior service credit	(9)	(10)	(28)	(30)
Net gain amortization	(9)	(12)	(24)	(33)
Termination benefits	—	—	1	—
	$ (6)	$ (11)	$ (13)	$ (27)

In connection with restructuring actions (see Note 4), termination charges were recorded on pension and other postretirement benefit plans related to expanded eligibility for certain employees exiting Merck.

The components of net periodic benefit cost (credit) other than the service cost component are included in *Other (income) expense, net* (see Note 11), with the exception of certain amounts for termination benefits which are recorded in *Restructuring costs* if the event giving rise to the termination benefits related to restructuring actions.

11. Other (Income) Expense, Net

Other (income) expense, net, consisted of:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Interest income	$ (52)	$ (96)	$ (122)	$ (274)
Interest expense	546	327	1,550	946
Exchange losses	63	56	138	224
Income from investments in equity securities, net [1]	(401)	(373)	(811)	(563)
Net periodic defined benefit plan (credit) cost other than service cost	(120)	(152)	(382)	(452)
Other, net	(9)	—	(111)	(162)
	$ 27	$ (238)	$ 262	$ (281)

[1] *Includes net realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments in equity securities either owned directly or through ownership interests in investment funds. Unrealized gains and losses from investments that are owned directly are determined at the end of the reporting period, while gains and losses from ownership interests in investment funds are accounted for on a one quarter lag. The Company estimates that gains of approximately $100 million will be recorded in the fourth quarter of 2026 from ownership interests in investment funds.*

Interest paid for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025 was $1.4 billion and $849 million, respectively, including capitalized interest of $139 million and $172 million, respectively.

12. Income Taxes

The effective income tax rate of 8.9% for the third quarter of 2026 reflects the favorable impacts of certain discrete items, as well as jurisdictional mix of income and expense. The income tax provision of $1.9 billion for the first nine months of 2026 on pretax income of $1.3 billion, resulted in an effective income tax rate of 138.2%. The effective income tax rate for the first nine months of 2026 reflects a 126.6 percentage point combined unfavorable impact of the charges for the acquisitions of Cidara and Terns, which had no tax benefits, partially offset by the favorable impacts of certain discrete items, as well as jurisdictional mix of income and expense.

The effective income tax rates of 14.2% and 13.3% for the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, respectively, reflect the favorable impacts of jurisdictional mix of income and expense, as well as certain discrete items.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is currently conducting examinations of the Company's tax returns for the years 2017 and 2018, including the one-time transition tax enacted under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. In April 2025, Merck received Notices of Proposed Adjustment (NOPAs) that would increase the amount of the one-time transition tax on certain undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries by approximately $1.3 billion. In addition, the NOPAs included penalties of approximately $260 million. These amounts are exclusive of any interest that may be due. The Company disagrees with the proposed adjustments and is vigorously contesting the NOPAs through available administrative proceedings. However, it remains uncertain whether a resolution can be reached during this phase of the audit, and judicial proceedings may be necessary. If the Company is ultimately unsuccessful in resolving or defending its position, the impact could be material to its financial statements. The statute of limitations for assessments with respect to the 2019 and 2020 federal tax return years expired in June 2024 and October 2024, respectively. The IRS is also currently conducting examinations of the Company's tax returns for the years 2021 and 2022. In addition, various state and foreign tax examinations are in progress.

13. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

The calculations of earnings (loss) per share are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ and shares in millions except per share amounts)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	$ 5,065	$ 5,785	$ (510)	$ 15,291
Average common shares outstanding	2,468	2,495	2,471	2,509
Common shares issuable [1]	10	3	—	5
Average common shares outstanding assuming dilution	2,478	2,498	2,471	2,514
Basic Earnings (Loss) per Common Share Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc. Common Shareholders	$ 2.05	$ 2.32	$ (0.21)	$ 6.09
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share Assuming Dilution Attributable to Merck & Co., Inc. Common Shareholders	$ 2.04	$ 2.32	$ (0.21)	$ 6.08

[1] *Issuable primarily under share-based compensation plans.*

For the third quarter of 2026, 1 million shares and for the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, 15 million shares and 12 million shares, respectively, of common stock issuable under share-based compensation plans were excluded from the computations of earnings per common share assuming dilution because their effects would have been antidilutive. The Company recorded a net loss for the first nine months of 2026; therefore, no potential dilutive common shares were used in the computation of loss per common share assuming dilution because their effects would have been antidilutive.

14. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Changes in each component of other comprehensive income (loss) are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
($ in millions)	Derivatives	Employee Benefit Plans	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
Balance July 1, 2025, net of taxes	$ (385)	$ (2,353)	$ (2,683)	$ (5,421)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, pretax	113	93	(64)	142
Tax	(24)	1	39	16
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	89	94	(25)	158
Reclassification adjustments, pretax	103 (1)	(22) (2)	—	81
Tax	(22)	2	—	(20)
Reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	81	(20)	—	61
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	170	74	(25)	219
Balance September 30, 2025, net of taxes	$ (215)	$ (2,279)	$ (2,708)	$ (5,202)
Balance July 1, 2026, net of taxes	$ 186	$ (1,486)	$ (2,642)	$ (3,942)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, pretax	(25)	71	37	83
Tax	5	(7)	(6)	(8)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	(20)	64	31	75
Reclassification adjustments, pretax	(33) (1)	9 (2)	—	(24)
Tax	6	(3)	—	3
Reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	(27)	6	—	(21)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	(47)	70	31	54
Balance September 30, 2026, net of taxes	$ 139	$ (1,416)	$ (2,611)	$ (3,888)

($ in millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30, Derivatives	Employee Benefit Plans	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
Balance January 1, 2025, net of taxes	$ 242	$ (2,327)	$ (2,860)	$ (4,945)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, pretax	(630)	91	270	(269)
Tax	132	—	(118)	14
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	(498)	91	152	(255)
Reclassification adjustments, pretax	52 (1)	(40) (2)	—	12
Tax	(11)	(3)	—	(14)
Reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	41	(43)	—	(2)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	(457)	48	152	(257)
Balance September 30, 2025, net of taxes	$ (215)	$ (2,279)	$ (2,708)	$ (5,202)
Balance January 1, 2026, net of taxes	$ (105)	$ (1,499)	$ (2,683)	$ (4,287)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, pretax	184	73	108	365
Tax	(39)	(6)	(36)	(81)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	145	67	72	284
Reclassification adjustments, pretax	126 (1)	20 (2)	—	146
Tax	(27)	(4)	—	(31)
Reclassification adjustments, net of taxes	99	16	—	115
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes	244	83	72	399
Balance September 30, 2026, net of taxes	$ 139	$ (1,416)	$ (2,611)	$ (3,888)

(1) *Primarily relates to foreign currency cash flow hedges that were reclassified from* AOCL *to* Sales.

(2) *Includes net amortization of prior service cost, actuarial gains and losses, settlements and curtailments included in net periodic benefit cost (see Note 10).*

15. Segment Reporting

The Company's operations are principally managed on a product basis and include two operating segments, Pharmaceutical and Animal Health, both of which are reportable segments.

The Pharmaceutical segment includes human health pharmaceutical and vaccine products. Human health pharmaceutical products consist of therapeutic and preventive agents, generally sold by prescription, for the treatment of human disorders. The Company sells these human health pharmaceutical products primarily to drug wholesalers and retailers, hospitals, government agencies, and managed health care providers such as health maintenance organizations, pharmacy benefit managers and other institutions. Human health vaccine products consist of preventive pediatric, adolescent and adult vaccines. The Company sells these human health vaccines primarily to physicians, wholesalers, distributors and government entities. A large component of pediatric and adolescent vaccine sales are made to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccines for Children program, which is funded by the U.S. government. Additionally, the Company sells vaccines to the Federal government for placement into vaccine stockpiles. As a result of changes to the Company's internal reporting structure, certain costs (including IT related costs) that were previously included in the Pharmaceutical segment are now being included as part of non-segment unallocated expenses within corporate support functions. Prior period Pharmaceutical segment profits have been recast to reflect these changes on a comparable basis.

The Animal Health segment discovers, develops, manufactures and markets a wide range of veterinary pharmaceutical and vaccine products, as well as health management solutions and services, for the prevention, treatment and control of disease in all major livestock and companion animal species. The Company also offers an extensive suite of digitally connected identification, traceability and monitoring products. The Company sells its products to veterinarians, distributors, animal producers, farmers and pet owners.

Sales of the Company's products were as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2026			2025			2026			2025		
($ in millions)	U.S.	Int'l	Total	U.S.	Int'l	Total	U.S.	Int'l	Total	U.S.	Int'l	Total
Pharmaceutical:												
Oncology												
Keytruda	$ 4,520	$ 3,251	$ 7,771	$ 4,879	$ 3,263	$ 8,142	$ 13,731	$ 9,851	$ 23,581	$ 13,936	$ 9,367	$ 23,303
Keytruda Qlex	693	136	830	5	—	5	1,195	225	1,420	5	—	5
Alliance revenue-Lynparza [1]	171	182	352	184	195	379	486	573	1,059	503	558	1,061
Alliance revenue-Lenvima [1]	204	83	287	177	81	258	573	253	826	545	236	781
Welireg	237	69	307	161	35	196	603	173	776	422	74	496
Alliance revenue-Reblozyl [2]	145	33	177	111	25	136	370	78	448	299	62	361
Vaccines and Infectious Diseases												
Gardasil/Gardasil 9	1,366	629	1,995	1,154	595	1,749	2,392	1,840	4,232	2,235	1,967	4,202
ProQuad/M-M-R II*/Varivax*	561	169	730	554	130	684	1,409	452	1,860	1,457	374	1,832
Bridion	108	36	144	392	47	439	995	118	1,113	1,181	161	1,341
Prevymis	189	158	347	128	138	266	472	443	915	345	357	702
Capvaxive	207	55	263	238	7	244	464	124	588	473	8	480
Vaxneuvance	111	85	195	134	91	226	303	243	545	409	276	685
RotaTeq	150	46	196	141	63	204	399	137	536	366	187	554
Zerbaxa	56	34	90	49	32	81	151	98	249	136	89	225
Delstrigo	13	54	67	13	64	77	36	208	243	42	185	228
Enflonsia	141	45	187	78	—	79	140	50	190	78	—	79
Isentress/Isentress HD	31	21	52	44	37	82	101	70	171	144	114	258
Dificid	7	7	14	30	13	43	42	29	70	185	37	222
Lagevrio	7	10	17	24	114	138	25	25	49	90	233	323
Cardiometabolic, Respiratory and Specialty												
Winrevair	610	84	694	335	25	360	1,609	198	1,808	926	49	976
Januvia	78	108	186	258	124	382	479	333	811	819	483	1,302
Janumet	61	133	194	78	165	243	156	416	572	210	530	741
Ohtuvayre	184	—	184	—	—	—	518	—	519	—	—	—
Alliance revenue-Adempas/Verquvo [3]	108	10	118	103	8	112	329	24	353	308	32	340
Adempas	—	78	78	—	82	82	—	234	234	—	229	229
Other pharmaceutical [4]	161	633	793	223	784	1,004	479	1,725	2,209	633	1,944	2,573
Total Pharmaceutical segment sales	10,119	6,149	16,268	9,493	6,118	15,611	27,457	17,920	45,377	25,747	17,552	43,299
Animal Health:												
Livestock	199	850	1,048	213	811	1,023	613	2,541	3,154	598	2,312	2,909
Companion Animal	294	334	628	291	301	592	934	1,155	2,089	907	1,033	1,940
Total Animal Health segment sales	493	1,184	1,676	504	1,112	1,615	1,547	3,696	5,243	1,505	3,345	4,849
Total segment sales	10,612	7,333	17,944	9,997	7,230	17,226	29,004	21,616	50,620	27,252	20,897	48,148
Other [5]	3	138	141	15	34	50	142	216	358	119	343	463
	$ 10,615	$ 7,471	$ 18,085	$ 10,012	$ 7,264	$ 17,276	$ 29,146	$ 21,832	$ 50,978	$ 27,371	$ 21,240	$ 48,611

U.S. plus international may not equal total due to rounding.

