

Waters and BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions Business to Combine, Creating a Life Science and Diagnostics Leader Focused on Regulated, High-Volume Testing

- Strong strategic fit that increases presence in multiple high-growth adjacencies and offers immediate commercial impact from Waters' proven execution model
- Doubles Waters' total addressable market to approximately \$40 billion, with 5-7% annual growth
- Creates a combined company with pro forma expected 2025 sales of approximately \$6.5 billion and adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$2.0 billion
- Increases annual recurring revenue to over 70% with over 80% of revenue coming from iconic market-leading brands
- Anticipate approximately \$345 million in annualized EBITDA synergies by 2030, including \$200 million of cost synergies by year three, and \$290 million of revenue synergies by year five
- Delivers an industry-leading financial outlook with mid-to-high single-digit revenue growth, approximately 500 basis points of adjusted operating margin expansion, and mid-teens annualized adjusted EPS growth expected over five years
- Transaction expected to be accretive to adjusted EPS in the first year
- Companies to host joint conference call at 8:00 a.m. ET today

MILFORD, Mass., and FRANKLIN LAKES, N.J., July 14, 2025 [/PRNewswire/](#) -- Waters Corporation (NYSE: WAT) and BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company) (NYSE: BDX) today announced a definitive agreement to combine BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business with Waters, creating an innovative life science and diagnostics leader with pioneering technologies and an industry-leading financial outlook. The agreement is structured as a tax-efficient Reverse Morris Trust transaction valued at approximately \$17.5 billion.

Compelling Strategic and Financial Benefits

The companies expect that the transaction will create substantial shareholder value by:

- **Bringing together complementary technologies to serve high-volume testing in attractive and regulated end-markets:** The combined company will have best-in-class liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry, flow cytometry, and diagnostic solutions, doubling Waters' total addressable market to approximately \$40 billion.
- **Increasing annual recurring revenue in high-quality applications:** Over 70% of the combined company's revenue is expected to be recurring annually and over half of instrument revenue is expected to be recurring within a typical five- to ten-year replacement cycle.
- **Accelerating Waters' expansion into multiple high-growth adjacent end-markets:**
 - The bioseparations portfolio will expand by combining Waters' chemistry expertise and BD's biologics expertise to unlock new ways to separate large molecules and to drive growth in biologics and novel modalities with next-generation consumables.
 - In bioanalytical characterization, Waters' expertise in downstream high-volume applications and its established Empower™ informatics platform are well-positioned to deploy BD's flow cytometry and PCR technologies into large molecule QA/QC.
 - BD's regulatory expertise and established presence in clinical and diagnostic settings is expected to drive enhanced market access, improved service support, accelerated menu expansion, and automation for multiplex diagnostics using LC-MS technologies from Waters.
- **Applying Waters' proven execution model to unlock the full potential of BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business:** Waters will systematize execution across instrument replacement, service plan attachment, e-commerce adoption, and new product launches.
- **Delivering substantial cost and revenue synergies:** The transaction is expected to create approximately \$200 million of cost synergies by year three post-closing, and approximately \$290 million of revenue synergies by year five, resulting in approximately \$345 million of annualized EBITDA synergies by 2030.
 - Cost synergies are expected to be driven primarily by optimization in manufacturing, supply chain, and SG&A, while maintaining a strong commitment to R&D and commercial investments.
 - Revenue synergies are expected to be derived from commercial excellence, accelerating expansion into high-growth adjacencies, and realizing cross-selling opportunities.
- **Providing an industry-leading pro forma growth outlook with rapid adjusted EPS accretion:** The combined company is expected to generate pro forma revenue of approximately \$6.5 billion and approximately \$2.0 billion in pro forma adjusted EBITDA for calendar year 2025. On a pro forma basis, the combination is expected to deliver mid-to-high single-digit revenue growth and mid-teens adjusted EPS growth on an annualized basis between 2025 and 2030. By 2030, the pro forma combined company is expected to have an industry-leading financial outlook with approximately \$9 billion in revenue, \$3.3 billion in adjusted EBITDA, and an adjusted operating margin of 32%. The transaction is expected to be accretive to adjusted

EPS in the first year post-closing.

Executive Commentary

Flemming Ornskov, M.D., M.P.H., Chairman, Waters, said:

"This transaction marks a pivotal milestone in Waters' transformation journey as we embark on a new chapter of growth and value creation. As the Board of Directors evaluated this opportunity throughout the process, it became evident that combining with BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business is an excellent strategic fit with complementary strengths. We are confident that this combination will accelerate our strategy in multiple high-growth markets and deliver substantial near- and long-term value to our shareholders."