[1] Alliance revenue for Lynparza and Lenvima represents Merck's share of profits, which are product sales net of cost of sales and commercialization costs (see Note 3).

[2] Alliance revenue for Reblozyl represents royalties (see Note 3).

[3] Alliance revenue for Adempas/Verquvo represents Merck's share of profits from sales in Bayer's marketing territories, which are product sales net of cost of sales and commercialization costs (see Note 3).

[4] Other pharmaceutical primarily reflects sales of other human health pharmaceutical products, including products within the franchises not listed separately. Also reflects total alliance revenue for Koselugo of $13 million and $214 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $183 million and $301 million in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively (see Note 3).

[5] Other is primarily comprised of miscellaneous corporate revenue, including revenue hedging activities which decreased sales by $126 million and $61 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively, as well as revenue from third-party manufacturing arrangements (including sales to Organon & Co.). Other for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025 also includes $133 million and $111 million, respectively, related to milestone payments received by Merck for out-licensing agreements.

Product sales are recorded net of the provision for discounts, including chargebacks, which are customer discounts that occur when a contracted customer purchases through an intermediary wholesale purchaser, and rebates that are owed based upon definitive contractual agreements or legal requirements with private sector and public sector (Medicaid and Medicare Part D) benefit providers, after the final dispensing of the product by a pharmacy to a benefit plan participant. These discounts, in the aggregate, reduced U.S. sales by $2.4 billion and $2.6 billion for the three months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $7.4 billion and $7.2 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2026 and 2025, respectively.

Consolidated sales by geographic area where derived are as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025
U.S.	$ 10,615	$ 10,012	$ 29,146	$ 27,371
Europe, Middle East and Africa	3,888	3,680	11,694	10,789
Latin America	980	905	2,729	2,556
Asia Pacific (other than Japan and China)	781	764	2,338	2,238
Japan	586	712	1,718	2,007
China	470	405	1,267	1,553
Other	765	798	2,086	2,097
	$ 18,085	$ 17,276	$ 50,978	$ 48,611

A reconciliation of segment profits to *Income Before Taxes* is as follows:

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026 Pharmaceutical	2026 Animal Health	2026 Total	2025 Pharmaceutical	2025 Animal Health	2025 Total	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026 Pharmaceutical	2026 Animal Health	2026 Total	2025 Pharmaceutical	2025 Animal Health	2025 Total
Segment sales	$ 16,268	$ 1,676	$ 17,944	$ 15,611	$ 1,615	$ 17,226	$ 45,377	$ 5,243	$ 50,620	$ 43,299	$ 4,849	$ 48,148
Less segment costs: [1]												
Cost of sales	1,778	721		1,664	710		5,062	2,110		4,838	1,968	
Selling, general and administrative	1,452	301		1,320	277		4,202	887		3,931	822	
Research and development [2]	—	113		—	118		—	345		—	323	
Other segment items [3]	(74)	—		(60)	(1)		(149)	1		(130)	(1)	
Total segment profits	$ 13,112	$ 541	$ 13,653	$ 12,687	$ 511	$ 13,198	$ 36,262	$ 1,900	$ 38,162	$ 34,660	$ 1,737	$ 36,397
Other profits			108			4			243			235
Unallocated:												
Interest income			52			96			122			274
Interest expense			(546)			(327)			(1,550)			(946)
Amortization			(1,057)			(623)			(2,972)			(1,820)
Depreciation			(641)			(449)			(1,646)			(1,345)
Research and development			(4,365)			(3,839)			(26,347)			(11,159)
Restructuring costs			(184)			(47)			(530)			(676)
Other unallocated, net			(1,461)			(1,268)			(4,140)			(3,313)
			$ 5,559			$ 6,745			$ 1,342			$ 17,647

[1] *The significant expense categories and amounts align with the segment level information that is regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker.*

[2] *Human health-related research and development expenses incurred by Merck Research Laboratories are not allocated to segment profits as noted below.*

[3] *Includes equity (income) loss from affiliates and other miscellaneous non-operating expenses.*

Pharmaceutical segment profits consist of segment sales less standard costs, as well as selling, general and administrative expenses directly incurred by the segment. Animal Health segment profits consist of segment sales, less all cost of sales, as well as selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development costs directly incurred by the segment. The chief operating decision maker (Merck's Chief Executive Officer) uses segment profit for the purpose of evaluating performance, allocating resources, informing incentive compensation targets and setting strategic Company goals during the planning and forecasting process. On a quarterly basis, the CEO considers forecast-to-actual variances in segment profit when assessing performance of the segments and making decisions about allocating resources to the segments. For internal management reporting presented to the CEO, Merck does not allocate the remaining cost of sales not included in segment profits as described above, research and development expenses incurred by Merck Research Laboratories, the Company's research and development division that focuses on human health-related activities, or general and administrative expenses not directly incurred by the segments, nor the cost of financing these activities. Separate divisions maintain responsibility for monitoring and managing these costs, including depreciation related to fixed assets utilized by these divisions and, therefore, they are not included in segment profits. In addition, costs related to restructuring activities, as well as the amortization of intangible assets and the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories are not allocated to segments.

Other profits are primarily comprised of miscellaneous corporate profits, as well as operating profits (losses) related to third-party manufacturing arrangements.

Other unallocated, net, includes expenses from corporate and manufacturing cost centers, intangible asset impairment charges, gains or losses on sales of businesses, expense or income related to changes in the estimated fair value measurement of liabilities for contingent consideration, and other miscellaneous income or expense items.

Equity income from affiliates and depreciation included in segment profits is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,						Nine Months Ended September 30,					
	2026			2025			2026			2025		
($ in millions)	Pharma-ceutical	Animal Health	Total	Pharma-ceutical	Animal Health	Total	Pharma-ceutical	Animal Health	Total	Pharma-ceutical	Animal Health	Total
Equity income from affiliates	$ 82	$ —	$ 82	$ 62	$ —	$ 62	$ 174	$ —	$ 174	$ 148	$ —	$ 148
Depreciation	1	83	84	1	82	83	4	256	260	4	203	207

Property, plant and equipment, net, by geographic area where located is as follows:

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
U.S.	$ 15,465	$ 15,021
Europe, Middle East and Africa	9,129	8,856
Asia Pacific (other than China and Japan)	767	898
China	204	218
Latin America	158	128
Japan	129	144
Other	52	51
	$ 25,904	$ 25,316

The Company does not disaggregate assets on a products and services basis for internal management reporting and, therefore, such information is not presented.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Business Development Transactions

Below is a summary of significant business development activity thus far in 2026.

In September 2026, Merck and SciBrunch Therapeutics Co., Ltd. (SciBrunch) closed an exclusive license agreement for MK-2690 (SPR2015), a potent and selective novel, investigational, preclinical, molecular glue KRAS G12D (ON) inhibitor, targeting cancers and tumors characterized by the KRAS G12D mutation. Under the agreement, SciBrunch granted Merck exclusive rights to develop, manufacture and commercialize MK-2690 (SPR2015) worldwide. The Company recorded a charge to *Research and development* expenses of $400 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, or $0.12 per share, for the upfront payment, which is expected to be paid in the fourth quarter of 2026. SciBrunch is also eligible to receive future contingent development-related, regulatory, and, if approved, sales-based milestone payments.

In July 2026, Merck acquired TARGAN, a privately held company developing and commercializing biodevice solutions to improve performance outcomes for the poultry industry, for $647 million. The acquisition will broaden Merck Animal Health's portfolio in commercial poultry operations with WingScan, an automated solution that uses vision technology for gender identification. This acquisition also brings the capability for a high-speed precision ocular spray technology, which administers respiratory and coccidiosis vaccines, among others, to day-old chicks. In addition, TARGAN has the potential to develop additional biodevices within poultry and other livestock species. Merck recorded a realized gain of $68 million to *Other (income) expense, net* in the first nine months of 2026 related to an existing investment that Merck held in TARGAN. The transaction was accounted for as a business combination. There are no future contingent payments associated with the acquisition.

In May 2026, Merck acquired Terns Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Terns), a clinical-stage oncology company, for $6.8 billion (including $606 million of payments to settle share-based equity awards of which $433 million related to unvested equity awards). Through this acquisition, Merck acquired Terns' lead candidate, MK-4208 (formerly TERN-701), a novel investigational oral allosteric BCR::ABL1 tyrosine kinase inhibitor (TKI) currently being evaluated in a Phase 1/2 trial for patients with Philadelphia chromosome-positive, chronic phase chronic myeloid leukemia previously treated with at least one prior TKI and who experienced treatment failure, suboptimal response or treatment intolerance. The transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition because MK-4208 accounted for substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (excluding cash and deferred income taxes). Merck recorded a charge of $5.7 billion to *Research and development* expenses (which primarily represented acquired in-process research and development [IPR&D] with no alternative future use), or $2.31 per share, in the first nine months of 2026, as well as net assets of $1.1 billion, including cash of $505 million, investments of $487 million, deferred tax assets of $190 million, and other net liabilities of $105 million. There are no future contingent payments associated with the acquisition.

In January 2026, Merck acquired Cidara Therapeutics, Inc. (Cidara), a biotechnology company developing drug-Fc conjugate (DFC) therapeutics, for $9.2 billion (including $570 million of payments to settle share-based equity awards of which $406 million related to unvested equity awards). Cidara's lead DFC candidate, MK-1406 (formerly CD388), is a long-acting antiviral designed to prevent seasonal and pandemic influenza. MK-1406 is currently being evaluated in a Phase 3 trial among adult and adolescent participants who are at higher risk of developing complications from influenza. The transaction was accounted for as an asset acquisition because MK-1406 accounted for substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (excluding cash and deferred income taxes). Merck recorded a charge of $9.0 billion to *Research and development* expenses (which primarily represented acquired IPR&D with no alternative future use), or $3.62 per share, in the first nine months of 2026, as well as net assets of $332 million. Under a previous license agreement between Cidara and J&J Innovative Medicine (a Johnson & Johnson company, previously Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), which was assumed by Merck, J&J Innovative Medicine is eligible to receive regulatory and sales-based milestones related to MK-1406.

Pricing

Global efforts toward health care cost containment continue to exert pressure on product pricing and market access worldwide. Changes to the U.S. health care system as part of health care reform, as well as increased purchasing power of entities that negotiate on behalf of Medicare, Medicaid, and private sector beneficiaries, have contributed to pricing pressure.

In 2021, the U.S. Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act, which included a provision that eliminated the statutory cap on rebates drug manufacturers pay to Medicaid beginning in January 2024.

In 2022, the U.S. Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which made significant changes to how drugs are covered and paid for under the Medicare program, including the creation of financial penalties for drugs whose prices rise faster than the rate of inflation, redesign of the Medicare Part D program to require manufacturers to bear more of the liability for certain drug benefits (which went into effect in 2025), and government price-setting for certain Medicare Part D drugs (which went into effect in 2026) and Medicare Part B drugs (starting in 2028). The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), selected *Januvia* (sitagliptin) in 2023 for the first year of the IRA's "Drug Price Negotiation Program" (Program), and selected *Janumet* (sitagliptin and metformin HCl) and *Janumet XR* (sitagliptin and metformin HCl extended release) in 2025 for the second year of the IRA's Program. Pursuant to the IRA's Program, the government set a price for *Januvia*, which became effective on January 1, 2026, and set a price for *Janumet* and *Janumet XR*, which will become effective on January 1, 2027. In addition, in January 2026, HHS announced that Lenvima (lenvatinib) has been selected for government price setting, the set price for which will become effective on January 1, 2028. Furthermore, the Company expects that *Keytruda* (pembrolizumab) will be selected in 2027 for government price setting, which

would become effective on January 1, 2029; a pending CMS proposed rule may subject *Keytruda Qlex* (pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa) to price setting at the same time. Government price setting may also impact pricing in the private market negatively affecting the Company's performance.