Udit Batra, Ph.D., President and Chief Executive Officer, Waters, said:

"Waters' transformation, marked by strong commercial execution and revitalized innovation, positions us well for this exciting next chapter. We see tremendous opportunity to immediately apply our expertise in instrument replacement, service plan attachment, and eCommerce expansion, and realize the full potential of the flow cytometry and specialty diagnostics portfolios. The combination doubles our accessible market to approximately \$40 billion and allows us to accelerate value creation in multiple high-growth adjacencies such as bioseparations, bioanalytical characterization, and multiplex diagnostics, while increasing the ratio of our annually recurring revenues."

"We are bringing together two pioneering organizations with a rich history of delivering breakthrough innovations driven by strong R&D investment and a common customer-centric culture. I look forward to welcoming our talented and like-minded colleagues from BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business and leading the collective organization. Together, we will work to make this combination a resounding success for our stakeholders and deliver significant value for shareholders."

Tom Polen, Chairman, CEO and President, BD, said:

"We are bringing together complementary portfolios and channels that create an industry-leading life science and diagnostics company. We see an incredible opportunity to leverage both companies' commitments to unparalleled innovation, technology, and commercial presence to serve attractive high-growth end-markets, while simultaneously unlocking multiple new growth vectors. We couldn't be more confident that the combined company, under Udit's leadership, represents the best path to create substantial value for shareholders. Waters offers the right cultural fit for our Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions associates to flourish and continue their legacy of developing new-to-world, innovative solutions that make a meaningful impact on global healthcare."

"This transaction is an important milestone for BD, as it enhances our strategic focus as a leading medical technology company. BD is committed to unlocking long-term value through continued investment in our strong innovation pipeline, and operational and commercial excellence that will drive durable and profitable growth. BD will also receive a cash distribution of approximately \$4 billion, which enhances our capital allocation framework, including a commitment to use at least half of the cash proceeds to repurchase shares, with the remaining balance allocated to debt repayment."

Additional Transaction Details

The transaction, which has been unanimously approved by the Boards of Directors of both Waters and BD, is structured as a Reverse Morris Trust, where BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business will be spun-off to BD shareholders and simultaneously merged with a wholly owned subsidiary of Waters. BD's shareholders are expected to own approximately 39.2% of the combined company, and existing Waters shareholders are expected to own approximately 60.8% of the combined company. BD will also receive a cash distribution of approximately \$4 billion prior to completion of the combination, subject to adjustment for cash, working capital, and indebtedness. The transaction is expected to be generally tax-free for U.S. federal income tax purposes to BD and BD's shareholders. Waters is expected to assume approximately \$4 billion of incremental debt, which would result in a net-debt-to-adjusted EBITDA leverage ratio for the combined company of 2.3x at closing. The transaction is expected to close around the end of the first quarter of calendar year 2026, subject to receipt of required regulatory approvals, Waters shareholder approval, and satisfaction of other customary closing conditions.

Management, Governance, and Headquarters

Upon closing of the transaction, Udit Batra, Ph.D., Waters President and Chief Executive Officer, will lead the new entity, and Amol Chaubal will serve as SVP and Chief Financial Officer. Executives from both companies will serve in key leadership roles to be announced at a later date. Up to two BD designees will join the Waters Board of Directors upon closing.

The combined company will continue to operate under the Waters name and retain its listing on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol WAT. Waters' headquarters will remain in Milford, Mass., and the combined company will maintain a significant presence where the BD Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business currently operates.

Overview of BD Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions

Biosciences is a leader in immunology and cancer research solutions and related clinical diagnostics, including flow cytometry instruments and reagents, and innovative multiomics tools. Diagnostic Solutions is a leader in microbiology and infectious disease diagnostics, including molecular diagnostics, cervical cancer screening, microbiology automation, and point-of-care offerings. Both businesses have strong leadership teams with unparalleled commercial, manufacturing, engineering, and R&D expertise, and are dedicated to bringing the next generation of breakthrough innovations to researchers, clinicians, and patients.

For calendar year 2025, BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business is expected to generate revenue of approximately \$3.4 billion and adjusted EBITDA of approximately \$925 million.

Advisors

Barclays is serving as financial advisor to Waters, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP is serving as legal counsel.

Citi is acting as lead financial advisor to BD, with Evercore also serving as a financial advisor. Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz is serving as lead legal counsel to BD.

Investor Call

Waters and BD will hold a joint conference call today, July 14, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. ET. The webcast of the call and the related materials will be available on Waters' and BD's investor relations websites at ir.waters.com and investors.bd.com.

Additional information and materials related to the transaction can be found at combination.waters.com/.