Additionally, increased utilization of the 340B Federal Drug Discount Program and restrictions on the Company's ability to identify inappropriate discounts are having a negative impact on Company performance. Furthermore, the Executive Branch and Congress continue to discuss legislation designed to control health care costs, including the cost of drugs.

In several international markets, government-mandated pricing actions have reduced prices of generic and patented drugs. In addition, the Company's sales performance in the first nine months of 2026 was negatively affected by other cost-reduction measures taken by governments and other third parties to lower health care costs. In July 2026, the German parliament approved the Statutory Health Insurance Contribution Rate Stabilization Act (GKV-BStabG), a comprehensive health care reform law designed to reduce health insurance expenditures. The legislation introduces significant cost-containment measures that directly impact the pharmaceutical industry, including the Company, with the majority of the provisions taking effect on January 1, 2027. The Company is currently evaluating the implications of the GKV-BStabG on its business; however, the provisions of this law will exert significant downward pressure on revenues in Germany, particularly with respect to *Keytruda*.

The Company anticipates all of these actions and additional actions in the future will continue to negatively affect sales and profits.

In May 2025, the U.S. presidential administration issued an Executive Order (EO) intended to encourage or impose the use of "most-favored-nation" pricing to tie U.S. prescription drug prices to prices in selected comparably developed nations. In July 2025, the Company and other pharmaceutical companies received letters from the U.S. presidential administration with a request to agree to the administration's "most-favored-nation" drug pricing goals by September 29, 2025. Further to the letter received from the administration, in December 2025, the Company announced that it had entered into a three-year agreement (MFN Agreement) with the U.S government that addressed the four policy goals of the administration's July letter. The Company is providing *Januvia*, *Janumet* and *Janumet XR* through a direct-to-patient program at affordable prices for eligible patients in the U.S., and will be expanding the program in the future to include *Lipfendra* (enlicitide). The Company also agreed to offer its existing medicines at discounted prices to Medicaid (excluding certain products) and in June 2026 signed an agreement with CMS to participate in the GENErating cost Reductions fOr U.S. Medicaid (GENEROUS) Model, a voluntary model through which participating state Medicaid agencies receive pricing for certain medications aligned to prices paid in select countries. As a result of the Company's participation in the GENEROUS Model, it expects to be exempt from the Global Benchmark for Efficient Drug Pricing (GLOBE) Model through December 2030. GLOBE is a mandatory Medicare Part B model that will apply an international benchmark to certain physician-administered medicines based on reference pricing from certain countries. Additionally, the Company agreed that products launched during the term of the MFN Agreement (with certain exceptions) will be subject to "most-favored-nation" pricing in reference to prices for such products in a specified group of countries (MFN Countries). Finally, the Company agreed to repatriate and share with the Federal government a portion of foreign revenue received by the Company as a result of the government's successful trade policy efforts. Additionally, the Company reached an agreement with the U.S. Department of Commerce to delay Section 232 tariffs for three years, enabling the Company to make investments in the U.S. to reshore manufacturing for American patients.

Operating Results

Sales

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange
U.S.	$ 10,615	$ 10,012	6 %	6 %	$ 29,146	$ 27,371	6 %	6 %
International	7,471	7,264	3 %	2 %	21,832	21,240	3 %	— %
Total	$ 18,085	$ 17,276	5 %	4 %	$ 50,978	$ 48,611	5 %	4 %

U.S. plus international may not equal total due to rounding.

Worldwide sales were $18.1 billion and $51.0 billion in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, representing increases of 5% compared with the same periods of 2025, primarily driven by growth in the oncology and cardiometabolic, respiratory and specialty franchises, as well as animal health, partially offset by a decline in the vaccines and infectious diseases franchise. U.S. sales in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 benefited from the timing of purchases by approximately $550 million.

- Growth in the oncology franchise was largely due to the performance of *Keytruda/Keytruda Qlex* and *Welireg* (belzutifan), offset in part by lower alliance revenue related to Koselugo (selumetinib) resulting from an amendment to the collaboration agreement with AstraZeneca PLC (AstraZeneca).
- Growth in the cardiometabolic, respiratory and specialty franchise was largely attributable to the continued uptake of *Winrevair* (sotatercept-csrk), as well as the inclusion of sales of *Ohtuvayre* (ensifentrine), which was obtained as part of the October 2025 acquisition of Verona Pharma plc (Verona Pharma), partially offset by lower sales of *Januvia* and *Janumet*.
- Animal health sales growth was due to the performance of both livestock and companion animal products.

- Lower revenue in the vaccines and infectious diseases franchise was primarily due to lower sales of *Lagevrio* (molnupiravir), *Bridion* (sugammadex), *Dificid* (fidaxomicin), and *Vaxneuvance* (Pneumococcal 15-valent Conjugate Vaccine), partially offset by growth in *Prevymis* (letermovir), *Enflonsia* (clesrovimab-cfor), *Capvaxive* (Pneumococcal 21-valent Conjugate Vaccine) and *Gardasil* (Human Papillomavirus Quadrivalent [Types 6, 11, 16 and 18] Vaccine Recombinant) / *Gardasil* 9 (Human Papillomavirus 9-valent Vaccine, Recombinant). The overall U.S. vaccines market has experienced a contraction negatively affecting sales.

See Note 15 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for details on sales of the Company's products. A discussion of performance for select products in the franchises follows. All product or service marks appearing in type form different from that of the surrounding text are trademarks or service marks owned, licensed to, or distributed by Merck, its subsidiaries or affiliates, except as noted. All other trademarks or service marks are those of their respective owners.

Pharmaceutical Segment

Oncology

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange
Keytruda/Keytruda Qlex	$ 8,601	$ 8,147	6 %	6 %	$ 25,001	$ 23,308	7 %	6 %
Alliance Revenue - Lynparza [1]	352	379	(7)%	(7)%	1,059	1,061	— %	(2)%
Welireg	307	196	56 %	58 %	776	496	57 %	57 %
Alliance Revenue - Reblozyl [2]	177	136	31 %	31 %	448	361	24 %	24 %
Alliance Revenue - Koselugo [3]	13	214	(94)%	(94)%	183	301	(39)%	(39)%

[1] *Alliance revenue for Lynparza represents Merck's share of profits, which are product sales net of cost of sales and commercialization costs (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements).*

[2] *Alliance revenue for Reblozyl represents royalties (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements).*

[3] *Alliance revenue for Koselugo includes $150 million in the first nine months of 2026 and $200 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2025 related to an amendment to the collaboration agreement with AstraZeneca in August 2025, which revised the payment structure. (See Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more information on this collaboration, including the above referenced amendment.)*

Keytruda is an anti-PD-1 (programmed death receptor-1) therapy that has been approved in over 45 indications in the U.S., including 19 tumor types and 2 tumor-agnostic indications, and has similarly been approved in markets worldwide for many of these indications. *Keytruda Qlex* is a subcutaneously-administered fixed combination of pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa, which enhances dispersion and permeability to enable subcutaneous administration of pembrolizumab. *Keytruda Qlex*, which was initially approved by the FDA in September 2025, is approved in the U.S. in solid tumor indications approved for *Keytruda*. In November 2025, the European Commission (EC) approved a new subcutaneous (SC) route of administration and a new pharmaceutical form (solution for injection) of *Keytruda* (to be marketed as *Keytruda SC*) for use across *Keytruda* indications for adults in Europe. Timing for commercial availability of *Keytruda SC* in individual European Union (EU) countries for approved indications will vary by country and depend on multiple factors, including the completion of reimbursement procedures and the outcome of litigation with Halozyme, Inc. As discussed in Note 8 to the condensed consolidated financial statements, preliminary injunctions have been awarded against the Company, prohibiting continued sales of *Keytruda SC* in Denmark and Italy and preventing product launches in Germany, The Netherlands, Belgium, Ireland, and France. In September 2026, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) approved subcutaneous pembrolizumab and berahyaluronidase alfa injection under the trademark *Keyject* for all *Keytruda* approved indications in Japan. The *Keytruda* and *Keytruda Qlex* clinical development programs include studies across a broad range of cancer types. See "Research and Development Update" below.

Combined global sales of *Keytruda/Keytruda Qlex* grew 6% and 7% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively. Sales growth in the U.S. in both periods reflects higher net pricing and increased demand. Demand in the U.S. was driven by higher utilization across earlier-stage indications, including in certain types of triple-negative breast cancer (TNBC), bladder cancer, head and neck squamous cell carcinoma, and cervical cancer, as well as higher demand across multiple metastatic indications, in particular for the treatment of certain types of urothelial cancer. The timing of wholesaler purchases unfavorably affected U.S. *Keytruda* sales in the third quarter of 2026, but was largely offset by an increase in inventory in the channel (which is expected to unwind in the fourth quarter of 2026). Sales growth in international markets reflects increased uptake in earlier-stage indications, predominately for cervical, TNBC, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), and renal cell carcinoma (RCC), as well as higher demand in urothelial and endometrial cancer metastatic indications. The launch and reimbursement of new indications for *Keytruda* in the EU continues to have a negative impact on pricing in those markets. In addition, a biosimilar of *Keytruda* launched in Argentina in 2025 and further launches in smaller international markets have occurred during 2026. The Company anticipates the impact of biosimilar erosion to *Keytruda* sales will be immaterial in 2026.

Keytruda has received the following regulatory approvals thus far in 2026.

Date	Approval
February 2026	China's National Medical Products Administration (NMPA) approval for the first-line treatment of certain patients with primary advanced or recurrent endometrial cancer, based on the KEYNOTE-868 (NRG-GY018) trial.

February 2026	U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval in combination with paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, for the treatment of adult patients with platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal carcinoma whose tumors express programmed death-ligand 1 (PD-L1) Combined Positive Score (CPS) ≥ 1 as determined by an FDA-authorized test, and who have received one or two prior systemic treatment regimens, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
February 2026	Japan's MHLW approval as part of a neoadjuvant and adjuvant treatment regimen with radiotherapy with or without chemotherapy for certain patients with resectable locally advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC), based on the KEYNOTE-689 trial.
March 2026	EC approval in combination with paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, for the treatment of platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal carcinoma in adults whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥1) and who have received one or two prior systemic treatment regimens, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
June 2026	FDA approval in combination with *Welireg* for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients with RCC with a clear cell component at intermediate-high or high risk of recurrence following nephrectomy, or following nephrectomy and resection of metastatic lesions, based on the LITESPARK-022 trial.
June 2026	EC approval in combination with Padcev (enfortumab vedotin), an antibody-drug conjugate (ADC), as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment, for adults with resectable muscle-invasive bladder cancer (MIBC) who are ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, based on the KEYNOTE-905 trial.
June 2026	FDA approval in combination with Trodelvy (sacituzumab govitecan-hziy), a trophoblast cell-surface antigen 2 (TROP2)-directed ADC, for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced or TNBC whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥10), based on the KEYNOTE-D19 trial.
June 2026	China's NMPA approval in combination with paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, for the treatment of adult patients with platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal cancer whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥1) and who have received prior first- or second-line systemic therapy, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
July 2026	FDA approval in combination with Padcev for expanded use as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after cystectomy as adjuvant treatment for adults with MIBC, including those eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, based on the KEYNOTE-B15 trial.
September 2026	China's NMPA approval for the treatment of adult patients with resectable locally advanced HNSCC whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥1), as a single agent as neoadjuvant treatment, continued as adjuvant treatment in combination with radiotherapy with or without cisplatin and then as a single agent, based on the KEYNOTE-689 trial.
September 2026	Japan's MHLW approval for the treatment of platinum-resistant recurrent ovarian cancer, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
October 2026	EC approval in combination with Padcev as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment for adults with resectable MIBC, based on the KEYNOTE-B15 trial.

Keytruda Qlex (available in some markets as *Keytruda SC*) received the following regulatory approvals thus far in 2026.

Date	Approval
February 2026	FDA approval in combination with paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, for the treatment of adult patients with platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal carcinoma whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥ 1) as determined by an FDA-authorized test, and who have received one or two prior systemic treatment regimens, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
March 2026	EC approval in combination with paclitaxel, with or without bevacizumab, for the treatment of platinum-resistant epithelial ovarian, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal carcinoma in adults whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥1) and who have received one or two prior systemic treatment regimens, based on the KEYNOTE-B96 trial.
April 2026	FDA approval of a label update based on results from the MK-3475A-F11 trial, which evaluated patient reported preference for subcutaneous administration of *Keytruda Qlex* over intravenous administration of *Keytruda* in participants with multiple tumor types.
June 2026	FDA approval in combination with *Welireg* for the adjuvant treatment of adult patients with RCC with a clear cell component at intermediate-high or high risk of recurrence following nephrectomy, or following nephrectomy and resection of metastatic lesions, based on the LITESPARK-022 trial.
June 2026	EC approval in combination with Padcev, an ADC, as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment, for adults with resectable MIBC who are ineligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, based on the KEYNOTE-905 trial.
June 2026	FDA approval in combination with Trodelvy, a TROP2-directed ADC, for the first-line treatment of adult patients with unresectable locally advanced or TNBC whose tumors express PD-L1 (CPS ≥10), based on the KEYNOTE-D19 trial.
July 2026	FDA approval in combination with Padcev for expanded use as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after cystectomy as adjuvant treatment for adults with MIBC, including those eligible for cisplatin-containing chemotherapy, based on the KEYNOTE-B15 trial.
September 2026	Japan's MHLW approval for all indications approved in Japan for *Keytruda*, based on the MK-3475A-D77 trial.

September 2026	China's NMPA approval for nineteen solid tumor indications, based on the MK-3475A-D77 trial.
October 2026	EC approval in combination with Padcev as neoadjuvant treatment and then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment for adults with resectable MIBC, based on the KEYNOTE-B15 trial.

The Company is a party to license agreements pursuant to which the Company pays royalties on net sales of *Keytruda*. Under the terms of the more significant of these agreements, Merck pays a royalty of 2.5% on worldwide net sales of *Keytruda*; this royalty (which also applies to net sales of *Keytruda Qlex)* will continue through 2026, terminating thereafter. The Company pays an additional 2% royalty on worldwide net sales of *Keytruda* (and on *Keytruda Qlex* following regulatory approval) to another third party; this royalty expired in the U.S. in 2024, expired in major European markets in the second half of 2025, but will continue to be paid on net sales of *Keytruda* and *Keytruda Qlex* in certain other international markets expiring at various dates through 2035. The royalty expenses are included in *Cost of sales*. The Company may be subject to additional royalties on net sales of *Keytruda Qlex* in the future under certain circumstances.

Lynparza (olaparib) is an oral poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (PARP) inhibitor being developed and commercialized as part of a collaboration with AstraZeneca (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). Lynparza is approved for the treatment of certain types of advanced or recurrent ovarian, early or metastatic breast, metastatic pancreatic and metastatic castration-resistant prostate cancers. Alliance revenue related to Lynparza declined 7% in the third quarter of 2026 primarily due to lower pricing in the U.S. and lower demand and pricing in China. Alliance revenue related to Lynparza in the first nine months of 2026 was consistent with the prior year period.

Welireg is approved for the treatment of adult patients with certain von Hippel-Lindau (VHL) disease-associated tumors, certain adult patients with previously treated advanced RCC, and certain patients with pheochromocytoma and paraganglioma. *Welireg* is also approved in combination with *Keytruda* or *Keytruda Qlex* for the adjuvant treatment of certain adult patients with clear cell RCC following nephrectomy and in combination with Lenvima for the treatment of certain previously treated adult patients with advanced clear cell RCC. Sales of *Welireg* rose 56% and 57% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily due to increased utilization in the U.S. for the advanced RCC monotherapy indication and as adjuvant treatment for RCC, as well as continued launch uptake in international markets, particularly in Japan.

Reblozyl (luspatercept-aamt) is a first-in-class erythroid maturation recombinant fusion protein that is being commercialized through a global collaboration with Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (BMS) (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). Reblozyl is approved for the treatment of anemia in certain rare blood disorders. Alliance revenue related to this collaboration (consisting of royalties) increased 31% and 24% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily due to strong underlying sales performance.

Koselugo is an oral, selective MEK inhibitor approved for the treatment of patients with neurofibromatosis type 1 who have symptomatic inoperable plexiform neurofibromas. Koselugo is part of a collaboration with AstraZeneca. Alliance revenue related to Koselugo declined 94% and 39% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, due to an amendment to the collaboration agreement with AstraZeneca in August 2025 that (subject to an annual election by AstraZeneca) discontinued the revenue and cost sharing provisions of the collaboration, and revised the payment structure. As a result of this amendment, alliance revenue related to Koselugo in the first nine months of 2026 reflects a $150 million payment received and for both the third quarter and first nine months of 2025 reflects a $150 million upfront payment received and the recognition of a $50 million regulatory approval milestone. See Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional information.

Vaccines and Infectious Diseases

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange
Gardasil/Gardasil 9	$ 1,995	$ 1,749	14 %	14 %	$ 4,232	$ 4,202	1 %	— %
ProQuad	296	273	8 %	8 %	730	668	9 %	8 %
M-M-R II	148	123	21 %	22 %	349	387	(10)%	(10)%
Varivax	286	288	(1)%	(1)%	781	777	— %	— %
Capvaxive	263	244	8 %	7 %	588	480	22 %	22 %
Vaxneuvance	195	226	(14)%	(13)%	545	685	(20)%	(22)%
Bridion	144	439	(67)%	(67)%	1,113	1,341	(17)%	(17)%
Prevymis	347	266	30 %	31 %	915	702	30 %	29 %
Enflonsia	187	79	*	*	190	79	*	*
Dificid	14	43	(68)%	(68)%	70	222	(68)%	(68)%
Lagevrio	17	138	(88)%	(88)%	49	323	(85)%	(85)%

** > 100%*

In January 2026, the acting director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced changes to the child and adolescent immunization schedule (January announcement), reducing the number of routinely recommended vaccinations and creating three new categories: immunizations recommended for all children; immunizations

recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations; and immunizations based on shared clinical decision-making. Immunizations recommended for all children include vaccines for measles, mumps, rubella, polio, pertussis, tetanus, diphtheria, Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib), pneumococcal disease, human papillomavirus (HPV), and chickenpox (varicella). Immunizations recommended for certain high-risk groups or populations include respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and dengue. Immunizations recommended based on shared clinical decision-making include rotavirus, hepatitis A, and hepatitis B. HHS has stated that immunizations for all of the diseases covered by the previous immunization schedule will still be available to anyone who wants them through Affordable Care Act insurance plans and federal insurance programs, including Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Vaccines For Children (VFC) program. Additionally, the trade association representing U.S. health insurers (AHIP) announced that its member health plans would continue to cover all immunizations that had been recommended by the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) as of September 1, 2025, with no cost-sharing for patients through the end of 2027. On March 16, 2026, a federal district court in Massachusetts issued a preliminary injunction staying, among other things, the immunization schedule changes in the CDC's January announcement. The government has appealed aspects of the district court ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

Combined worldwide sales of *Gardasil* and *Gardasil* 9, vaccines to help prevent certain cancers and other diseases caused by certain types of HPV, grew 14% in the third quarter of 2026 primarily due to higher sales in the U.S. reflecting favorable public sector purchasing patterns and higher net pricing. Combined worldwide sales of *Gardasil* and *Gardasil* 9 grew 1% in the first nine months of 2026 primarily driven by higher sales in the U.S. reflecting higher net pricing and favorable public sector purchasing patterns, as well as higher demand in Europe and certain countries in the Asia Pacific region, largely offset by lower demand in China (discussed below) and in Japan, reflecting in part that the last date to initiate the first dose in Japan's national immunization program catch-up cohort was in March 2025. The majority of the benefit to U.S. sales from favorable public sector purchasing patterns is expected to unwind in 2027. As previously disclosed, the Company suspended shipments to China in February 2025 given lower demand and elevated channel inventory levels in China. In April 2026, the Company entered into a revised supply contract with its distributor and commercialization partner in China, Chongqing Zhifei Biological Products Co., Ltd. In the second and third quarters of 2026, the Company made limited shipments to China; however, revenue associated with the revised supply contract is expected to be immaterial in 2026.

Among the changes in the CDC's now-stayed January announcement referenced above was a reduction of the recommended doses for HPV vaccination of adolescents to a single dose. *Gardasil* 9 is currently indicated in the U.S. for a two-dose regimen in adolescents aged 9-14 and a three-dose regimen for those aged 15-45. Previous CDC recommendations for adolescents followed FDA-approved dosing. Many countries outside the U.S. have implemented a reduced dosing schedule for HPV vaccination in certain age groups. The Company anticipates that any negative effect of these recommendations or reduced dosing schedules on sales of *Gardasil/Gardasil 9* will not be material.

The Company is a party to license agreements pursuant to which the Company pays royalties on net sales of *Gardasil/Gardasil* 9. Under the terms of the more significant of these agreements, Merck pays a 7% royalty on net sales of *Gardasil/Gardasil* 9 in the U.S. to one third party (this royalty expires in December 2028). The royalty expenses are included in *Cost of sales*.

Global sales of *ProQuad* (Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella Virus Vaccine Live), a pediatric combination vaccine to help protect against measles, mumps, rubella and varicella, grew 8% and 9% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily due to higher demand in certain European markets, partially offset by lower sales in the U.S. The U.S. sales decline in both periods was driven by lower demand, offset in part by higher net pricing and, for the year-to-date period, the effects of CDC Pediatric Vaccine Stockpile activity in the prior year. As a result of manufacturing delays, in January 2025, the Company borrowed doses of *ProQuad* from the CDC Pediatric Vaccine Stockpile, which it partially replenished in the second quarter of 2025; the net effect of the borrowing and partial replenishment resulted in a net reduction to U.S. *ProQuad* sales of $49 million for the first nine months of 2025. Worldwide sales of *M-M-R* II (Measles, Mumps and Rubella Virus Vaccine Live), a vaccine to help protect against measles, mumps and rubella, grew 21% in the third quarter of 2026 primarily due to favorable public sector purchasing patterns in the U.S. and higher demand in Latin America. Global sales of *M-M-R* II declined 10% in the first nine months of 2026 primarily due to lower demand and lower net pricing in the U.S., partially offset by higher demand in Latin America. Global sales of *Varivax* (Varicella Virus Vaccine Live), a vaccine to help prevent chickenpox (varicella), were nearly flat in the first nine months of 2026 compared with the same prior year period as unfavorable CDC stockpile activity in the prior year as noted below, higher net pricing in the U.S., and higher demand in certain international markets, were offset by lower demand in the U.S. and Latin America.

In September 2025, the ACIP voted to recommend that children under the age of four years receive protection from chickenpox (varicella) as a standalone immunization rather than in combination with measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination, eliminating a previous shared clinical decision-making recommendation that allowed parents to choose combined MMR and varicella vaccine (MMRV) first-dose administration. The ACIP also voted to align the VFC program with this change. The acting CDC Director adopted the recommendation in October 2025. These ACIP recommendations are subject to the federal district court's March 16, 2026 preliminary injunction, as described above. MMR and varicella vaccines remain recommended and funded through the VFC program for both the first and second doses. The Company is the only manufacturer in the U.S. of MMRV vaccine (*ProQuad*) and varicella vaccine (*Varivax*). The Company anticipates that any negative effect of these recommendations on sales of *ProQuad* will not be material.