About Waters Corporation

[Waters Corporation](http://www.waters.com) (NYSE:WAT), is a global leader in analytical instruments, separations technologies, and software, serving the life, materials, food, and environmental sciences for over 65 years. Our Company helps ensure the efficacy of medicines, the safety of food and the purity of water, and the quality and sustainability of products used every day. In over 100 countries, our 7,600+ passionate employees collaborate with customers in laboratories, manufacturing sites, and hospitals to accelerate the benefits of pioneering science.

About BD

BD is one of the largest global medical technology companies in the world and is advancing the world of health by improving medical discovery, diagnostics and the delivery of care. The company supports the heroes on the frontlines of health care by developing innovative technology, services and solutions that help advance both clinical therapy for patients and clinical process for health care providers. BD and its more than 70,000 employees have a passion and commitment to help enhance the safety and efficiency of clinicians' care delivery process, enable laboratory scientists to accurately detect disease and advance researchers' capabilities to develop the next generation of diagnostics and therapeutics. BD has a presence in virtually every country and partners with organizations around the world to address some of the most challenging global health issues. By working in close collaboration with customers, BD can help enhance outcomes, lower costs, increase efficiencies, improve safety and expand access to health care. For more information on BD, please visit bd.com or connect with us on LinkedIn at www.linkedin.com/company/bd1/, X (formerly Twitter) [@BDandCo](https://twitter.com/BDandCo) or Instagram [@becton_dickinson](https://www.instagram.com/becton_dickinson).

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In connection with the proposed transaction between Waters, Augusta SpinCo Corporation (" [SpinCo](#) ") and BD, the parties intend to file relevant materials with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "[SEC](#)"), including, among other filings, a registration statement on Form S-4 to be filed by Waters (the "[Form S-4](#) ") that will include a preliminary proxy statement/prospectus of Waters and a definitive proxy statement/prospectus of Waters, the latter of which will be mailed to stockholders of Waters, and a registration statement on Form 10 to be filed by SpinCo that will incorporate by reference certain portions of the Form S-4 and will serve as an information statement/prospectus in connection with the spin-off of SpinCo from BD. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF WATERS AND BD ARE URGED TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS, THE INFORMATION STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION AND RELATED MATTERS. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the Form S-4 and the proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by Waters, SpinCo or BD through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Waters will be available free of charge on Waters' website at waters.com under the tab "About Waters" and under the heading "Investor Relations" and subheading "Financials—SEC Filings." Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by BD and SpinCo will be available free of charge on BD's website at bd.com under the tab "About BD" and under the heading "Investors" and subheading "SEC Filings."

Participants in the Solicitation

Waters and BD and their respective directors and executive officers may be considered participants in the solicitation of proxies from Waters' stockholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of Waters is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, which was filed with the SEC on February 25, 2025, and its proxy statement for its 2025 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on April 9, 2025. To the extent holdings of Waters' securities by its directors or executive officers have changed since the amounts set forth in such filings, such changes have been or will be reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 or Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. Information about the directors and executive officers of Waters and other information regarding the potential participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, will be contained in the proxy statement/prospectus and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. Information about the directors and executive officers of BD is set forth in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2024, which was filed with the SEC on November 27, 2024, and its proxy statement for its 2025 annual meeting, which was filed with the SEC on December 19, 2024. To the extent holdings of BD's securities by its directors or executive officers have changed since the amounts set forth in such filings, such changes have been or will be reflected on Initial Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 3 or Statements of Beneficial Ownership on Form 4 filed with the SEC. You may obtain these documents (when they become available) free of charge through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov and from Waters' website and BD's website as described above.