In August 2026, the U.S. presidential administration issued an EO describing proposed federal policy for "Gold Standard Childhood Vaccine Recommendations." Among other things, the EO included categories of childhood immunization

recommendations, recommended administration of the combined measles, mumps and rubella vaccine as three separate single-disease shots, recommended that all childhood immunizations be administered at separate medical visits to the maximum extent feasible, and advised U.S. states and territories to consider updating relevant laws and regulations concerning school immunization requirements. There currently are no approved U.S. monovalent measles, mumps or rubella single-antigen vaccines. Numerous medical, health and patient advocacy groups have voiced concerns with and/or opposition to the EO. The EO requires an HHS task force to present plans within 90 days of issuance to effectuate certain of its provisions, such as offering single-antigen alternatives to combination vaccines, reassessing vaccine timing and sequencing, developing alternatives to aluminum adjuvants, and improving safety monitoring and transparency.

Sales of *Capvaxive*, a vaccine for the prevention of invasive pneumococcal disease (IPD) and pneumococcal pneumonia caused by certain serotypes in individuals 18 years of age and older, and for the prevention of IPD caused by those serotypes in certain children and adolescents 2 to 17 years of age at increased risk, grew 8% and 22% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively. Sales growth in both periods was largely due to launch uptake in several international markets, particularly in Europe and the Asia Pacific region, partially offset by the market dynamic of lower adult pneumococcal vaccination rates and lower net pricing in the U.S. which, for the year-to-date period, was partially offset by higher product demand. *Capvaxive* was approved in the U.S. in June 2024, in the EU in March 2025, and in Japan in August 2025 for use in adults. In June 2026, the FDA approved an expanded IPD indication for *Capvaxive* to include children and adolescents aged 2 through 17 years who have completed a primary pediatric pneumococcal vaccination series and have one or more chronic medical conditions that put them at an increased risk for pneumococcal disease. The EC approved a similar indication expansion in April 2026. The expanded approvals were based on data from the STRIDE-13 trial. Merck is a party to license agreements pursuant to which the Company pays royalties on net sales of *Capvaxive*. Under the terms of the most significant of these agreements, Merck pays a royalty of 7.25% on net sales of *Capvaxive* through 2026; this royalty will decline to 2.5% on net sales from 2027 through 2035. The royalty expenses are included in *Cost of sales*.

Worldwide sales of *Vaxneuvance*, a vaccine to help protect against IPD caused by certain serotypes, declined 14% in the third quarter of 2026 primarily due to lower sales in the U.S. reflecting unfavorable public sector purchasing patterns and lower demand. Worldwide sales of *Vaxneuvance* declined 20% in the first nine months of 2026 primarily due to approximately $70 million of favorable CDC stockpile activity in the U.S. in the prior year, of which approximately $60 million was offset by a drawdown of CDC stockpile inventory for *Varivax* (noted above) and *RotaTeq* (Rotavirus Vaccine, Live Oral, Pentavalent), which resulted in a net neutral transaction. Lower demand in the U.S. and the Asia Pacific region due to competition also contributed to the sales decline in the first nine months of 2026. Merck is a party to license agreements pursuant to which the Company pays royalties on net sales of *Vaxneuvance*. Under the most significant of these agreements, Merck pays a royalty of 7.25% on net sales of *Vaxneuvance* through 2026; this royalty will decline to 2.5% on net sales from 2027 through 2035. The royalty expenses are included in *Cost of sales*.

Global sales of *Bridion*, for the reversal of two types of neuromuscular blocking agents used during surgery, declined 67% and 17% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily due to generic competition in the U.S. following loss of market exclusivity in July 2026. The Company expects the U.S. *Bridion* sales decline to continue and anticipates the discontinuation of U.S. sales of *Bridion* in 2027 as generic market supply stabilizes.

Worldwide sales of *Prevymis*, a medicine for prophylaxis (prevention) of cytomegalovirus (CMV) infection and disease in certain high risk adult and pediatric recipients of an allogenic hematopoietic stem cell transplant and for prophylaxis of CMV disease in certain high risk adult and pediatric recipients of a kidney transplant, grew 30% in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 primarily due to higher demand globally, particularly in the U.S.

Sales of *Enflonsia*, a preventive, long-acting monoclonal antibody, for the prevention of RSV lower respiratory tract disease (LRTD) in neonates (newborns) and infants who are born during or entering their first RSV season, were $187 million and $190 million in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily driven by seasonal demand and associated inventory build in the U.S. and certain international markets. *Enflonsia* sales of $79 million in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2025 consisted of inventory stocking following U.S. launch. *Enflonsia* was approved in the U.S. in June 2025, in the EU in April 2026, and in Japan and China in June 2026, based on results from the CLEVER and SMART clinical trials. The timing for availability of *Enflonsia* in individual EU countries will vary by country and depend on multiple factors, including the completion of reimbursement procedures.

Worldwide sales of *Dificid*, a medicine for the treatment of *C. difficile*-associated diarrhea, declined 68% in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 due to generic competition in the U.S. *Dificid* lost market exclusivity in the U.S. in July 2025; accordingly, the Company is experiencing a significant decline in U.S. sales of *Dificid* and expects the decline to continue.

Lagevrio is an investigational oral antiviral COVID-19 medicine being developed in a collaboration with Ridgeback Biotherapeutics LP (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). Sales of *Lagevrio* decreased 88% and 85% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, largely due to lower demand in Japan and the U.S. driven primarily by declining COVID-19 cases. The Company expects the *Lagevrio* sales decline to continue during 2026. In the U.S., where *Lagevrio* remains in Phase 3 development and is marketed under an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA), the Secretary of HHS provided advance notice on June 29, 2026 that the declaration supporting the EUAs pursuant to which *Lagevrio* and certain other COVID-19 drug and biologic products are marketed will terminate, effective June 29, 2027. Based on the Secretary's June 2026 determination and advance notice of termination, the Company worked with the FDA to develop a plan for the disposition of *Lagevrio* in the U.S. by June 29, 2027. U.S. sales of *Lagevrio* were $25 million in the first nine months of 2026.

In April 2026, the FDA approved *Idvynso*, a once-daily, two-drug single-tablet regimen of doravirine, a non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, and islatravir, a next-generation nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor, for the treatment of HIV-1 infection in adults to replace the current antiretroviral regimen in those who are virologically suppressed (HIV-1 RNA less than 50 copies per mL) on a stable antiretroviral regimen with no history of virologic treatment failure and no known substitutions associated with resistance to doravirine. *Idvynso* was also approved in Japan for these patients in March 2026. The approvals were based on the MK-8591A-051 and MK-8591A-052 clinical trials.

Cardiometabolic, Respiratory and Specialty

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange
Winrevair	$ 694	$ 360	93 %	94 %	$ 1,808	$ 976	85 %	85 %
Januvia/Janumet	380	624	(39)%	(39)%	1,383	2,043	(32)%	(32)%
Ohtuvayre	184	—	—	—	519	—	—	—
Alliance Revenue - Adempas/Verquvo [(1)]	118	112	5 %	5 %	353	340	4 %	4 %
Adempas	78	82	(5)%	(3)%	234	229	2 %	(1)%

[(1)] *Alliance revenue for Adempas and Verquvo represents Merck's share of profits from sales in Bayer AG's marketing territories, which are product sales net of cost of sales and commercialization costs (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements).*

Winrevair is an activin signaling inhibitor indicated for the treatment of adults with pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) (World Health Organization [WHO] Group 1 pulmonary hypertension) to improve exercise capacity and WHO functional class, and reduce the risk of clinical worsening events including hospitalization for PAH, lung transplantation and death. Sales of *Winrevair* rose 93% and 85% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, largely due to higher demand and a benefit from the timing of wholesaler and specialty pharmacy purchases in the U.S. (which is expected to unwind in the fourth quarter of 2026), as well as launch uptake in certain international markets, particularly in Europe and Japan. *Winrevair* was originally approved in the U.S. in March 2024, in the EU in August 2024, and in Japan in June 2025 (where it is being marketed as *Airwin*). *Winrevair* was approved for expanded indications in PAH based on the ZENITH trial in the U.S. in October 2025 and in the EU in January 2026. The U.S. product label was further updated to include the positive results of the HYPERION trial in September 2026. *Winrevair* is the subject of a license agreement pursuant to which Merck pays a 22% royalty on net sales of *Winrevair* to BMS. The royalty expenses are included in *Cost of sales*.

Worldwide combined sales of *Januvia* and *Janumet*, medicines that help lower blood sugar levels in adults with type 2 diabetes, declined 39% and 32% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily driven by lower sales in the U.S. due to generic competition. *Januvia* and *Janumet* lost market exclusivity in the U.S. in May 2026 and *Janumet XR* lost market exclusivity in the U.S. in July 2026. Accordingly, the Company is experiencing significant declines in U.S. sales of these products and expects the declines to continue. The sales declines were also attributable to ongoing generic competition in most international markets and, for the year-to-date period, lower demand in China.

Ohtuvayre is an inhaled phosphodiesterases 3 and 4 (PDE3 and PDE4) inhibitor, which was approved in the U.S. in June 2024 for the maintenance treatment of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) in adults. *Ohtuvayre* was obtained in conjunction with Merck's October 2025 acquisition of Verona Pharma. Sales in the third quarter of 2026 reflect a modest unfavorable effect from the timing of specialty pharmacy purchases in the U.S. that favorably affected second quarter 2026 sales.

Adempas (riociguat) and Verquvo (vericiguat) are part of a worldwide collaboration with Bayer AG (Bayer) to market and develop soluble guanylate cyclase (sGC) modulators (see Note 3 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). Adempas is approved for the treatment of certain types of PAH and chronic pulmonary hypertension. Verquvo is approved to reduce the risk of cardiovascular death and heart failure hospitalization following a hospitalization for heart failure or need for outpatient intravenous diuretics in adults with symptomatic chronic heart failure and reduced ejection fraction. Alliance revenue from the collaboration grew 5% and 4% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily reflecting higher demand in Bayer's marketing territories. The Company expects alliance revenue to decline for the full year of 2026 reflecting the loss of market exclusivity for Adempas in the U.S. Revenue also includes sales of Adempas and Verquvo in Merck's marketing territories. Sales of Adempas in Merck's marketing territories were relatively consistent in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 compared with the same prior year periods.

In July 2026, the FDA approved *Lipfendra* tablets as an adjunct to diet and exercise to reduce low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) in adults with hypercholesterolemia, including heterozygous familial hypercholesterolemia (HeFH). *Lipfendra* is a novel macrocyclic peptide and is the first FDA-approved oral PCSK9 inhibitor shown to lower LDL-C, also known as bad cholesterol. The approval was based on the CORALreef Lipids and CORALreef HeFH clinical trials.

Animal Health Segment

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	% Change Excluding Foreign Exchange
Livestock	$ 1,048	$ 1,023	2 %	2 %	$ 3,154	$ 2,909	8 %	5 %
Companion Animal	628	592	6 %	6 %	2,089	1,940	8 %	5 %
	$ 1,676	$ 1,615	4 %	3 %	$ 5,243	$ 4,849	8 %	5 %

Sales of livestock products grew 2% in the third quarter of 2026 primarily due to higher demand for poultry products. Sales of livestock products grew 8% for the first nine months of 2026 primarily due to higher demand for ruminant and poultry products.

Sales of companion animal products grew 6% and 8% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, largely driven by new product launches, partially offset by lower pricing primarily for vaccines. Lower demand for other products in the portfolio also partially offset the sales decline in the year-to-date period. Sales of the *Bravecto* (fluralaner) line of products were $264 million in the third quarter of 2026, representing growth of 1%, or flat excluding the effect of foreign exchange, compared with the third quarter of 2025. Sales of the *Bravecto* line of products were $1.0 billion in the first nine months of 2026, representing growth of 8%, or 5% excluding the effect of foreign exchange, compared with the same period of 2025.

In July 2026, Merck acquired TARGAN, a privately held company developing and commercializing biodevice solutions to improve performance outcomes for the poultry industry. See Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

In February 2026, the FDA approved *Numelvi* (atinvicitinib tablets), the first and only second-generation Janus kinase (JAK) inhibitor indicated for the control of pruritus associated with allergic dermatitis in dogs six months of age and older.

Costs, Expenses and Other

($ in millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2026	2025	% Change
Cost of sales	$ 4,892	$ 3,855	27 %	$ 13,482	$ 10,831	24 %
Selling, general and administrative	2,886	2,633	10 %	8,491	7,835	8 %
Research and development	4,537	4,234	7 %	26,871	11,903	*
Restructuring costs	184	47	*	530	676	(22)%
Other (income) expense, net	27	(238)	*	262	(281)	*
	$ 12,526	$ 10,531	19 %	$ 49,636	$ 30,964	60 %

** > 100%*

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales increased 27% and 24% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively. Cost of sales includes the amortization of intangible assets recorded in connection with acquisitions, collaborations, and license agreements, which totaled $1.1 billion and $621 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $3.0 billion and $1.8 billion in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively. Additionally, cost of sales in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 includes impacts of $83 million and $249 million, respectively, for the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories related to the October 2025 acquisition of Verona Pharma. Also included in cost of sales are expenses associated with restructuring activities, which amounted to $396 million and $110 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $817 million and $311 million in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively, primarily reflecting accelerated depreciation and asset impairment charges related to manufacturing facilities to be fully or partially closed or divested, as well as contractual termination costs. Separation costs associated with manufacturing-related headcount reductions have been incurred and are reflected in *Restructuring costs* as discussed below.

Gross margin was 72.9% in the third quarter of 2026 compared with 77.7% in the third quarter of 2025. Gross margin was 73.6% in the first nine months of 2026 compared with 77.7% in the first nine months of 2025. The gross margin decline in both periods was primarily due to higher amortization of intangible assets, increased restructuring costs, the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories related to the October 2025 acquisition of Verona Pharma, and higher production costs. For the year-to-date period, the favorable effect of product mix partially offset the gross margin decline.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses increased 10% and 8% in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, primarily due to higher administrative costs, as well as higher promotional costs in support of product launches. The unfavorable effect of foreign exchange also contributed to the increase in SG&A expenses in the year-to-date period.

Research and Development

Research and development (R&D) expenses were $4.5 billion in the third quarter of 2026, an increase of 7% compared with the third quarter of 2025, primarily driven by increased clinical development spending and higher charges for business development activity, partially offset by lower restructuring costs and a $200 million reduction in R&D expenses as part of a funding agreement with Blackstone Life Sciences (Blackstone). R&D expenses increased to $26.9 billion in the first nine months of 2026 compared with $11.9 billion in the first nine months of 2025 primarily due to higher charges for business development activity, increased clinical development spending, and the unfavorable effect of foreign exchange, partially offset by a $600 million reduction in R&D expenses as part of a funding agreement with Blackstone, as well as lower restructuring costs.

Significant charges for business development activity in 2026 include the following (see Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for more information):

- $400 million for a license agreement with SciBrunch (third quarter and first nine months of 2026)
- $5.7 billion for the acquisition of Terns (first nine months of 2026)
- $9.0 billion for the acquisition of Cidara (first nine months of 2026)

Significant charges for business development activity in 2025 include:

- $300 million for completion of the technology transfer for MK-2010 (LM-299) from LaNova Medicines Ltd (LaNova) (third quarter and first nine months of 2025)
- $200 million for a license agreement with Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals Co., Ltd. (Hengrui Pharma) (first nine months of 2025)
- $100 million for the achievement of a developmental milestone related to the 2024 EyeBiotech Limited (EyeBio) acquisition (first nine months of 2025)

R&D expenses consist of the costs directly incurred by Merck Research Laboratories (MRL), the Company's research and development division that focuses on human health-related activities, which were $2.9 billion and $8.2 billion in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026, respectively, (inclusive of a $200 million and $600 million benefit, respectively, from the Blackstone funding agreement discussed further in Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements) and $2.7 billion and $8.0 billion for the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, respectively. Also included in R&D expenses are Animal Health research costs, upfront and milestone payments for collaboration and license agreements (including the charges related to SciBrunch, LaNova, Hengrui Pharma and EyeBio noted above), charges for transactions accounted for as asset acquisitions (including the charges for the acquisitions of Terns and Cidara noted above), and costs incurred by other divisions in support of R&D activities, including depreciation, production, and general and administrative, which in the aggregate were $1.6 billion and $1.3 billion for the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $18.6 billion and $3.6 billion for the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively. R&D expenses also include restructuring costs of $233 million and $286 million for the third quarter of and first nine months of 2025, respectively, associated with contractual termination costs.

Restructuring Costs

In July 2025, the Company approved a restructuring program (2025 Restructuring Program) designed to position the Company for its next chapter of growth and to successfully advance its pipeline and launch new products across multiple therapeutic areas. As part of this program, the Company expects to eliminate certain positions in sales and administrative organizations, as well as research and development. The Company will, however, continue to hire employees into new roles across all strategic growth areas of the business. In addition, the Company will reduce its global real estate footprint and continue to optimize its manufacturing network, aligning the geography of its global manufacturing footprint to its customers and reflecting changes in the Company's business. Most actions contemplated under the 2025 Restructuring Program are expected to be largely completed by the end of 2027, with the exception of certain manufacturing actions, which are expected to be substantially completed by the end of 2029. The cumulative pretax costs to be incurred by the Company to implement the program are estimated to be approximately $3.0 billion, of which approximately 60% will be cash, relating primarily to employee separation expense and contractual termination costs. The remainder of the costs will be non-cash, relating primarily to the accelerated depreciation of facilities. The Company expects the actions under the 2025 Restructuring Program to result in annual cost savings of approximately $1.7 billion, which will be substantially realized by the end of 2027. The 2025 Restructuring Program is part of the Company's multiyear optimization initiative anticipated to achieve $3.0 billion in annual cost savings by the end of 2027, which will be fully reinvested into strategic growth areas of the business.

In January 2024, the Company approved a restructuring program (2024 Restructuring Program) intended to continue the optimization of the Company's Human Health global manufacturing network as the future pipeline shifts to new modalities and also optimize the Animal Health global manufacturing network to improve supply reliability and increase efficiency. The actions contemplated under the 2024 Restructuring Program are expected to be substantially completed by the end of 2031, with the cumulative pretax costs to be incurred by the Company to implement the program estimated to be approximately $4.0 billion. Approximately 50% of the cumulative pretax costs will be non-cash, relating primarily to the accelerated depreciation of facilities to be closed or divested. The remainder of the costs will result in cash outlays, relating primarily to facility shut-down costs. The Company anticipates the actions under the 2024 Restructuring Program will result in cumulative annual net cost savings of approximately $750 million by the end of 2031.

Restructuring costs of $184 million and $47 million for the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $530 million and $676 million in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively, primarily include separation and other costs

associated with these restructuring activities. Separation costs incurred were associated with actual headcount reductions, as well as estimated expenses under existing severance programs for involuntary headcount reductions that were probable and could be reasonably estimated. Other expenses in *Restructuring costs* include facility shut-down and other related costs, as well as employee-related costs such as curtailment, settlement, and termination charges associated with pension and other postretirement benefit plans and share-based compensation plan costs. For segment reporting, restructuring costs are unallocated expenses.

Additional costs associated with the Company's restructuring activities are included in *Cost of sales*, *Selling, general and administrative* expenses and *Research and development* costs. The Company recorded aggregate pretax costs of $581 million and $390 million in the third quarter of 2026 and 2025, respectively, and $1.4 billion and $1.3 billion in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively, related to restructuring program activities. See Note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional details.

Other (Income) Expense, Net

Other (income) expense, net, was $27 million of expense in the third quarter of 2026 compared with $238 million of income in the third quarter of 2025. Other (income) expense, net, was $262 million of expense in the first nine months of 2026 compared with $281 million of income in the first nine months of 2025. The unfavorable period-over-period changes were primarily due to higher net interest expense, partially offset by higher net income from investments in equity securities.

For details on the components of *Other (income) expense, net* see Note 11 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Segment Profits

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Pharmaceutical segment profits	$ 13,112	$ 12,687	$ 36,262	34,660
Animal Health segment profits	541	511	1,900	1,737
Non-segment activity	(8,094)	(6,453)	(36,820)	(18,750)
Income Before Taxes	$ 5,559	$ 6,745	$ 1,342	$ 17,647

Pharmaceutical segment profits consist of segment sales less standard costs, as well as SG&A expenses directly incurred by the segment. Animal Health segment profits consist of segment sales, less all cost of sales, as well as SG&A and R&D expenses directly incurred by the segment. For internal management reporting presented to the chief operating decision maker, Merck does not allocate the remaining cost of sales not included in segment profits as described above, R&D expenses incurred by MRL, or general and administrative expenses not directly incurred by the segments, nor the cost of financing these activities. Separate divisions maintain responsibility for monitoring and managing these costs, including depreciation related to fixed assets utilized by these divisions and, therefore, they are not included in segment profits. Also excluded from the determination of segment profits are costs related to restructuring activities and acquisition- and divestiture-related costs, including the amortization of intangible assets and the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories, intangible asset impairment charges, and expense or income related to changes in the estimated fair value measurement of liabilities for contingent consideration. Additionally, segment profits do not reflect other expenses from corporate and manufacturing cost centers and other miscellaneous income or expense. These unallocated items are reflected in "Non-segment activity" in the above table. Also included in "Non-segment activity" are miscellaneous corporate profits (losses), as well as operating profits (losses) related to third-party manufacturing arrangements.

Taxes on Income

The effective income tax rate of 8.9% for the third quarter of 2026 reflects the favorable impacts of certain discrete items, as well as jurisdictional mix of income and expense. The income tax provision of $1.9 billion for the first nine months of 2026 on pretax income of $1.3 billion, resulted in an effective income tax rate of 138.2%. The effective income tax rate for the first nine months of 2026 reflects a 126.6 percentage point combined unfavorable impact of the charges for the acquisitions of Cidara and Terns, which had no tax benefits, partially offset by the favorable impacts of certain discrete items, as well as jurisdictional mix of income and expense.

The effective income tax rates of 14.2% and 13.3% for the third quarter and first nine months of 2025, respectively, reflect the favorable impacts of jurisdictional mix of income and expense, as well as certain discrete items.

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is currently conducting examinations of the Company's tax returns for the years 2017 and 2018, including the one-time transition tax enacted under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. In April 2025, Merck received Notices of Proposed Adjustment (NOPAs) that would increase the amount of the one-time transition tax on certain undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries by approximately $1.3 billion. In addition, the NOPAs included penalties of approximately $260 million. These amounts are exclusive of any interest that may be due. The Company disagrees with the proposed adjustments and is vigorously contesting the NOPAs through available administrative proceedings. However, it remains uncertain whether a resolution can be reached during this phase of the audit, and judicial proceedings may be necessary. If the Company is ultimately unsuccessful in resolving or defending its position, the impact could be material to its financial statements. The statute of limitations for assessments with respect to the 2019 and 2020 federal tax return years expired in June 2024 and

October 2024, respectively. The IRS is also currently conducting examinations of the Company's tax returns for the years 2021 and 2022. In addition, various state and foreign tax examinations are in progress.

Non-GAAP Income and Non-GAAP EPS

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP earnings per share (EPS) are alternative views of the Company's performance that Merck is providing because management believes this information enhances investors' understanding of the Company's results since management uses non-GAAP measures to assess performance. Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS exclude certain items because of the nature of these items and the impact that they have on the analysis of underlying business performance and trends. The excluded items (which should not be considered non-recurring) consist of acquisition- and divestiture-related costs, restructuring costs, income and losses from investments in equity securities, and certain other items. These excluded items are significant components in understanding and assessing financial performance.

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS are important internal measures for the Company. Senior management receives a monthly analysis of operating results that includes a non-GAAP EPS metric. Management uses non-GAAP measures internally for planning and forecasting purposes and to measure the performance of the Company along with other metrics. In addition, annual employee compensation, including senior management's compensation, is derived in part using a non-GAAP pretax income metric. Since non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS are not measures determined in accordance with GAAP, they have no standardized meaning prescribed by GAAP and, therefore, may not be comparable to the calculation of similar measures of other companies. The information on non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for or superior to, net income and EPS prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. (GAAP).