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This communication includes "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding the proposed transaction among Waters, BD and SpinCo. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "believe," "feel," "project," "expect," "anticipate," "appear," "estimate," "forecast," "outlook," "target," "endeavor," "seek," "predict," "intend," "suggest," "strategy," "plan," "may," "could," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology generally intended to identify forward-looking statements. All statements, other than historical facts, including, but not limited to, statements regarding the expected timing and structure of the proposed transaction, the ability of the parties to complete the proposed transaction, the expected benefits of the proposed transaction, including the amount and timing of synergies from the proposed transaction, the tax consequences of the proposed transaction, the terms and scope of the expected financing in connection with the proposed transaction, the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the combined company following the closing of the proposed transaction, the combined company's plans, objectives, expectations and intentions, legal, economic and regulatory conditions, and any assumptions underlying any of the foregoing, are forward looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on Waters' and BD's current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties surrounding future expectations generally. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Waters' and BD's control. None of Waters, BD, SpinCo or any of their respective directors, executive officers, or advisors make any representation or provide any assurance or guarantee that the occurrence of the events expressed or implied in any forward-looking statements will actually occur, or if any of them do occur, what impact they will have on the business, results of operations or financial condition of Waters or BD. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, these developments could have a material adverse effect on Waters' and BD's businesses and the ability to successfully complete the proposed transaction and realize its benefits. The inclusion of such statements should not be regarded as a representation that such plans, estimates or expectations will be achieved. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from such plans, estimates or expectations include, among others, (1) that one or more closing conditions to the transaction, including certain regulatory approvals, may not be satisfied or waived, on a timely basis or otherwise, including that a governmental entity may prohibit, delay or refuse to grant approval for the consummation of the proposed transaction, may require conditions, limitations or restrictions in connection with such approvals or that the required approval by the stockholders of Waters may not be obtained; (2) the risk that the proposed transaction may not be completed on the terms or in the time frame expected by Waters, BD and SpinCo, or at all; (3) unexpected costs, charges or expenses resulting from the proposed transaction; (4) uncertainty of the expected financial performance of the combined company following completion of the proposed transaction; (5) failure to realize the anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, including as a result of delay in completing the proposed transaction or integrating the businesses of Waters and SpinCo, on the expected timeframe or at all; (6) the ability of the combined company to implement its business strategy; (7) difficulties and delays in the combined company achieving revenue and cost synergies; (8) inability of the combined company to retain and hire key personnel; (9) the occurrence of any event that could give rise to termination of the proposed transaction; (10) the risk that stockholder litigation in connection with the proposed transaction or other litigation, settlements or investigations may affect the timing or occurrence of the proposed transaction or result in significant costs of defense, indemnification and liability; (11) evolving legal, regulatory and tax regimes; (12) changes in general economic and/or industry specific conditions or any volatility resulting from the imposition of and changing policies around tariffs; (13) actions by third parties, including government agencies; (14) the risk that the anticipated tax treatment of the proposed transaction is not obtained; (15) the risk of greater than expected difficulty in separating the business of SpinCo from the other businesses of BD; (16) risks related to the disruption of management time from ongoing business operations due to the pendency of the proposed transaction, or other effects of the pendency of the proposed transaction on the relationship of any of the parties to the transaction with their employees, customers, suppliers, or other counterparties; and (17) other risk factors detailed from time to time in Waters' and BD's reports filed with the SEC, including Waters' and BD's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other documents filed with the SEC, including documents that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the proposed transaction. The foregoing list of important factors is not exclusive.

It should also be noted that projected financial information for the combined businesses of Waters and SpinCo is based on management's estimates, assumptions and projections and has not been prepared in conformance with the applicable accounting requirements of Regulation S-X relating to pro forma financial information, and the required pro forma adjustments have not been applied and are not reflected therein. None of this information should be considered in isolation from, or as a substitute for, the historical financial statements of Waters or SpinCo. Important risk factors could cause actual future results and other future events to differ materially from those currently estimated by management, including, but not limited to, the risks that: a condition to the closing of the proposed transaction may not be satisfied; a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed transaction is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; Waters is unable to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed transaction; Waters is unable to promptly and effectively integrate SpinCo's businesses; management's time and attention is diverted on transaction related issues; disruption from the transaction makes it more difficult to maintain business, contractual and operational relationships; the credit ratings of the combined company declines following the proposed transaction; legal proceedings are instituted against Waters, BD or the combined company; Waters, SpinCo or the combined company is unable to retain key personnel; and the announcement or the consummation of the proposed transaction has a negative effect on the market price of the capital stock of Waters and BD or on Waters' and BD's operating results.

Any forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this communication. None of Waters, BD or SpinCo undertakes, and each party expressly disclaims, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or development, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any of these forward-looking statements.

Note Regarding Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In addition to the financial measures presented in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (" U.S. GAAP"), this communication includes certain non-GAAP financial measures (collectively, the "Non-GAAP Measures"), such as adjusted EBITDA, adjusted EPS and adjusted operating margin. These Non-GAAP Measures should not be used in isolation or as a substitute or alternative to results determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. In addition, Waters' and BD's definitions of these Non-GAAP Measures may not be comparable to similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures reported by other companies. For Calendar Year 2025, Waters' projected adjusted EBITDA for BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business is approximately \$925 million. Due to the SEC methodology that requires allocating BD's corporate overhead costs (approximately \$200 million), which are not required to operate the Bioscience & Diagnostic Solutions business and will not transfer post-spin, as well as approximately \$100 million in one-time, non-recurring costs related to the spin-off, transaction, and restructuring, EBITDA for BD's Biosciences & Diagnostic Solutions business in BD's carveout financial statements for the same period would be expected to be approximately \$300 million lower.

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