A reconciliation between GAAP financial measures and non-GAAP financial measures is as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
($ in millions except per share amounts)	2026	2025	2026	2025
Income before taxes as reported under GAAP	$ 5,559	$ 6,745	$ 1,342	$ 17,647
Increase (decrease) for excluded items:				
Acquisition- and divestiture-related costs	1,167	659	3,303	1,900
Restructuring costs	581	390	1,381	1,274
Income from investments in equity securities, net	(393)	(344)	(764)	(512)
Non-GAAP income before taxes	6,914	7,450	5,262	20,309
Income tax provision as reported under GAAP	492	958	1,855	2,346
Estimated tax benefit on excluded items [(1)]	261	128	737	468
Tax (expense) benefit resulting primarily from audit reserve adjustments	—	(86)	—	60
Non-GAAP income tax provision	753	1,000	2,592	2,874
Non-GAAP net income	6,161	6,450	2,670	17,435
Less: Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests as reported under GAAP	2	2	(3)	10
Non-GAAP net income attributable to Merck & Co., Inc.	$ 6,159	$ 6,448	$ 2,673	$ 17,425
EPS assuming dilution as reported under GAAP [(2)(3)]	$ 2.04	$ 2.32	$ (0.21)	$ 6.08
EPS difference	0.45	0.26	1.29	0.85
Non-GAAP EPS assuming dilution [(2)]	$ 2.49	$ 2.58	$ 1.08	$ 6.93

[(1)] The estimated tax impact on the excluded items is determined by applying the statutory rate of the originating territory of the non-GAAP adjustments.

[(2)] GAAP and non-GAAP EPS were negatively affected in the third quarter and first nine months of 2026 by charges of $0.12 per share and $6.05 per share, respectively, for license agreements and transactions accounted for as asset acquisitions. See "Business Development Transactions" above for additional information. GAAP and non-GAAP EPS were negatively affected in the third quarter and first nine months of 2025 by charges of $0.10 per share and $0.16 per share, respectively, for certain upfront and pre-approval milestone payments related to license agreements.

[(3)] The Company recorded a net loss on a GAAP basis for the first nine months of 2026; therefore, no potential dilutive common shares were used in the computation of loss per common share assuming dilution because the effect would have been antidilutive.

Acquisition- and Divestiture-Related Costs

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS exclude the impact of certain amounts recorded in connection with acquisitions and divestitures of businesses. These amounts include the amortization of intangible assets and the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories, as well as intangible asset impairment charges, and expense or income related to changes in the estimated fair value measurement of liabilities for contingent consideration. Also excluded are integration, transaction, and certain other costs associated with acquisitions and divestitures. Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS also exclude amortization of intangible assets related to collaborations, asset acquisitions, and license agreements, as well as the recognition of fair value step-up of inventories related to asset acquisitions.

Restructuring Costs

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS exclude costs related to restructuring actions (see Note 4 to the condensed consolidated financial statements). These amounts include employee separation costs and accelerated depreciation associated with facilities to be fully or partially closed or divested. Accelerated depreciation costs represent the difference between the

depreciation expense to be recognized over the revised useful life of the asset, based upon the anticipated date the site will be closed or divested or the equipment disposed of, and depreciation expense as determined utilizing the useful life prior to the restructuring actions. Restructuring costs also include asset impairment, facility shut-down, contractual termination, and other related costs, as well as employee-related costs such as curtailment, settlement, and termination charges associated with pension and other postretirement benefit plans and share-based compensation costs.

Income and Losses from Investments in Equity Securities

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS exclude realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments in equity securities either owned directly or through ownership interests in investment funds.

Certain Other Items

Non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS exclude certain other items. These items are adjusted for after evaluating them on an individual basis, considering their quantitative and qualitative aspects. Typically, these items are unusual in nature, significant to the results of a particular period or not indicative of future operating results. Excluded from non-GAAP income and non-GAAP EPS in 2025 is tax (expense) benefit resulting primarily from audit reserve adjustments.

Research and Development Update

The Company currently has several candidates under regulatory review in the U.S. and internationally.

MK-0616, *Lipfendra*, a once-daily oral PCSK9 inhibitor, is under review in the EU for the treatment of adults with primary hypercholesterolemia or mixed dyslipidemia. The application is based on the Phase 3 CORALreef Lipids, CORALreef HeFH, and CORALreef AddOn studies. *Lipfendra* also is under review in Japan for the treatment of hypercholesterolemia and familial hypercholesterolemia, as well as in China.

MK-2870, sacituzumab tirumotecan (sac-TMT), an investigational TROP2-directed ADC, is under priority review by the FDA for the treatment of adult patients with endometrial cancer who have previously received platinum containing chemotherapy and a PD-1 or PD-L1 inhibitor, separately or in combination, The application is based on data from the Phase 3 TroFuse-005 trial. The FDA set a Prescription Drug User Fee Act (PDUFA) date of June 15, 2027. In December 2025, the FDA selected sac-TMT to receive a Commissioner's National Priority Voucher under a pilot program offering the ability to seek expedited approval based on alignment with one or more critical national health priorities. The Company is in discussions with the FDA and is hopeful for an approval before the PDUFA date.

MK-8591A, *Idvynso*, a once-daily, oral two-drug regimen of doravirine, a non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor, and islatravir, a next-generation nucleoside analog reverse transcriptase inhibitor, for the treatment of certain adults with HIV-1 infection is under review in the EU. The application is based on findings from the Phase 3 MK-8591A-051 and MK-8591A-052 clinical trials in adults whose HIV-1 infection is virologically suppressed on antiretroviral therapy, as well as on the MK-8591A-053 clinical trial in previously untreated adults. *Idvynso* is also under review in the U.S. to expand the approved indication in certain virologically suppressed adults with HIV-1 infection to include certain adults who have not previously received antiretroviral treatment; the FDA set a PDUFA date of April 22, 2027.

MK-1654, *Enflonsia*, is an extended half-life monoclonal antibody indicated for passive immunization for the prevention of RSV LRTD in newborns and infants who are born during or entering their first RSV season. *Enflonsia* is under review in the U.S., the EU and Japan to expand the approved indication to include prevention of RSV LRTD in children under two years of age at increased risk for severe RSV disease through their second RSV season. In the U.S., the FDA set a PDUFA date of March 22, 2027.

MK-3475, *Keytruda*, is an anti-PD-1 therapy available for intravenous administration. MK-3475A, *Keytruda Qlex*, combines pembrolizumab with berahyaluronidase alfa to enhance dispersion and permeability to enable subcutaneous administration. *Keytruda* and *Keytruda Qlex* each are approved for the treatment of many cancers and continue to be studied in additional Phase 3 trials. In the EU and certain other international markets, *Keytruda Qlex* is approved as a subcutaneous route of administration and pharmaceutical form of *Keytruda* (marketed as *Keytruda SC*). *Keytruda* is under review:

- In Japan, in combination with Padcev as neoadjuvant treatment, then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment, for patients with MIBC who are ineligible for cisplatin-based chemotherapy. The application is based on data from the Phase 3 KEYNOTE-905 trial conducted in collaboration with Pfizer Inc. (Pfizer) and Astellas.
- In Japan, in combination with Padcev as neoadjuvant treatment, then continued after radical cystectomy as adjuvant treatment, for patients with MIBC who are eligible for cisplatin-based chemotherapy. The application is based on data from the Phase 3 KEYNOTE-B15 trial conducted in collaboration with Pfizer and Astellas.
- In the EU, in combination with chemotherapy with or without radiation, for the adjuvant treatment of newly diagnosed, mismatch repair deficient endometrial cancer in adults who are at high risk of recurrence. The application is based on data from the Phase 3 KEYNOTE-B21 trial.

MK-6482, *Welireg*, Merck's first-in-class oral hypoxia-inducible factor-2 alpha (HIF-2α) inhibitor, is under review:

- In the EU and Japan, in combination with *Keytruda* for the adjuvant treatment of certain patients with clear cell RCC following nephrectomy. The application is based on data from the Phase 3 LITESPARK-022 trial.

- In the EU, in combination with MK-7902, Lenvima, an orally available multiple receptor TKI, for the treatment of certain previously treated patients with advanced RCC. The supplemental application for *Welireg* is based on data from the Phase 3 LITESPARK-011 trial. In Japan, the combination is under review for Lenvima. Lenvima is being developed as part of a collaboration with Eisai Co., Ltd.

The Biologics License Application (BLA) seeking accelerated approval in the U.S. for MK-2400, ifinatamab deruxtecan (I-DXd), for the treatment of adult patients with previously treated extensive-stage small cell lung cancer (ES-SCLC) who experienced disease progression on or after platinum-based chemotherapy, has been voluntarily withdrawn. I-DXd is an investigational, potential first-in-class B7-H3 directed DXd ADC being developed as part of a collaboration with Daiichi Sankyo. The decision to withdraw the BLA was based on discussions with the FDA that data supporting the application, including from the IDeate-Lung01 Phase 2 trial, do not satisfy requirements needed to support an accelerated approval for the proposed indication. Patient enrollment continues in the IDeate-Lung02 Phase 3 trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of I-DXd versus treatment of physician's choice of chemotherapy (amrubicin, lurbinectedin or topotecan) in patients with relapsed ES-SCLC following disease progression with only one prior line of platinum-based chemotherapy.

The chart below reflects the Company's research pipeline as of November 2, 2026. Candidates shown in Phase 3 include the date such candidate entered into Phase 3 development. Candidates shown in Phase 2 include the most advanced compound with a specific mechanism or, if listed compounds have the same mechanism, they are each currently intended for commercialization in a given therapeutic area. Small molecules and biologics generally are given MK-number designations and vaccine candidates generally are given V-number designations. Except as otherwise noted, candidates in Phase 1, additional indications in the same therapeutic area (other than with respect to cancer, immunology and certain other indications) and additional claims, line extensions or formulations for in-line products are not shown.

Phase 2		
Alzheimer's Disease MK-2214 **Atherosclerosis** MK-7262 **Cancer** MK-1022 (patritumab deruxtecan)[1] Bladder Cervical Esophageal Gastric Melanoma Non-Small Cell Lung MK-1045 Hematological Malignancies MK-1084 (calderasib) Solid Tumors MK-2010 Solid Tumors MK-2400 (ifinatamab deruxtecan)[1] Bladder Endometrial Head and Neck Hepatocellular Melanoma Non-Small Cell Lung Ovarian Solid Tumors	**Cancer** MK-2870 (sacituzumab tirumotecan) Biliary Esophageal Neoplasm Malignant MK-3475 *Keytruda* Prostate MK-3475A *Keytruda Qlex* Hematological Malignancies (U.S.) MK-5684 (opevesostat) Breast Endometrial Ovarian MK-5909 (raludotatug deruxtecan)[1] Cervical Endometrial Gastric Non-Small Cell Lung Small Cell Lung MK-6070 (gocatamig)[1] Small Cell Lung MK-6482 *Welireg* Breast V940 (intismeran autogene)[1] Bladder Renal Cell	**Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases** MK-5884A (ensifentrine+glycopyrrolate) **HIV-1 Infection** MK-8591B (islatravir+ulonivirine) **Immunology** MK-7240 (tulisokibart) Axial Spondyloarthritis Hidradenitis Suppurativa Psoriatic Arthritis Rheumatoid Arthritis MK-8690 Ulcerative Colitis **Metabolic Dysfunction-Associated Steatohepatitis (MASH)** MK-6024 (efinopegdutide) **Pulmonary Hypertension Due To Left Heart Disease** MK-7962 *Winrevair*

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<tr><th>Phase 3 (Phase 3 entry date)</th><th colspan="2">Under Review</th></tr>
<tr><td rowspan="2">Cancer
MK-1022 (patritumab deruxtecan)[1]
Breast (July 2025)
MK-1026 (nemtabrutinib)
Hematological Malignancies (March 2023)
MK-1084 (calderasib)
Colorectal (July 2025)
Non-Small Cell Lung (May 2024)
MK-2140 (zilovertamab vedotin)
Hematological Malignancies (September 2024)
MK-2400 (ifinatamab deruxtecan)[1]
Esophageal (March 2025)
Prostate (May 2025)
Small Cell Lung (July 2024)
MK-2870 (sacituzumab tirumotecan)
Bladder (April 2026)
Breast (April 2024)
Cervical (July 2024)
Endometrial (EU) (December 2023)
Gastric (May 2024)
Non-Small Cell Lung (November 2023)
Ovarian (April 2025)
MK-3475 Keytruda
Small-Cell Lung (May 2017)
MK-3543 (bomedemstat)
Myeloproliferative Disorders (December 2023)
MK-5684 (opevesostat)
Prostate (December 2023)
MK-5909 (raludotatug deruxtecan)[1]
Ovarian (December 2025)
MK-7339 Lynparza[1]
Non-Small Cell Lung (June 2019)
Small Cell Lung (December 2020)
V940 (intismeran autogene)[1]
Melanoma (July 2023)
Non-Small Cell Lung (December 2023)
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Diseases
MK-5884 Ohtuvayre (EU) (September 2020)
COVID-19
MK-4482 Lagevrio (U.S.) (May 2021)[2]
Dengue Fever Virus Vaccine
V181 (June 2025)
Diabetic Macular Edema
MK-3000 (remigromig)[3]
HIV-1 Infection
MK-8591D (islatravir+lenacapavir) (October 2024)[1][4]
HIV-1 Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis
MK-8527 (alimatravir) (July 2025)
Immunology
MK-7240 (tulisokibart)
Crohn's Disease (June 2024)
Ulcerative Colitis (October 2023)
Influenza
MK-1406 (efitazanamivir alfa) (September 2025)
Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration
MK-8748[5]</td><td>New Molecular Entities
Hypercholesterolemia
MK-0616 Lipfendra (EU) (JPN)

Previously Treated Endometrial Cancer
MK-2870 (sacituzumab tirumotecan) (U.S.)

HIV-1 Infection
MK-8591A Idvynso (EU)</td><td>Certain Supplemental Filings
HIV-1 Infection (Treatment Naive)
MK-8591A Idvynso (U.S.)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (Second Season)
MK-1654 Enflonsia (U.S.) (EU) (JPN)

Cancer
MK-3475 Keytruda
• Cisplatin-Ineligible Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (KEYNOTE-905) (JPN)
• Cisplatin-Eligible Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer (KEYNOTE-B15) (JPN)
• Newly Diagnosed High-Risk Endometrial Cancer (KEYNOTE-B21) (EU)

MK-6482 Welireg
• Clear Cell Renal Cell Carcinoma Following Nephrectomy (LITESPARK-022) (EU) (JPN)[6]
• Previously Treated Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma (LITESPARK-011) (EU) (JPN)[1][7]</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Footnotes:
[1] Being developed in a collaboration.
[2] Available in the U.S. under Emergency Use Authorization, which will terminate effective June 29, 2027.
[3] Program is in Phase 2/3 studies, the first of which commenced in August 2024.
[4] On FDA partial clinical hold for higher doses of islatravir than those used in current clinical trials.
[5] Program is in Phase 2/3 studies, the first of which commenced in March 2026.
[6] Under review for combination use with Keytruda.
[7] Under review in Japan for Lenvima, used in combination with Welireg.</td></tr>
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Analysis of Liquidity and Capital Resources

($ in millions)	September 30, 2026	December 31, 2025
Cash and investments	$ 11,253	$ 15,521
Working capital	10,140	15,189
Total debt to total liabilities and equity	40.5 %	36.0 %

Cash provided by operating activities was $15.8 billion in the first nine months of 2026 compared with $13.6 billion in the first nine months of 2025. Cash provided by operating activities continues to be the Company's primary source of funds to finance operating needs, with excess cash serving as the primary source of funds to finance business development transactions, capital expenditures, dividends paid to shareholders and treasury stock purchases. Larger business development transactions may be funded with a combination of cash from operating activities and debt.

Cash used in investing activities was $17.1 billion in the first nine months of 2026 compared with $2.5 billion in the first nine months of 2025. The higher use of cash in investing activities was primarily due to the acquisitions of Cidara, Terns and TARGAN, partially offset by lower purchases of securities and other investments, lower capital expenditures (driven in part by the acquisition of a facility from WuXi Vaccines in 2025), and higher proceeds from sales of securities and other investments.

Cash used in financing activities was $3.7 billion in the first nine months of 2026 compared with $6.7 billion in the first nine months of 2025. The lower use of cash in financing activities was primarily due to proceeds from a term loan, lower purchases of treasury stock, lower payments on long-term debt, and higher proceeds from the exercise of stock options, partially offset by the repayment of the term loan and higher dividends paid to shareholders.

In April 2026, Merck entered into a delayed draw term loan credit agreement (Credit Agreement) pursuant to which the lenders committed (subject to satisfaction of certain conditions set forth in the Credit Agreement) to provide Merck with financing under a 364-day term loan facility in an aggregate amount not to exceed $6.0 billion. The Company drew down the full

$6.0 billion of funds under the facility to fund a portion of the approximately $6.8 billion cash consideration for the acquisition of Terns. The Company has since repaid borrowings under the Credit Agreement.

In May 2026, the Company issued $6.0 billion aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes consisting of $500 million of floating rate notes due 2028, $1.0 billion of 4.30% notes due 2028, $500 million of 4.65% notes due 2031, $1.0 billion of 4.95% notes due 2033, $1.5 billion of 5.20% notes due 2036, $500 million of 5.75% notes due 2046, and $1.0 billion of 5.85% notes due 2056. The Company used the net proceeds from the offering to repay borrowings under the Credit Agreement as noted above.

In January 2026, February 2026, and October 2026, the Company's $135 million, 6.30% debentures, its $1.0 billion, 0.75% notes, and its 1.0 billion, euro-denominated notes, respectively, matured in accordance with their terms and were repaid. In February 2025, the Company's $2.5 billion, 2.75% notes matured in accordance with their terms and were repaid.

Dividends paid to stockholders were $6.3 billion and $6.2 billion in the first nine months of 2026 and 2025, respectively. In May 2026, Merck's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of $0.85 per share on the Company's outstanding common stock for the third quarter of 2026 that was paid in July 2026. In July 2026, Merck's Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of $0.85 per share on the Company's outstanding common stock for the fourth quarter of 2026 that was paid in October 2026.

In January 2025, Merck's Board of Directors authorized purchases of up to $10 billion of Merck's common stock for its treasury. The treasury stock purchase authorization has no time limit and will be made over time in open-market transactions, block transactions on or off an exchange, or in privately negotiated transactions. During the first nine months of 2026, the Company purchased $2.3 billion (19 million shares) of its common stock for its treasury under this program. The Company expects to repurchase approximately $3.0 billion of treasury shares under this program during 2026. As of September 30, 2026, the Company's remaining share repurchase authorization was $5.1 billion.

The Company has a $6.0 billion credit facility that matures in May 2031. The facility provides backup liquidity for the Company's commercial paper borrowing facility and is to be used for general corporate purposes. The Company has not drawn funding from this facility.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The Company's significant accounting policies, which include management's best estimates and judgments, are included in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025 included in Merck's Form 10-K filed on February 24, 2026. A discussion of accounting estimates considered critical because of the potential for a significant impact on the financial statements due to the inherent uncertainty in such estimates is included in the Critical Accounting Estimates section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in Merck's Form 10-K. There have been no significant changes in the Company's critical accounting estimates since December 31, 2025.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

For a discussion of recently issued accounting standards, see Note 1 to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

There have been no material changes in market risk exposures that affect the disclosures presented in "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk" in the Company's 2025 Form 10-K filed on February 24, 2026.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Management of the Company, with the participation of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures over financial reporting. Based on their evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of September 30, 2026, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective. For the third quarter of 2026, there were no changes in internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

CAUTIONARY FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

This report and other written reports and oral statements made from time to time by the Company may contain so-called "forward-looking statements," all of which are based on management's current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause results to differ materially from those set forth in the statements. One can identify these forward-looking statements by their use of words such as "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "will," "estimates," "forecasts," "projects" and other words of similar meaning, or negative variations of any of the foregoing. One can also identify them by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements are likely to address the Company's growth strategy, financial results, product approvals, product potential, or development programs. One must carefully consider any such statement and should understand that many factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the Company's forward-looking statements. These factors include inaccurate assumptions and a broad variety of other risks and uncertainties, including some

that are known and some that are not. No forward-looking statement can be guaranteed and actual future results may vary materially.

The Company does not assume the obligation to update any forward-looking statement. One should carefully evaluate such statements in light of factors, including risk factors, described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, especially on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. In Item 1A. "Risk Factors" of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2025, filed on February 24, 2026, the Company discusses in more detail various important risk factors that could cause actual results to differ from expected or historic results. The Company notes these factors for investors as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. One should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors. Consequently, the reader should not consider any such list to be a complete statement of all potential risks or uncertainties.

PART II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

The information called for by this Item is incorporated herein by reference to Note 8 included in Part I, Item 1, Financial Statements (unaudited) — Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Issuer purchases of equity securities for the three months ended September 30, 2026 were as follows:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

				($ in millions)
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased [1]	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs [1]
July 1 - July 31	1,816,435	$127.19	1,816,435	$5,505
August 1 - August 31	1,549,400	$138.24	1,549,400	$5,291
September 1 - September 30	1,411,750	$147.80	1,411,750	$5,082
Total	4,777,585	$136.86	4,777,585	

[1] Shares purchased during the period were made as part of a plan approved by the Board of Directors in January 2025 to purchase up to $10 billion of Merck's common stock for its treasury.

Item 5. Other Information

Insider Trading Arrangements

During the three months ended September 30, 2026, none of the Company's directors or executive officers adopted or terminated a "Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement" or "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each item is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K.

Item 6. Exhibits

Number		Description
3.1	—	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Merck & Co., Inc. (November 3, 2009) – Incorporated by reference to Merck & Co., Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 4, 2009 (No. 1-6571)
3.2	—	By-Laws of Merck & Co., Inc. (effective November 19, 2024) – Incorporated by reference to Merck & Co., Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on November 22, 2024 (No. 1-6571)
31.1	—	Rule 13a – 14(a)/15d – 14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer
31.2	—	Rule 13a – 14(a)/15d – 14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer
32.1	—	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Executive Officer
32.2	—	Section 1350 Certification of Chief Financial Officer
101.INS	—	XBRL Instance Document - The instance document does not appear in the interactive data file because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
101.SCH	—	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	—	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.DEF	—	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.LAB	—	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
101.PRE	—	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
104	—	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101).

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

MERCK & CO., INC.

Date: November 4, 2026

/s/ Jennifer Zachary
JENNIFER ZACHARY
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

Date: November 4, 2026

/s/ Dalton Smart
DALTON SMART
Senior Vice President Finance - Global Controller

Exhibit 31.1

CERTIFICATION

I, Robert M. Davis, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Merck & Co., Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2026

By: /s/ Robert M. Davis
ROBERT M. DAVIS
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

Exhibit 31.2

CERTIFICATION

I, Caroline Litchfield, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Merck & Co., Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;

b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;

c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and

d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 4, 2026

By: /s/ Caroline Litchfield
CAROLINE LITCHFIELD
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Exhibit 32.1

Section 1350
Certification of Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of Merck & Co., Inc. (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2026 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: November 4, 2026

/s/ Robert M. Davis

Name: ROBERT M. DAVIS
Title: Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

Exhibit 32.2

Section 1350
Certification of Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, the undersigned officer of Merck & Co., Inc. (the “Company”), hereby certifies that the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2026 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: November 4, 2026

/s/ Caroline Litchfield

Name: CAROLINE LITCHFIELD
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer